

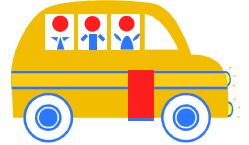


ST. JOHN'S LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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DATES TO REMEMBER

November 12-16	American Education Week
November 13	Report Cards Issued
November 13	PTA General Meeting – 7:15 PM in Media Center
November 14	Market Day Pick Up 6:00-7:00 PM
November 16	4 th Grade Field Trip – Md. Science Center
November 18	Turkey Trot Fun Run/Walk 10:30 AM-12:30 PM
November 19	Picture Make-Ups 9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON
November 19-20	Parent-Teacher Conferences– SCHOOLS CLOSE 3 HRS. EARLY
November 21	NO SCHOOL
November 22-23	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Holiday
November 28	Barnes & Noble Fundraiser 6:30 – 8:30 PM

NEWS FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS **MRS. JAGODA & MRS. SARRO**

Our First Recognition Assemblies for 2007-08

Students, staff, and honored guests enjoyed our first Recognition Assemblies of the year. This was a time to recognize the hard work of our students. Each classroom teacher selects a Jaguar Award recipient and from that group, a Principal's Award recipient is selected. The criteria for the awards can be outstanding academics but can also include a student who has met a personal best for social interactions. Each classroom teacher also awards our Character C.A.T.S. (Creating A Terrific School) certificates. By the end of the year, each student will be awarded a Character C.A.T.S. certificate.

Ms. Swan from the Columbia Bank presented certificates to the winners of the Bank Teller contest at each of the assemblies. We so appreciate our partnership with Columbia Bank. We have had over 40 SJLES students open savings accounts. Columbia Bank has helped our students in many ways over the years from teaching fifth grade students about check writing to setting up savings accounts and other bank related activities.

Whether your student came home with a certificate or not, use this opportunity to have a celebration of your child's accomplishments. Your approval means the world to your child.

Welcome Jaguar

Thank you to our wonderful PTA for bringing our new Jaguar to us. This is actually the third Jaguar at SJLES but it is the only one with a big smile and a pink nose. We explained that last year's Jaguar had to go back home and so, he sent a cousin to be with us. The decision to keep this new Jaguar was unanimous. The Jaguar was awarded the key to the school at our assembly. The students were thrilled with our new mascot and you will be seeing lots of our Jaguar in the future at the Turkey Trot and at Barnes & Noble.

Students will be naming the Jaguar through a contest in February. This was another first for our school since no past Jaguar has had a name.

Report Cards

Report cards are coming home on November 13th. There will not be a weekly update in your child's Communication/Friday folder.

SCHOOL NEWS

PICTURE MAKE-UPS: If your child missed picture day, or you'd like re-takes, picture make-ups are Monday, November 19th. The forms are in the front office.

CLUBS !!: The next SJLES Club day will be Friday, November 30, 2007. The theme is Pajama Day! This is very popular with students. Children can wear their pajamas to school. They may also wear a bathrobe and bring their slippers if they wish. Parent judgment should be used as to whether you wish your child to come to school in pajamas, or have them layered over other clothing. You may choose just to have them wear a bathrobe over clothing. Temperatures may be cold at the end of November. Students **SHOULD NOT** wear bedroom slippers to school. This item needs to be carried with them. Some students may wish to bring a small stuffed animal also, as it may be useful at the club they will attend. Other club activities may require your student to bring in additional items. Your child should let you know if this is the case. Clubs have been going great! We are looking forward to our November Pajama Party!

FEDERAL IMPACT AID SURVEY FORMS: These survey forms should have come home today. Please return these forms as soon as possible. They are due no later than 11/30/07. Thank you.

PTA NEWS

"The Monsters Under Your Sink" – The next PTA General Meeting is this Tuesday, November 13th at 7:15 pm in the Media Center. We will be hosting two guest speakers who are also SJLES parents. Bruce Anderson, Director of Operations with the Maryland Poison Center and an Associate Professor at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, will be discussing awareness of and access to the things that are commonly in homes that folks may not know about. Tom Cargiulo, a Director in the Substance Abuse Services area of the Howard County Health Department, will be discussing the stages of addiction, what parents can do now to help prevent substance abuse, warning signs of substance abuse, drugs of concern in elementary/middle school (the inhalants under the sink) and what to do if you think a child has a problem with drugs. Please plan on attending.

Turkey Trot Fun Run/Walk - Shape up for Thanksgiving by participating in the SJLES PTA 1st Annual Turkey Trot Fun Run/Walk on Sunday, November 18 from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM at the Mt. Hebron High School track. This is a free event for the whole family! A DJ will be spinning tunes to move to as special teacher guests lead participants in warm-ups and stretches. Runners and walkers will do laps around the track to receive a turkey charm to add to their Walking Wednesday chains. There will be prizes, a raffle, and refreshments all followed by great party music to dance by. Students can help their classroom win the **Golden Turkey Award** by participating in the **Food Drive** at school.

Turkey Trot Poster Contest - Students can help decorate the SJLES hallways and the track by participating in the **Turkey Trot Poster Contest**. Pick up poster paper at Ms. Trumper's room starting Tues., Nov. 6 and return completed posters to her soon, but no later than Friday, Nov. 16. Include the words "SJLES Turkey Trot" and a picture of a turkey, plus student's name, grade and teacher. Get creative with the rest of the poster!

Volunteers Needed for Turkey Trot - If you would like to help out the day of the event, Sunday, Nov. 18, or want more information, please contact Caroline Bodziak at 410/461-1605 or cbodziak@aol.com.

Walking Wednesday: Congratulations to the winners of the Golden Sneaker Trophies! These coveted awards go to the classrooms with the greatest participation in the PTA's new Walking Wednesday program. October winners were: K-Mrs. Harkness; 1-Ms. Ebbe; 2-Ms. Beaman; 3-Mrs. Redd (and overall school winner!); 4-Mrs. Rippeon; and 5-Mr. Esposito. These are traveling awards that can be won by a different classroom each month, so encourage your student to keep walking!

"SJLES Secret Shop 2007 needs you!" We are looking for about 60 volunteers to make the Secret Shop a booming success for the children this year! Their fun depends on all of us to make it happen. Set up is on Friday, December 7th, from 6-9 PM. On Saturday, December 8th, shifts are from 8:30-11:00 AM, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, and 1-3 PM. This event is truly fun for all! We also need 5th graders to help escort young children through our "store", and to call out numbers at our gift wrap table. If you or your child can help, please contact Marisa Berry at mranb@verizon.net or 410-480-1570. Thank you kindly for your help.

MENU

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

LUNCH MENU

Cheese pizza will be offered daily

MONDAY
Chicken Nuggets w/Roll
Burgers:
Plain, Cheese or Veggie
Mixed Vegetables

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

WEDNESDAY
Popcorn chicken w/Roll
Yogurt, Bagel & Fruit
Glazed Carrots

THURSDAY
Holiday Meal
Sliced Turkey w/gravy
Dressing & Dinner Roll
Mashed Potatoes
Sweet Peas & Sauerkraut
Cranberry Sauce
Fruit Cocktail

FRIDAY
Cheesesteak Sub
Garden Salad Plate
Green Beans

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