

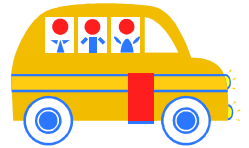


# ST. JOHN'S LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL OFFICE 410-313-2813

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October 26, 2007



## DATES TO REMEMBER

October 28	PTA Entry Garden Clean-Up
October 31	Halloween Parade – 2:10 PM
November 1	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Marking Period
November 1	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip – Genesee Valley Field Trip
November 1	Sally Foster delivery date
November 2	NO SCHOOL – Professional Development/Work Day
November 9	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip – Goucher College
November 12-16	American Education Week
November 13	Report Cards Issued
November 16	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip – Md. Science Center
November 19	Picture Make-Ups 9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON
November 19-20	Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 22-23	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Holiday

## *NEWS FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS*

*MRS. JAGODA & MRS. SARRO*

### **Halloween at SJLES**

On Wednesday October 31<sup>st</sup>, we will hold our annual Halloween Parade. Students will parade around the building by the drop off loop up to the front entrance. Parents who choose to dress in costume should not wear a mask for safety and security reasons at the school.

If you prefer that your child does not take part in the parade, please send in a note to your child's teacher. There will be an alternate activity in our media center for these students. There will be a video and snack.

The individual classes will have a party after the parade. We wish we could invite all the parents to come but our space is limited. Only those parents who are helping with the parties will be in the classroom. We do want to invite everyone to the parade so that you can get those great photographs. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

### **Halloween Safety**

There have been a number of disturbing incidents in the news recently involving children. One that took place just this week in Prince Georges County involved the kidnapping and assault of a 4 year old from a church. As we think about Halloween activities in our community, we don't want to alarm our children but we do want to be sure our children are safe. Here are some safety suggestions from the National Safety Council.

### Motorists

The National Safety Council urges motorists to be especially alert on Halloween.

- \* Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.
- \* Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.
- \* Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- \* At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.

### Parents

Before children start out on their "trick or treat" rounds, parents should:

- \* Make sure that an adult or an older responsible youth will be supervising the outing for children under age 12.
- \* Plan and discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow. Know the names of older children's companions.
- \* Instruct your children to travel only in familiar areas and along an established route.
- \* Teach your children to stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well-lit and never to enter a stranger's home.
- \* Establish a return time.
- \* Tell your youngsters not to eat any treat until they return home.
- \* Review all appropriate trick-or-treat safety precautions, including pedestrian/traffic safety rules.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**From the Guidance Office:** Starting on Monday, October 22, 2007 and running through November 9, our school will be participating in the "Kids Helping Kids" Food Drive sponsored by the Maryland State Department of Education and the Maryland Food Bank. Over 1/3 of the food gathered by the Maryland Food Bank goes directly to helping needy children in our state. At this time of year, local food banks are collecting non-perishable food items to send to families to help them prepare for the winter. Our school has decided to participate in this worthwhile cause. 4th and 5th grade peer mediators, also known as our school's C.A.T.S. are organizing this event. Boxes will be placed in every team area as well as the front of the school for donations. Please send in items such as boxed pasta and rice, canned fruits and vegetables, evaporated milk, canned meats and tuna, peanut butter, and other non-perishable goods. Together we can make a difference.

## PTA NEWS

**PTA Entry Garden Fall Clean-Up:** Join the Landscaping Committee on Sunday, October 28 at 11:00am to help prepare the Entry Garden for the winter, cut back perennials and spread mulch on the garden beds. No gardening experience necessary. Bring a shovel and a wheelbarrow if you have one. This may be your last opportunity to get dirt under your fingernails before next spring! Please contact Caroline Bodziak at 410/461-1605 or cbodziak@aol.com.

## MENU

**BREAKFAST:** Every day there is a variety of cereals, breakfast breads, fruits and milk.

### LUNCH MENU

**Cheese pizza will be offered daily**

#### MONDAY

*Tacos:*  
Soft or Corn Tortillas  
Chicken Salad Plate  
Chicken Salad Sandwich  
Whole Kernel Corn

#### TUESDAY

Pasta Primavera w/Roll  
Popcorn Chicken w/Roll  
Mixed Vegetables

#### WEDNESDAY

**Halloween**  
Waffles w/Sliced Ham  
Yogurt, Bagel & Fruit  
Hot Cinnamon Apples

#### THURSDAY

Popcorn Chicken w/Roll  
Tuna Salad Plate  
Tuna Salad Sandwich  
Green Beans

#### FRIDAY

**SCHOOLS CLOSED  
PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT  
DAY**

**Milk and an assortment of salads and fruits are served with each meal.**

**Cheese Pizza Offered Daily**

**Whole Wheat Bread, Dinner Rolls available as a choice where listed on the menu**