

November 20, 2019

Dear Parents,

SCHOOL RE-REGISTRATION began MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019. We are at 18% re-registered for next year! A great first 3 days! There is a \$50 registration fee per family due. After January 31, 2020 re-registration will be raised to \$125. Re-Register as soon as possible!

Note: registration fees are non-refundable. See Re-registration form here.

Our class teams for the St. Jane CFL (Catholic Football League) are as follows:

PK San Diego Chargers @ 20 yard line

K1 Chicago Bears @ 10 yard line

K2 San Francisco 49ers @ 40 yard line

1A New York Giants @ 40 yard line

1B Miami Dolphins @40 yard line

2A Washington Redskins @10 yard line

2B Seattle Seahawks @ 30 yard line

3A New Orleans Saints @ 30 yard line

3B Kansas Chiefs @ 5 yard line

4A Atlanta Falcons @ 10 yard line

4B Tennessee Titans @ 5 yard line

5A Philadelphia Eagles @ 20 yard line

5B Green Bay Packers @ 10 yard line

6A Oakland Raiders @ 10 yard line

6B New England Patriots @ 20 yard line

7A Baltimore Ravens @ 10 yard line

7B Pittsburgh Steelers @ 20 yard line

Ironically, it looks like the Giants and the Dolphins are in the CFL lead! The winners of the St. Jane Superbowl (the first teams to reach 100%) will be granted 5 days of NUT cards and the opportunity to play flag football in the gym with Mrs. Okula and Mrs. Korp as the coaches on Monday, February 3, 2020! If we hit 90% overall re-registration by January 31, 2020, everyone will have an opportunity to dress in their team's colors on February 3, 2020! It is very important to register early so we can open up registration to new families and students during Catholic Schools Week. We want our existing families to have the first opportunity to register. Don't delay, register today!

#GIVINGTUESDAY - Giving Tuesday started as a day for anyone, anywhere to give and it's grown into the biggest giving movement in the world. Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, Giving Tuesday inspires millions of people across the globe to give back and show support for the causes, communities, and organizations they believe in. You can join the movement by making a contribution to St. Jane School on Tuesday, December 3, 2019. Simply visit St. Jane School website at www.stjaneschool.com and click on #GivingTuesday online giving button. As always, thank you for your support of St. Jane School.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SELL GIFT CARDS BEFORE AND AFTER WEEKEND MASSES - The church has asked me to reach out to our school families for volunteers as substitute gift card sellers at all Masses. The gift certificate program is a 100% benefit to our school. The proceeds collected are used toward our parish subsidy which helps keep our tuition costs low. If you can volunteer as a substitute, please contact Beth Grandinetti at 610-253-3553 or bgrandinetti@rcn.com. Thank you!

DROP OFF/PICK UP - A few quick reminders about driving on Washington Blvd. in front of our school.

- 1. The speed limit on Washington Blvd. is 15 MPH. It is clearly posted at S. 20th and S. 19th St. Please be observant and follow the speed limit.**
- 2. Please be courteous to your fellow parents and other cars/buses on the Boulevard. We need to use traffic signals and we need to be using our peripheral vision to make sure that no one will cause an accident.**
- 3. Please yield to our buses dropping off our children. They have the right of way dropping off and picking up our students.**
- 4. Please use the cross walks. I have observed many parents crossing in the middle of the street with children in hand over the median. This is very dangerous and sets a poor example on how to cross the street safely. We have a crossing guard (which I have been asking to have for many years) daily. Please be respectful of their hard work in keeping everyone safe.**
- 5. I had been notified by some parents that many making the U-turn at S. 20th Street are oblivious of people getting in and out of their cars and pulling out of the spots. This has caused a dangerous situation. Today, I spoke with the Wilson Police Department, and the Officer notified me that making a U-turn at S. 20th is an illegal turn. (I've been making this turn for the last 20 years, so I had no idea.) But if you really pay attention and observe the signage, S. 20th Street is a one way going from South 20th to North 20th Street. As a courtesy to our families, the Officer stopped everyone from making the illegal U-turn and directed everyone to make the U-Turn at S.21st Street (which is a two-way street). Going forward, please follow this traffic law. No U-turns are allowed at S. 20th Street, only at S. 19th Street and S. 21st Street.**

Mrs. Minniti and I are outside everyday making sure we keep the traffic moving and our children safe. We ask that you join us with this safety initiative and follow the traffic laws and respect our Crossing Guard and our hard work to provide a safe environment for all. Thank you for your support.

