



Mission Statement

As a Catholic community of faith, the mission of Saint John Nepomuk Catholic School is to model the gospel teachings of Jesus Christ and the principles of the Catholic Church. We are committed to the education and development of life-long learners and leaders.

Saint John Nepomuk Catholic School Parent Newsletter March 4, 2010

AFTER-SCHOOL DISMISSAL

Please remember our procedures for dismissal from school at the end of the day. We are having an increase in the number of students who are being picked up in the front of the school. Students may be picked up from the front if a parent has come in to take care of school business at the end of the day or to purchase SCRIP on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays. An increase of pick up in the front makes it difficult to supervise and safely load those students who are picked up from a childcare facility. We appreciate your help in observing this procedure.

REGISTRATION FOR SJN

Registration forms for the 2010-2011 school year have been sent home. We need one form submitted per student. If you are in need of a form(s) for a sibling, please contact the office or you may access them online at www.sjnok.org under the "Admissions" page.

For priority enrollment, the registration forms need to be returned to the school office by **Friday, March 12, 2010** along with at least half of the registration fee per student. *Please note that students will not be considered enrolled until at least half of the registration fees have been paid and all forms have been submitted, this includes the Parish Participation Form for those who are interested in receiving the parishioner rate.* Enrollment will be opened to the parish community on March 22nd and then the community at large on March 28th. You are welcome to pay the entire balance of the registration fee, which is \$300.00 for the first child and \$280.00 for each additional child or you may pay at least half of the fee. For those families who choose to pay half of the fee, please remember that the remaining balance of \$150.00 or \$140.00 will be due on or before June 1st. If you have any questions please feel free to call the school office at 354-2509.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2010-2011

Applications are available in the school office at this time for those families who have a need to apply or re-apply for financial assistance for the 2010-2011 school year. In order to be eligible for consideration, a family must be officially registered as a parish member, be active in parish life and be contributing regularly in offering envelopes. **IF A FAMILY HAS RECEIVED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DURING THIS SCHOOL YEAR AND WILL STILL REQUIRE THE NEED FOR ASSISTANCE, THEY MUST RE-APPLY**

ANNUALLY FOR THE ASSISTANCE. Applications will only be accepted through April 30, 2010 and *no assistance can be offered without completing this process.*

MAKE-UP SNOW DAYS

As you know, we have two school days that we must make-up after the two snow days taken the week of January 25th. We will make-up one of these days in April. The first day will be made up by attending school on **Monday, April 5, Easter Monday**, one of our originally scheduled Snow Days. Our second snow day will be made up by extending the school year by one day. School will now be in session on Thursday, May 27th.

KINDERGARTEN & FIRST GRADE BASKETBALL TEAMS

Kindergarten and First Grade boys and girls basketball pictures will be taken at 3:30 pm on Wednesday, March 10th. Please bring your basketball uniform and a white t-shirt to go under your jersey. Pictures will be taken in the gym. Please be ready to go immediately after school as we do not want to hold the photographer up. The order form for pictures is being sent home with the student. Please check your backpacks and have them ready to return with your child. Thanks!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The students in grades 1-8 and faculty of Saint John will be praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 2:30 p.m. during the Lenten season. Family and friends are welcome to join us.

8th GRADE PARENT MEETING

Parents of our 8th grade students, please make plans to attend a parent meeting on Tuesday, March 9 at 6:00 p.m. We will meet in Marian Hall. At the meeting, information about graduation will be shared, as well as any activities that the 8th grade class will be participating in throughout the remainder of the year.

OPEN HOUSE

Do you ever have people ask you about attending school at St. John? Invite all of them and more to our Open House scheduled for Sunday, March 28 at 2:00 p.m. We will begin gathered together in Marian Hall for a brief program and then we welcome families new and current to take a look at the wonderful programs we have to offer at St. John.

