



June 5, 2020

With Faith & Service, We SOAR

Dear St. John Families,

Our end of the year prayer service and recognition ceremony will be live streamed from our SJE Facebook page starting at 9:00 am on Thursday, June 11. We hope everyone can join us for this culminating activity.

We will have our scheduled days for students to pick up their belongings and drop off books on Thursday, June 11 and Friday, June 12. See below for the time assigned to each grade. Cars will pull up, and teachers will hand the packed items to each car and take any books. Everyone should remain in his/her car and depart once you have received your belongings. If you have multiple students in the school, you may pick up all your children's belongings at one time.

Don't forget to complete our final parent survey on continuous learning by Wednesday, June 10. Your feedback is much appreciated.
<https://forms.gle/iLbifKoSZoPRLuBq9>

Many blessings,

Mrs. Blake

Scheduled Pick Up for Student Belongings and Returning Books

Thursday, June 11

9:00 am- 10:00 am -**End of Year Prayer Service and Recognition Awards**

10:30 am- 12:00 pm- Grade 7

12:15 pm- 1:45 pm- Grade 6

Friday, June 12

9:30 am-11:00 am - Kindergarten- Grade 2

11:15 am- 12:45 pm- Grades 3-5

***A family can pick up a younger sibling's belongings when they come for an older student.**

Progress Reports

Trimester 3 progress reports for K- Grade 7 will be distributed by email. This is done through PowerSchool. In order that we have your most up to date email information in our system, please complete this form by **Monday, June 8.**

<https://forms.gle/tDa19nVMoRy8P9Yw8>

Principal Chat- June 9

Please join me on **Tuesday, June 9** for our final parent Zoom meeting of the year. Send any topics or questions for discussion to cblake@stjohnschoolgv.org.

Spirit Tuesday- Favorite Sports Team

On Tuesday, June 9, our spirit day theme is Celebrate your Favorite Sports Team. Post a picture on our Facebook page of you wearing your favorite sports team's jersey, shirt, pants, hat, and/or accessories. We are going to ask everyone to vote on the most spirited fan. **The student with the most "likes" by Wednesday, June 10 at 5:00 pm will win a \$10 Amazon gift card.**

Thankful Thursday- We Love SJE!

Share a picture of your child(ren) in their school uniform on this, their last day of school for 2019-2020!!! If you have a picture taken on the first day of school, please post it as well so everyone can see the growth and change! Post to our school Facebook page by tagging school or checking in or simply email it to ephelps@stjohnschoolgv.org.

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.

Volunteering and VIRTUS

If you want to volunteer and/or attend field trips and Olympic Day, you must be current with the VIRTUS screening and training. Complete or update your certification easily online at <http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>. Please contact Mary Beth Bressler at stand@stjohnschoollgv.org if you have any questions.

School Calendar Dates for 2020-2021

First Day-8/31/20

Thanksgiving- 11/25/20-11/27/20 School Closed

Christmas- 12/18/20 Noon Dismissal

12/21/20- 1/3/21 School Closed

Easter- 4/2/21- 4/11/21 School Closed

Graduation- 6/7/21

Last Day- 6/10/21- Dismissal after Mass



May 22, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we wrap up the 2019-2020 school year, we want to thank you for your continued support of and investment in a Catholic education for your children. Over the past 12 weeks, our number one goal has been the safety and well-being of your children and our school communities as we continue to provide the best education possible during this unprecedented time. As we conclude the 2019-2020 school year, please know that we are already working diligently with your school's leadership team in preparation for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Archdiocese of Baltimore's Department of Catholic Schools has created a team to develop a plan for the 2020-2021 school year. The **"Planning Ahead Task Force for Catholic Schools"** has been established to design a comprehensive plan for the safe return of both faculty and students to the classroom, focusing the following four areas:

- School Facilities Operations
- Curriculum, Pedagogy and Student Support Services
- Classroom Technology
- Safe COVID – 19 Response Protocols (including physical distancing, sanitization and hygiene)

The goal of the Planning Ahead Task Force is to provide standards to address safety, curriculum, and all aspects of our schools' operations. We will establish clear guidelines and protocols for each school, including additional resources needed to implement the plan. While our schools operate independently from our public school counterparts, we are required to follow local and state laws and ordinances and we will adhere to relevant safety measures and guidelines issued by government and public health officials, as well as local Pastors. The plan will include contingencies to address potential guidelines and external factors that may affect how your school will reopen.

Over the coming weeks, the Planning Ahead Task Force will finalize a comprehensive plan to welcome students back to school. We appreciate your support, patience, and understanding and we will continue to keep you updated as the Task Force finalizes the plan to move forward for the 2020-2021 school year.

Be safe & stay healthy.

Sincerely,

James B. Sellinger
Chancellor of Catholic Schools

Dr. Donna Hargens
Superintendent of Catholic Schools



Dear Parents,

As you are probably aware, standardized testing for spring 2020 has been cancelled due to school closures associated with COVID-19. While we are disappointed at the lost opportunity to gain a better understanding of our students' performance and academic growth, I am happy to provide some great news associated with standardized testing starting in the 2020-21 academic year.

In December of 2019, the Department of Catholic Schools embarked on the process to evaluate standardized assessment platforms to be used in all Catholic elementary and middle schools across the diocese. We sought an assessment platform that is more flexible, better aligned to our curricula, and provides teachers with the information they need to improve their instruction and impact student achievement. After evaluating several assessment options, the Department of Catholic Schools decided to move to Scantron as the official standardized assessment platform starting in the fall of 2020.

The Scantron Performance Series will be administered three times each year in fall, winter, and spring to students in grades 2 through 8 in core content areas. Optional testing is available for students in kindergarten and first grade. An assessment for learning, the results from the Performance Series are used to identify students' ability levels, demonstrate academic growth over time, and place your child in appropriate instructional programs.

We are excited at the opportunity to assess students this fall in order to identify opportunities for student growth and to inform our instructional planning for the academic year. More information will be distributed in the coming months regarding the Scantron Assessment, but feel free to reach out with any questions in the meantime.

Many blessings,

Mrs. Blake