

December 4, 2019

Dear Parents,

SCHOOL RE-REGISTRATION -- We are over 36% re-registered for next year! 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! We will update the standings by next week's communication on 12/4/19. Note: registration fees are non-refundable. See Re-registration form here.

THE ST. JANE CATHOLIC FOOTBALL LEAGUE UPDATE: The race for the Superbowl Re-Registration is underway! The "Miami Dolphins" (1B) are in 1st place, followed by the "NY Giants" (1A) and the "New Orleans Saints" (3A). Great job "teams"! Keep it up and get your re-registration in today!

#GIVINGTUESDAY - THERE'S STILL TIME TO PARTICIPATE! 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!

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 IS UNDERWAY! The team arrived last night. We opened with a prayer service in the newly remodeled Chapel with Msgr. Radocha presiding. It was followed by a dinner in Father Farrell Hall. Our NJHS officers, their parents, our Student Ambassadors and members of our parish and surrounding community attended. Our two former principals, Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Conlin were ever present to welcome the team. It was a special night for all. I will give you more information about the visit next Wednesday. Thank you to all of you for the gift of your children. They shine brightly for all to see and I know the Team will see what is so special about St. Jane School during their visit.

Background information: 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.

IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER

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
attend today.)**

Santa Shop begins today (Grades Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th and 8A

Wednesday, Dec. 11

Santa Shop continues today (Grades 4th, 5th, and 8B attend today)

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 at 6:30 p.m.**
Rehearsals during the day.. See Permission Slip here.
See permission slip here (for Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2 and 3)

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!

Looking ahead to January 2020...

Thursday, January 2 **School Open**

Friday, January 3 **School Open**

Wednesday, January 8 **Home and School Executive Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.**
Home and School Committee Chair Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 9 **8:15 a.m. Mass NJHS Installation (7th Graders)**
Pretzel Day

Sunday, January 12 **St. Jane Spirit Night Lehigh Valley Phantoms 3:00 p.m. Singing God Bless America before game 2:05 p.m.**

See flyer here

Thursday, January 16 **8:15 a.m. Mass**

Pretzel Day

Monday, Jan. 19 **Martin Luther King Jr. Day - School Closed**

Teacher Local In-service Day

Wednesday, Jan. 22 **Mid-Trimester Progress Reports go home today.**

Thursday, Jan. 23 **8:15 a.m. Mass**

Pretzel Day

Friday, Jan. 24 **St. Jane Social at blue --- SAVE THE DATE!**

Sunday, Jan. 26 **Catholic Schools Week begins. Schedule TBD.**

Opening Mass at main church 10:30 a.m.

Indoor Carnival

Open House

Band Concert

Scholastic Book Fair

Thursday, Jan. 30 **National Geographic Geography Bee 8:30 a.m.**

Friday, Jan. 31 **Full Day of School**

8:15 a.m. Closing Mass of Catholic Schools Week.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marybeth Okula