THE OKLAHOMA SCHOLARSHIP FUND--APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Oklahoma Scholarship Fund, a non-profit organization, is offering tuition grants for students in 2nd through 8th grade to qualified families for the 2010/11 school year. If your student is awarded a tuition grant, The Oklahoma Scholarship Fund will pay one-half of your student's annual tuition, up to \$2,000 per year, at the school of your choice within Oklahoma County. The scholarship is a three year commitment to you as long as eligibility requirements continue to be met.

Eligibility Requirements:

Income: Your family must meet the income guidelines as stated on the Student Application Form.

Grade: Your student must be entering 2nd through 8th grade in the fall of 2010.

Residence: All students who apply must be residents of Oklahoma County, OK.

To apply:

- 1) Complete a Student Application Form - one form per student. (*APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE IN SJN OFFICE*)
- 2) Write a letter or essay (hand written or typewritten) explaining why tuition assistance from The Oklahoma Scholarship Fund is important for your student. You may include considerations such as your student's educational or emotional needs and the particular hardships faced by your family.

Remember that your essay is the most important document viewed by the board in granting scholarships. If you are applying for more than one child, please send only one essay, but include the names of each child for whom you are requesting a scholarship. This essay may be written by the parent/guardian of the student OR by a school administrator.

The Board of Directors of The Oklahoma Scholarship Fund will review each request received and will consider all factors as presented in the Student Application Form and the written essay. Students who have not previously attended a private school will be given stronger consideration. The Board will have the sole responsibility of awarding all scholarships. The Oklahoma Scholarship Fund does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national and ethnic origin. All decisions of the Board of Directors will be final.

Please remember that The Oklahoma Scholarship Fund is a privately funded organization formed to help low-income families send their children to their school of choice. Funds are limited and all scholarship requests cannot be filled.

Send your completed Student Application Form and essay by March 22, 2010 to:

The Oklahoma Scholarship Fund
5619 N. Classen
Oklahoma City, OK 73118
(405) 254-5401 (fax) khorton@betterdays.org

APPLICATIONS WITHOUT ESSAYS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

**PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE OSF OFFICE TO QUESTION THE STATUS OF YOUR APPLICATION
SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS WILL BE DETERMINED AND ALL APPLICANTS NOTIFIED BY MAY 21, 2010**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday, March 4	Parish Lenten Penance Service at 6:30 pm
Tuesday, March 9	8 th grade parent meeting at 6:00 pm in Marian Hall
Mon. - Fri., March 15-19	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
Thursday, March 25	March Jeans Day for 8 th grade fundraiser - bring \$1.00 to wear jeans & your SJN t-shirt
Friday, March 26	SAC Meeting at 6:00 pm in the PAC Conference Room
Sunday, March 28	3 rd Quarter Report Cards go home
Tuesday, March 30	Open House for prospective school families 2-4 pm in Marian Hall
Thursday, April 1	Archdiocesan Spelling Bee
Friday, April 2	Spring Picture Day
Monday, April 5	Free Dress Day
Friday, April 9	Good Friday - Dismissal at noon (NO LUNCH or FUN & FIT)
Tuesday, April 13	SCHOOL IN SESSION - Make-up snow day
Thursday, April 15	FFN Night - TBA
Thursday, April 22	First Communion Parent Meeting at 7:00 pm
Friday, April 23	April Jeans Day for 8 th grade fundraiser - bring \$1.00 to wear jeans & your SJN t-shirt
Saturday, May 1	SAC Meeting at 6:00 pm in the PAC Conference Room
Saturday, May 8	Mid-Term Progress Reports sent home for grades 3-8
Thursday, May 27	First Communion Retreat at 9:30 am
	First Communion at 10:00 am
	SCHOOL IN SESSION - Make-up Snow Day
	8 th Grade Graduation Mass at 1:00 pm
	Last Day of School (We will dismiss at our regular time of 3:15 pm)

Be sure to check out the school website at www.sjnok.org.