ST. JOHN EAGLES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SAINT JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

St. John Auction News

Family Fun Night, Friday, Nov. 13

We need your empty ***egg cartons***! Please help by sending yours to the school. Then mark your calendar for Fri., Nov. 13, 5:30 - 7:45pm. Family Fun Night returns for an evening of free fun "under the sea" at St John School. Among the games and crafts, you can watch your children transform egg cartons into ocean reefs!

SAINT JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL *Benefit Auction*

Please see the attached Auction information.

Update from Señora Olea

I am very excited to be teaching two new middle school electives this year! **Introduction to Architecture** will present our middle schoolers to the fascinating world of architecture. Students will learn about the role of the architect, research famous architects from around the world, study some basic design principles, and create a basic house floor plan. I have an undergraduate degree in Architectural Studies from KU, so this takes me back to a topic that is close to my heart.

The other class I am teaching is also on a topic that is near and dear to me, **Italian for Travelers**. I studied Italian at KU, partly due to having a family connection and mostly due to loving the sounds of the language. I participated in the KU summer abroad program in Florence, have spent time with family friends near Rome, and have traveled throughout the country. Each week we will focus on a different Italian city to visit, and learn useful vocabulary such as greetings, shopping, visiting churches and museums, and ordering at a restaurant.

From preschool to 8th grade, our Spanish and World Languages program continues to thrive! **Spanish** continues to be our main focus, but we also give our middle schoolers a chance to explore other world languages available in high school. This week, our 6th and 8th graders start their **Mandarin Chinese** lessons with the Confucius Institute. Many thanks to Kevin Liu, school parent, for coordinating this wonderful opportunity.

Claudia Olea

Spanish and World Languages Teacher

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Virtue of the Month for September

Respect

St. John Accreditation Five Year Review October 8 and 9

St. John School is accredited by both the state of Kansas and AdvancEd (North Central). Every five years, we have an on-site review conducted by a team of highly qualified peer evaluators who examine our adherence and commitment to AdvancED Standards and continuous improvement. It is a rigorous process that includes the in-depth examination of evidence and relevant data, interviews with parents, students, and teachers, and extensive observations of learning and instruction. After the review, we will receive a comprehensive report on the team's findings. On October 8 and 9 the visiting team will spend two full days evaluating our school.

We invite parents to participate in the parent interview on Thursday, Oct. 8, from 2;30-3:15, in the St. Bosco Room. Parents will share their knowledge, experience, and insights that will help the team understand our school. We need 10 to 15 parents to participate in the interview. If you are interested, please contact the school office or Mrs. Pat Newton.

On Friday, Oct. 9, at 3:45, the exit report will be given by the Lead Evaluator, Eric White, principal of Most Pure Heart of Mary, Topeka. The report shouldn't last more than one-half hour. All are welcome to attend the presentation.

Applied Technology

In our Applied Technology class, we have done several activities to spark creativity. One student used K-Nex blocks to create a drawbridge. Some others created a town using blocks. We have a car created out of Zoob pieces. We are trying to create a tin can robot and one that draws. One of the most exciting things we created was a virtual reality camera! It uses my phone with special apps and something called Google Cardboard. All of the classes have been enjoying a virtual trip on a roller coaster and hiding from some dinosaurs. We start each project by following the

Google Cardboard

Engineering Design Process: Ask – Imagine –Plan – Create –Improve.

Karen Dixon, Technology Director

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
14 3:40 Marathon Club	**15**	**16** 7:30 Marathon Club 6:30 VIRTUS training	**17** 8:30 am Mass/planned by Yellow Class 5:30 School Council	**18** **2:50 Cookie Sales**	19 20
21 3:40 Marathon Club	**22**	**23** 7:30 Marathon Club	**24** 8:30 Mass/planned by 5th gr. Sabena Class/Virtue of the Month awards	**25** **Spirit Day-Fashion Disaster**	26 **St. John Oktoberfest** 27
28 3:40 Marathon Club	**29** **School Pictures**	**30** 7:30 Marathon Club	**October 1** 8:30 Mass/planned by 3rd Red Class	**2** **2:50 Cookie Sales**	3 Trash bags Grocery cards 4 **3:00 Animal Blessing**

Prayers

Please pray for Alcenia Shepard, Andre and Kira Shepard's grandmother, who is in the hospital.

Looking Ahead

Sept 16 6:30 Virtus training
Sept 29 School Pictures
Oct 5 8:30 Mass/Feast of St. Francis
Oct 12 Grandparents Day
Oct 13 4th to Topeka/KS Histor
Oct 16 2:00 Spelling Bee
Oct 17 Middle School Party
Oct 21-23 **No School** Parent Conferences/Book Fair
Oct 27 5th gr to Vocation Day
Oct 30 2:50 Halloween parties
Oct 30 6:00 Fun Run & Pasta dinner
Nov 13 **No School-**Auction prep
Nov 13 Auction Family Night
Nov 14 SJ Auction
Nov 24 11:00 Middle School Theatre production
Nov 25, 26, 27 No **School/** Thanksgiving
Dec 4 2:50 St. Nicholas parties
Dec 17 1:30 & 7:00 Christmas Program
Dec 21-Jan 1 **No School** Christmas
Jan 4 School resumes
Jan 12 Middle School ski trip
Jan 17 8th grade to Washington, D.C.
Jan 18 **No school-**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Jan 21 Middle School Honor Roll presentation at the end of school Mass
Jan 29 5:30 pm PTO Bingo

Many Thanks:

Thank you to everyone who has collected My Coke Rewards from Coca Cola products St. John earned $236.46.

Thank you to Posy Hoffman who donated her birthday money to purchase a wish list item for Ms Fewins' classroom.

Thank you to the Sabatini family for donating a wish list item for Ms. Fairchild's classroom.
(*Wish list items may be found on individual Teacher Web Pages via the school website)*

Grandparent Day-October 12

Grandparents and special friends of the family are invited to visit St. John School on October 12. We will have two sessions of Grandparent Day. Fourth through Eighth grades from 8:30-9:15 and Preschool through third grade from 9:30-10:15. We have lots of fun activities planned for this special day.

Spirit Day-Friday, September 25

Students are invited to participate in Spirit Day on Sept. 25. The theme is Fashion Disaster. In lieu of uniforms, students may wear their fashion disaster. (Think crazy) Participation is optional.

Tupperware®

This year, we are welcoming a new fund raiser that replaces Innisbrook Wraps. We are hoping that school families, friends, and relatives can find some useful items to purchase. St. John School will receive 40% of all purchases. Catalogs went home on September 9. For additional catalogs, contact the school office. Www.mooretw.com.

Middle School Elective Class Fee

Effective this school year, there is a yearly $25 fee for middle school electives and exploratory classes. The fee will partially defray the costs of materials for these classes. The $25 fee will be included in the October statements.