We SOAR with the Light of Jesus.

August 27, 2017

Dear St. John Families,

Just a little more than a week before we start another excited school year. Our teachers have been working in their classrooms and will participate in professional meetings this week. We hope to see you on Wednesday for our SJE Student Visiting Day and Back to School Night. Enjoy the beautiful weather.

Many blessings,

Mrs. Blake

Faculty News

Please welcome Ms. Lorena Ayestas, our new Spanish teacher for kindergarten through Grade 4. Ms. Avestas comes to us through The Language Project (TLP). TLP is a nationwide program that prepares students with their innovative methodology where students acquire a new language in an easy and fun way: through games, songs and stories, as well as individual and collective activities. Ms. Avestas speaks fluent Spanish and is excited to be working with our younger students at St. John. She will also be teaching at Our Lady of Hope/St. Luke this year.

Student Visiting Day and Back to School Night

Our annual student visiting day will be held on Wednesday, August 30 from 9-12:30. This is an opportunity for students to visit their classrooms, talk to their teachers, and for middle school, set up their lockers. The school store will also be open.

Our Back-to-School Night will take place that evening starting with a special meeting for new parents at 6:00. At 7:00 all parents may attend classroom sessions where they will meet their child’s teacher, listen to a brief presentation, and ask questions. As partners in your child’s education, this is an opportunity for a positive start of open communication between parents and the school. A schedule for the evening is attached.

SchoolAdmin Checklist Items-Important

Please complete your checklist items on SchoolAdmin that include school policies by September 1. You are not fully enrolled until all items are complete. Contact Mrs. Phelps with any questions.

HASA News- Save the Dates

General Meeting- Wednesday, September 6
Family Bingo- Friday, September 15
Crab Feast- Friday, September 29 (See attached flyer.)

8th Grade Parents

Mark your calendar for a mandatory meeting for parents of the Class of 2018 on Thursday, September 21 at 6:30. Important information about the high school admissions process, special class activities, and graduation will be presented. At least one parent is required to be in attendance.

KC Dance and Fitness

A new club that we will offer this year on Tuesdays for students in kindergarten through Grade 5 is KC Dance and Fitness. Please see the attached flyer for registration information.

Science Explorers

Registration for this science club held on Wednesdays for Grade 1 through Grade 5 is now open online. Go to www.scienceexplorers.com and follow the registration prompts. Our school is listed with the schedule.

Volleyball Opportunity

Currently, I have had three responses for girls middle school volleyball. To move forward with the team, we would need at least 8 players. If you are interested, please email me at cblake@stjohnschoollgv.org by August 28.

Uniform Policy

Please refer to our online student handbook for our dress code. Special attention should be paid to the hair and shoe policy. All students are required to be in
compliance by the first day of school. The shoe flyer is attached.

**Choir Members & Opening Mass**

Ms. M. Schmidt, our new music teacher, will hold two practices, September 6 and 7, at 8:00 in the church to prepare for our SJE School Mass on September 7. All former choir members are welcome to attend. Please contact Ms. Schmidt at mschmidt@stjohnschoollgv.org to let her know you will be at practice.

**Lunch Duty Sign-up**

Below you will find the sign-up links for middle school lunch duty. Parents are kindly asked to volunteer for 2-3 lunch duties per child throughout the school year. Additional links for the remaining grades will be posted soon.

Grade 8
http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084ea4a923a6f4

Grade 7
http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084ea4a923a6f4

Grade 6
http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084ea4a923a6f4

**Summer Work**

Students entering Grade 1 through Grade 8 have assignments due the first week of school. You can find the requirements on the summer page on our website. If you need a password to access any of our online programs, contact Mrs. Blake at cblake@stjohnschoollgv.org.

**Supply Lists**

Also on the summer page of our website you will find a link to School Tool Box. Follow that link for the supply list for your child’s grade and/or to order those supplies from School Tool Box and have them delivered to your door. To ensure delivery by 8/30, orders should be placed this week.

**Volunteering & STAND**

Now is the time to complete your requirements so you are ready for the new school year. If you want to volunteer and/or attend field trips, Spring Fling, and Olympic Day you must be current with STAND requirements. Complete or update your certification easily online. Please contact our STAND coordinator, Mary Beth Bressler, at stand@stjohnschoollgv.org if you have any questions.

**#SummerEagles**

Hope you’ve been enjoying all the posts this summer! Keep them coming! Print the next page of this newsletter, fold it in half, and have your children hold the eagle picture while you take a photo of them having summer fun. Then share it on social media with the hashtag #SummerEagles. Be sure to make the post public so we can share them on the school’s website. For more details visit: http://bit.ly/SummerEagles.
St. John the Evangelist School is an Archdiocese of Baltimore Collaborative School that prepares students for success by providing academic excellence, formation in Christian values and service, and diverse extra-curricular activities. The faculty actively engages students using a variety of instructional approaches that support each child's uniqueness. Together with the community, St. John the Evangelist School aspires to infuse Catholic identity into all aspects of the school’s daily life, leading each child to Christ.

**Calendar**

**Wednesday, August 30** - Student Visiting Day 9-12:30  
New Parent Meeting 6:00  
Back to School Night 7:00

**Tuesday, September 5** - First Day of School/ Noon Dismissal  
HASA Welcome Back Coffee 8:20-9:00

**Wednesday, September 6** - Full Day of School  
HASA General Meeting

**Thursday, September 7** - School Mass 8:45
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