

# SCHOOL NEWS



## St. John the Baptist Catholic School Newsletter

### Mark Your Calendar!



- May 2: 5/6 grade Environthon Competition at John Rudy Park
- May 3: 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Indian Steps Museum; Grade 2 First Communion Rehearsal
- May 5: First Holy Communion 11AM
- May 6: HSA meeting in the school library 10:15 AM
- May 8: 3-D Printing Competition at LIU in New Oxford; 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade Environthon Competition
- May 9: Move up day for Pre-K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade; Elementary Band Festival at York Catholic 3:30 – 6:30
- May 10: Ascension Mass 9 AM
- May 11: Muffins with Moms 8 AM
- May 13: May Crowning at the 9 AM Mass for the Second Grade
- May 14: Spring Concert 7 PM in the Main Church
- May 18: Faith, Family & Fitness Day
- May 20: HSA Pit Beef Sale 10 AM – 2 PM
- May 21: Band Concert 7 PM in the School Social Hall
- May 24: 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to the Whitaker Center
- May 28: No School Memorial Day
- May 30: Mission Day for Animal Rescue
- May 31: Dress down day for Faith, Family & Fitness Day participants  
Teacher/student kick ball game

### Looking Ahead to June...

- June 1: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation and Brunch; HSA Family Pot luck dinner 6 PM - 8 PM
- June 4: Grades K-2 Field trip to the Hershey Zoo
- June 6: Last day of school – Noon Dismissal

**Enjoy your Summer!!!**



### From the Principal's Desk...

You should have received an email from me last week about the changes in the Faith, Family & Fitness Day. Instead of sending in address labels, we are asking you to go online and register your families and friends via email. This will hopefully save us a lot of postage, but as before if your family wants to send in a check, that is fine and please have them make it out to our school. Check out the email for the levels of awards for FFF day.


This year we will begin the day with the Mass at 9 AM and then proceed onto the lawn in front of the church to start our day. Mrs. Brummett will direct the students as to which statue they will start the run, so that we are not running on top of each other! At each statue as the children do their calisthenics, they will receive a bracelet from the volunteer. After all the students have completed the run they will play some games. Then we all eat lunch together from 12 -1. If the weather is nice, we will eat outside. If it's too hot, we may eat in the social hall. During the afternoon, we will have some demonstrations about Yoga and other physical activities. At 2:30 all the children will receive a popsicle and the children who are the lucky ones will get their pie in their faces from their teachers. It's a really fun day, and something that the children really look forward to. I hope many of you are able to join us!



**Food Pantry**

We donated 104 canned goods and \$68 to the Southern York County Food Pantry for the April Mission Day. Thank you!

# Upcoming Events

 **Spring Music Concert:** Our Annual Spring Music Concert is on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. You should have received a flyer with the info from Mr. Vysocil asking you to complete the form and return it to him. The concert will begin at 7 PM in the Main church and will last approximately an hour. Your child should dress in a Disney costume or their Sunday best. All are welcome and there will be refreshments following the concert in the atrium of the church.

**Band Concert:** Our annual band concert will take place in the School Social Hall on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 7 PM. Your child should dress in their Sunday best. All are welcome!

**Band Festival at YC:** The York Area Catholic Schools deanery plans a spring event each year for all of our Elementary Schools. Last year it was the choir, so this year it is the Band Concert. This will take place on the York Catholic campus on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The children need to be at YC by 3:30 for a band rehearsal. Pizza is provided for all the children and then the concert begins about 6 PM. All are welcome!



**FFF Day:** Our Faith, Family and Fitness day will take place on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, with a rain date of Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. This event will take place all day. We will provide the main dish, but we ask for donations of the following:


- Grades: Pre-K – K: Cases of bottled water
- Grades: 1-3: Veggie trays
- Grades: 4-6: Fruit trays



**Mission Day:** The May Mission Collection for May is on May 30 and will benefit ASPCA. Fred Nell and his German Shepherd mix dog, Sadie, will be here for an educational program on dogs who have jobs. Sadie is trained to sniff out drugs. Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Gingrow and Mrs. Baker helped the children design and decorate water bottles made into piggy banks in the shape of animals. Your children may bring in their pennies to fill up the piggy banks also to benefit ASPCA,

**MOVE UP DAY:** Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> will be a move up day for Pre-K – Grade 2. The children will move up to the next classroom to experience what next year will be like and spend a little bit of their day with their new teacher. This always helps to alleviate some worries, even when they know that teacher. They learn that next year won't be so scary after all!

**Last Day of School:** The last day of school for K – 5 will be June 6 with a noon dismissal.

 **May Crowning:** The May Crowning is May 14<sup>th</sup>. The First Holy Communion children will honor our Blessed Mother with flowers at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The children should wear their First Communion outfits and arrive at 8:45. More info will be sent home soon. Don't miss this beautiful tradition.

**Muffins with Moms:** Please join us for a Mother's Day celebration on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM in the school social hall. A light breakfast of muffins, coffee and juice will be available.

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**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Mass and Brunch:** The last day for Grade 6 is Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. An awards ceremony will take place at the end of the 9 AM Mass. A Brunch in the school social hall will take place following the ceremony for all the 6<sup>th</sup> graders and their families. Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and families provide this meal for our graduating class each year.

# St. John's Choir



Several students represented St. John's at the York County Elementary Choral Festival on April 21st at Dallastown Area Intermediate School. The festival is sponsored by the York County Honors Choir and brought 350 students together to share music education. Pictured here with Mrs. Bailey are Owen Maher, Allie Patera and Stella McGraw. Bernadette McLain, Mason Miller, Olivia Struck and Alaina Udzinski also participated.

# Environthon Club



Students in St. John's Environthon Club recently spent a Saturday at Nixon Park to prepare for the Environthon Competition scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Best of luck to our teams!

## Virtue of the Month Honesty

The virtue that the students worked on achieving for the month of March was Honesty. Since all of the children are quite honest, this was a difficult virtue to award to just one student in each grade. The following students are the winners:

- K – Gabriel Wooden
- 1 – Casey Campbell
- 2 – Henry Richardson
- 3 – Jaelynn Cromedy
- 4 – Trent Mueck
- 5 – Owen Maher
- 6 – Johnny Kelchaw



A big **thank you** to the Campbell Family, Quinn Family, Geary Family, Lydia Fazio, Ron McLain, and Joe Mazziott for spreading mulch on our playground. The workforce was lead by Joe Mazziott and P.J. Piccone coordinated the HSA purchase of the mulch. We are very grateful that this much needed playground maintenance was done!



## Principal Awards



Spreading the mulch on our playground:  
Aiedan Geary, Pierson Geary



Serving the Knights of Columbus sponsored high school graduation breakfast:  
Luke Campbell, Jake Maly and Eli Mazziott

Jacob Kelchaw: helped Mrs. Allison with a spill in the cafeteria

