

November 6, 2019

Dear Parents,

On Monday, November 11, 2019, we will be honoring our Veterans in a very special way. The students will participate in a Veteran's Day prayer service beginning at 12:45 p.m. in our IHM Chapel, followed by the parade down Washington Blvd. at 1:00 p.m. We want to extend an invitation to all our Veterans that can be present with us this day to join us in honoring the great men and women who have sacrificed so much for our country. God Bless America! (If you can attend, please email Miss Mello at class7a@stjaneschool.com so she can prepare with her team to honor you.)

School Pictures make-up day Tuesday, November 19, 2019 -- please dress in your school uniform. These pictures are for the yearbook. Thank you.

Inclement Weather/Early Dismissals/Two-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.

Otis Spunkmeyer - For online ordering, please forward this link to people who want to purchase cookie dough for the St. Janes Frances De Chantal Fundraiser. Their order will be shipped to the school on delivery day.

Otis Spunkmeyer does not ship frozen cookie dough to homes due to cost and that would greatly take away from profits!

The student registers at www.onlinefundraisingstore.com. Register as a parent. using the school ID #PMKFF19SJFD. Create a user id and password- then purchase away!!! Homeroom numbers or names not needed. just type student name when it asks.

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.

Crusader Club - The Crusader Club is having an Under Armour Christmas Sale.

Crusader Club Store is now open!

Find items that we've picked out specifically for Notre Dame High School.

There is also spirit wear available for your family and friends.

Check out the shop details below.

OUR SHOP DETAILS

- Shop Now: <https://www.bsnteamssports.com/shop/NDGP2019>

- Store Open From November 4 - November 15, 2019

Pick up will be at ND (TBD upon delivery date) in time for Christmas.

Any questions can be directed to medeis4@ptd.net

Parent Satisfaction Survey - Parents & Guardians—we want to hear from you!

We are inviting all parents and guardians to participate in a survey to help us better understand how well we are serving you and your family. The purpose of the survey is to evaluate various program aspects, successes, and needs at our school. Your feedback is very valuable to us and we thank you in advance for taking the time to share your thoughts with us.

This survey on average will take 5-7 minutes to complete and the results will be reviewed by an independent Diocesan committee. Your responses will remain strictly confidential and results will only be reported back to school administration in aggregate, with no reference to private information. The survey link will remain open for two weeks only.

Again, thank you for helping us continue to strive to provide the best for your family!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DOAParentSurvey2019>

IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

Wednesday, Nov. 6	Home and School Association Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. FFH
Thursday, Nov. 7	8:15 a.m. Liturgical Singing (No Mass this week)
Monday, Nov. 11	Veteran's Day -- Parade at 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 12	2:00 p.m. - Harry Potter Club (5th and 6th graders)
Thursday, Nov. 14	8:15 a.m. Mass/Pretzel Day
Tuesday, Nov. 19	School Picture Retake Day 2:00 p.m. - Harry Potter Club (5th and 6th graders)
Wednesday, Nov. 20	End off 1st Trimester
Thursday, Nov. 21	8:15 a.m. Thanksgiving Prayer Service/Pretzel Day
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!

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

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 **DISMISSAL 11:00 a.m.**
Christmas vacation begins! See you January 2, 2020!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marybeth Okula