

November 27, 2019

Dear Parents,

I want to wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving. Each year during this time, I reflect on all God has given me and all the blessings I have in my life! I am thankful for your beautiful, smart, talented children and I am especially thankful to you, their parents, that sacrifice to send your children to St. Jane School. It is really an investment into your child's future. Thank you!

SCHOOL RE-REGISTRATION -- We are over 26% 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](#).

#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!

SAFETY UPDATE - We continue to make sure our building is secure and we continue to monitor through our video surveillance system to make sure everyone is safe. With that being said, we have switched our cleaning products this year to a new system Peroxy HDOX. This product is OSHA certified and I have attached the [spec sheet](#) for your information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you again for your trust and support of all we do hear at St. Jane School in the name of safety.

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.

We are looking for a taste of St. Jane School. Everyone has a unique nationality and each nationality has a special treat. We are asking for everyone to send in one batch/cake/dessert for our Middle States Team to sample. If you can help us out, see attached [flyer](#) and send into school on Tuesday morning. Thank you!

IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

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 **Extended Care will be in the gym tonight.**

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 tune in!

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

Tuesday, Dec. 10

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

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 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