INCLEMENT WEATHER/EARLY DISMISSALS/TWO-HOUR DELAYS/SNOW DAYS -- Because we live in an area where the weather is so unpredictable, there are times in which the children come to school and then must be dismissed early. Your child's safety is always our number one concern. It is very important that we know how to send your child home when these situations occur. Please attached form and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Please be sure to fill out one form per child in our school. School Policies in Case of Inclement Weather are available here and on our website.

MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION ACCREDITATION VISIT - The Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools accreditation was last done at St. Jane School in 2013. Our accreditation is due in 2020. We have been working since Fall 2018 on our re-accreditation process. Throughout the Middle States accreditation process, schools and school systems are encouraged to look closely at the work they are doing and celebrate their successes. The Middle States Association helps schools bring together school leaders, teachers, parents, and students to develop a strategic plan for the future that is built around continuous school improvement.

The accreditation process is a multifaceted evaluation process that schools and school systems voluntarily use to demonstrate they are meeting a defined set of research-based performance standards. The 12 Middle States Standards for Accreditation are: mission, governance and leadership, school improvement planning, finances, facilities, school organization and staff, health and safety, educational program, assessment and evidence of student learning, student services, student life and activities, and information resources.

The accreditation process begins with a self-study that is conducted by the school or school system and requires input from school leaders, teachers, parents, and students. Following the self-study, a team of volunteer educators from Middle States member schools conducts an on-site peer review visit to observe school operations and interview various stakeholders.

Our accreditation team will be arriving on Tuesday, December 3, 2019. We will be welcoming them with student-led tours, a vesper prayer service and dinner. They will be with us from December 3 through December 6, 2019. Parents, students, faculty, and staff, as well as Monsignor Radocha and other Diocesan officials will meet with the team to complete our accreditation. We are very excited for our team to validate all the hard work we do here at St. Jane School. We ask for your prayers during this time.

IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

Wednesday, Nov. 20 **End off 1st Trimester**

Thursday, Nov. 21 **2nd Trimester begins today**

8:15 a.m. Thanksgiving Prayer Service/Pretzel Day

2:15 - Middle States Meeting

3:30 - Partner School Meeting at NDHS

Wednesday, Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Break Begins - School closed today

Thursday, Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Day! School Closed

Friday, Nov. 29 Day after Thanksgiving! School Closed

Looking ahead to December . . .

Monday, Dec. 1 School Closed Today

Tuesday, Dec. 3 Middle States Team Arrives - Opening Ceremonies 4:15-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 4 Middle States Team Interviews begin

Thursday, Dec. 5 Middle States Team Interviews continue

Friday, Dec. 6 8:15 a.m. Closing Mass for Middle States Visit

12:00 Noon Dismissal Today

Monday, Dec. 9 Dream Come True Telethon - RCN Studios -

NJHS and Student Ambassadors will be airing at 6:30 p.m.

Be sure to tune in!

Home and School Christmas Dinner 6:30 p.m. See flyer here.

Tuesday, Dec. 10 **Santa Shop begins today (Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 7th and 8A are going today)**

Wednesday, Dec. 11 **Santa Shop continues today (Preschool, 4th, 5th,**

Wednesday, Dec. 11 **Band Concert 12:45 and 7:00 p.m. in IHM Chapel**

Wednesday, Dec. 11 **Cookie dough pick up in FFH**

Thursday, Dec. 12 **8:15 a.m. Advent Prayer Service**
9:00 a.m. Confessions

Friday, Dec. 13 **Christmas Concert K-3 in Hartley Avenue Church 6:30 p.m.**
Rehearsals during the day...more information to come.

Thursday, Dec. 19 **8:15 a.m. Mass**

Friday, Dec. 20 **8:15 Christmas Concert K-8 DISMISSAL 11:00 a.m.**
Christmas vacation begins! See you January 2, 2020!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marybeth Okula