

October 23, 2020



Dear St. John Families,

**Our winter uniform begins on Monday, November 2. Although our policy can be found here,**

**<https://stjohnschoolgv.org/resources/uniforms>, there are a few adjustments in light of the pandemic and best practices for the mitigation of the spread of COVID-19. Students may continue to wear the polo shirt with their long pants. If students choose to wear the white dress shirt, they are not to wear a tie. There are no ties of any kind allowed at this time. If you have any questions, email me at [cblake@stjohnschoolgv.org](mailto:cblake@stjohnschoolgv.org).**

**Thank you to Mrs. Persico and Mrs. Lancaster for organizing our Meadow Farms fundraiser. This was another successful online fundraiser that helped HASA raise important funds for our school. Thank you to everyone who participated.**

**As we prepare for our Halloween celebration next Friday, I want to thank all our parents for the generous donations of snacks, goody bags, and gift cards. The teachers will post a time for our parents to virtually visit the classroom to see the children in their costumes and to be part of our celebration.**

**Finally, I want to remind parents that as a community we committed to adhering to the best practices for mitigating COVID-19. Planning**

**large gatherings (Halloween parties) that include multiple families that cross over our established pods and having sleepovers put our in-person learning at risk. I can not stress enough that we continue to be in the middle of a very real pandemic with a new surge of cases in many states. We can't let our guard down. I am asking everyone to do their part in keeping all our children and teachers healthy and safe.**

**Many blessings,**

**Mrs. Blake**

### ***Travel Information for Families***

Any student (attending in-person) or staff member traveling to a state with a positivity rate for COVID-19 of 10% or greater during the period of their stay, must notify the school. Persons electing to proceed with this travel will be required to quarantine upon their return until such time as either they provide evidence of a negative test result for COVID-19 and are asymptomatic or they complete an entire 14-day quarantine.

### ***First Fruit Farms Service Day***

**You can still sign up!**

- Sat. October 24
- 9:00-11:30 (or any part of that!)
- All family members and friends welcome!

**[Register/Sign Waiver](https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/stjohnhydeshalloween?token=2030926859): [bit.ly/3gVcDYO](https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/stjohnhydeshalloween?token=2030926859).**

### ***Halloween Raffle***

The SJE Student Council is hosting a Halloween raffle. Tickets are 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each. Have your house be the spookiest on the street. Get your tickets now! This year, tickets will be purchased online. We will draw a winner on Thursday, October 29.

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### Halloween Information

On Halloween, it is a tradition for our students to wear their Halloween costumes to school. This year they will wear their costumes with their cloth masks (no costume masks). Please be sure that all costumes are appropriate for our school environment. Props that are weapons and gory costumes are not allowed. The goal is to provide a positive experience for all of our children, especially our little ones, who can be easily frightened. I appreciate your understanding in this matter.

### Beans and Bread- October 27

The school will be collecting lunches **Tuesday, October 27 from 8:00 am-10:00 am** for Beans and Bread. You can find more information about items to be included in lunch bags here: <http://bit.ly/BeansBreadInstruct>. Thank you for your help!

### November Lunch Link

Please use this link to order November lunches. Orders are **due November 1**. <http://forms.diamondmindinc.com/stjohnhydesh/lunch>

### Early sign-up for Race for Ed Sponsorships

Do you have a family business or work for a local firm? Are you interested in having that business as a sponsor on the t-shirts our students and faculty wear for our 2021 Race for Education? For a mere \$250, your business logo will be imprinted on the back of over 200 t-shirts that are given to all our students and staff. Look at the attached sponsorship form to see all the great 2020 sponsors! Complete that form and send in to the school office with your check, or visit [bit.ly/sponsorRFE](http://bit.ly/sponsorRFE) to sign-up and pay by credit card. Let's get the word out! RFE2021

### 2021-2022 Applications Opened October 1

Applications for 2021-22 school year opened. The deadline for completed applications (FOR NEW STUDENTS) is January 5, 2021 (Preschool through Grade 8). Acceptances for early admission students will be sent January 11, 2021. **Please spread the word to your friends, neighbors, teammates and extended family.**

### Virtual Open Houses

#### **PreK 3 to Grade 8-Thursdays, 10:30 am**

Please let your friends, neighbors and family members know about our upcoming Virtual Open Houses by grade group. This is a Zoom meeting with a chance to virtually walk through our Blue Ribbon school.

Virtual Open House: Grades 6-8  
November 5, 2020

Virtual Open House: Grades 3-5  
November 12, 2020

Virtual Open House: Kindergarten-Grade 2  
November 19, 2020

Virtual Open House: Preschool  
December 3, 2020

### Virtual Information Sessions

#### **PreK 3 to Grade 8 -Wednesdays, 6:30 pm**

Please let your friends, neighbors and family members also know about our upcoming Virtual Information Sessions also by grade group. This is a Zoom **webinar** format. Meet our highly qualified teachers and feel their commitment to their ministry. See how flexible groupings benefit learning for all students and what differentiation means in today's classroom.

Virtual Information Session: Grades 6-8  
November 4, 2020

Virtual Information Session: Kindergarten-Grade 2  
November 11, 2020

Virtual Information Session: Grades 3-5  
November 18, 2020

Virtual Information Session: Preschool  
December 2, 2020

### Admissions Office Seeking Parent Ambassadors!

This is an easy and informal way for parents to positively promote and represent our school. The activities may include representing parents during a webinar or online meeting, staffing a table at a community fair, leading school tours during an open house, or informally spreading the good news about our Blue Ribbon school. If this sounds like something you (or your spouse!) may be interested in, please call our Admissions Director, Eileen Phelps, at 410.592.9585 x101.

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### **Referral Program**

SJE parents are the school's **BEST** salespeople and ambassadors for our school! You can earn a **\$500 tuition credit for 2021-22 school year** for each newly enrolled family you refer. Be sure to tell your friends, neighbors, teammates and extended family members to include your name on their application.

### **Friday Spirit Day Uniform Schedule**

**November 6-** Wear your favorite sweatshirt with your gym pants.

**November 13-** Wear red, white, and blue with your gym pants to honor our veterans.

**November 20-** Wear any St. John t-shirt with your gym pants.

### **HASA News**

#### **Meadow Farms**

Congratulations to our **Week 3 Raffle Winners** for Meadow Farms! For each item you sell you receive an entry into our weekly raffle of Five Below gift cards.

Lilliana Pipitone  
Adalee Kielek  
Brigid Marshall  
Declan Carey  
Hunter Phillips

#### **Eagle Spiritwear**

Our eagle spiritwear is now available to order online through our website. In addition to belts, headbands, ponytail ribbons, and keychains, we now have ear savers to attach to masks. You can order here: <https://bit.ly/spiritWEAR> (You can always find this on our website in the Resources section or by searching "Eagle Spiritwear").

### **Volunteering and VIRTUS**

If you want to volunteer and/or **attend activities in the future when our building is open to visitors**, 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@stjohnschoolgv.org](mailto:stand@stjohnschoolgv.org) if you have any questions.

### **Parish News**

#### **Sunday Bulletin**

For the latest news and updates from St. John Church, visit

<https://www.fataonline.com/bulletins/StJohnHydes>

#### **TIM, Jr.**

Our next Topic Day for middle schoolers will be on **Sunday, October 25** from 10:15-11:15 AM (outside, weather-permitting).

#### **Christmas Cash Raffle**

Grand Prize = \$3,000

2nd Prize = \$2,000

3rd Prize = \$1,000

Every \$25 ticket gives you three chances to win, as every ticket will stay in for all three drawings. For every ten tickets you sell or buy, you will get one free ticket (that's 11 tickets for just \$250)! Drawing to be held on Sunday, January 3, 2021 after the 9:00 AM Mass (Livestream Drawing. Winner need not be present to win.) For more info, visit <http://www.sjehydes.org/christmas-cash-raffle/>

#### **Submit Your Entries for Our Virtual Art Exhibit!**

Check out the galleries of submitted artwork showcasing God's creative gifts on our website at <http://www.sjehydes.org/virtual-art-exhibit/>. Be sure to visit and check back often, as new artwork will be added every few weeks. We have so many talented parishioners and staff!

If you'd like to submit your creative handiwork, more information is available [here](#) and the entry form is [here](#). Questions? Contact Sr. Carol at [carolfssj@archbalt.org](mailto:carolfssj@archbalt.org).

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## Calendar

*Saturday, October 24-* SJE Service Day at First Fruit Farms

*Monday, October 26-* ☺

*Tuesday, October 27-* Beans and Bread/ Chick-fil-A lunch

*Wednesday, October 28-* No-Carve Pumpkin Contest entries are due (flyer below).

*Thursday, October 29-* ☺

*Friday, October 30-* Special Halloween Activities/ **Noon Dismissal/**

### **Teacher Professional Day**

*Monday, November 2-* Winter uniform begins.

*Tuesday, November 3 -* Hot Dog Lunch

*Wednesday, November 4-* Virtual Information Session-Grades 6-8

*Thursday, November 5-* Virtual Open House-Grades 6-8

*Friday, November 6-* Wear your favorite sweatshirt with your gym pants.



Preschool to Grade 8  
Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00-4:00

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## Race for Education (RFE) 2021 T-Shirt Sponsorship



### 2021 Sponsorship Form

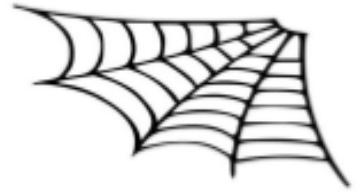
Are you interested in having your business as a sponsor on the t-shirts our students wear for our 2021 Race for Education? For a mere \$250, your business logo will be imprinted on the back of well over 200 t-shirts. Our students, faculty, and staff will wear them for race day and SJE spirit days as well as all throughout our community over the coming years! You'll also get LOTS of business exposure on our website and Facebook page as well. Don't miss out on this community exposure while helping us reach our Race for Ed fundraising goal!

Business Name: _____	Contact Name: _____
Phone Number: _____	Email Address: _____
Business Address: _____	City/ State/ Zip: _____
Check Enclosed: <input type="checkbox"/>	Credit Card: <input type="checkbox"/> (Pay via credit card here: <a href="https://bit.ly/sponsorRFE">bit.ly/sponsorRFE</a> )

### 2021 RFE Sponsors



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*4th Annual NO CARVE*

## *PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST!*

**How to Enter:** Students will submit 2 pictures for the contest. One picture will be just of the pumpkin, and the second picture will be of the student and their pumpkin. Please email all photos to Karen Baumeister at [dilaurak@aol.com](mailto:dilaurak@aol.com) by **Wednesday, October 28.**

Please include student's name, grade, category, and title of their pumpkin on the email.

Unfortunately, students can not bring pumpkins to school this year.

A slide show (of only the pumpkins) will be created for students to view and vote on the 30th!

**\*\*DESIGNS MUST BE SCHOOL APPROPRIATE\*\***

### PUMPKIN DECORATING CATEGORIES:

- \*Most Creative Pumpkin
- \*Best Animal Pumpkin
- \*Best Book or Movie Character Pumpkin
- \*Most Whimsical Pumpkin
- \*Scariest Pumpkin
- \*Best Use of Recycled Materials Pumpkin

