



## Saint John's School of Little Canada

### December 2011

Please go to our website [sjolc.org](http://sjolc.org) and like us on Facebook.

**Mission Statement:** Saint John's School provides students with a strong Catholic foundation and an excellent academic program with the support and involvement of the family.



## Do You Hear What I Hear?



will be presented by all K-8 students on  
Thursday, December 1st at 9:30 AM and 7:00 PM in the Church.

Doors will open for the evening performance at 5:30.

DVD orders will be taken in the Gathering Space before and after both programs. The cost is \$10.00 each. Please complete a form and pay for DVD's at this time. Parents are to meet their children in their classrooms following the evening performance.



### Eagle Club

Eagle Club is available to all children at Saint John's, from preschool through grade 8. Eagle Club is open from 6:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. We will be open **some days** during Christmas break. If you need to register your child for Eagle Club over the break, please look for an e-mail to follow with registration information.

#### Open

Tuesday, December 27  
Wednesday, December 28  
Thursday, December 29  
Friday, December 30

#### Closed

Friday, December 23  
Monday, December 26  
Monday, January 2

We hope you and your family have a happy, healthy, wonderful holiday season!!

Catholic Schools week is January 29th ~ February 3rd  
More information will be in the January Newsletter.

**Sunday, January 29th is our all school Mass at 9 a.m. followed by our Open House with preschool and kindergarten registration, science fair, book fair and pancake breakfast.**

Faith. Academics. Service.

# Catholic Schools

## Food Drive

The Student Council would like to thank the students, families, faculty and staff at Saint John's for their awesome effort in contributing to the Thanksgiving Food Drive. The items collected (30 grocery bags full of food) were donated to Teresa Living Center. This opportunity to play a significant role in our community is to be commended. We applaud the Student Council for successfully planning and implementing this project. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

## Thank You

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the vision and hearing screening. It went very well, thanks to our great school nurse and our parent and grandparent volunteers. Please feel free to call the school nurse with any school related health concerns.  
Mary Jo Feely  
School Nurse  
651-288-3224

## Target Credit Card

Target's Take Charge of Education program provides Saint John's School up to 1% of the money purchased with this card. Target distributes funds twice a year. To enroll and identify Saint John's School, please use our school ID number (9132). If you have any questions, please contact Target directly.

## Dear Parents,

Please see the following message I received from our City Administrator:

I just wanted to give you a heads up that the City has received some concerns from residents along McMenemy about speeding that appears to be largely associated with the drop off/pick up of kids at St. John's School. I have alerted our traffic officers to this situation and they will be increasing enforcement activities in this area in an attempt to reduce speeds. It would be great if parents could be reminded to watch their speeds to enhance safety for the children in the area and out of respect for the residents in the neighborhood. You could also remind them that Little Canada's traffic officers will be increasing patrol in this area to address speed limit and other traffic violations.

Thanks,

**Joel Hanson**

**City Administrator  
City of Little Canada  
(651) 766-4040**

## \*Important\* ~~~~ Dress For The Weather

As the weather has changed from fall to winter, could you please send boots, snow pants, hats and mittens for your child(ren) each day? The children will be going out each day, and we do not want them to be wet or cold during their afternoon classes.



## 3M Volunteer Match

The 3M Foundation has donated \$250.00, in recognition of Alan R's commitment to Saint John's community.

Alan has donated 48 hours to Saint John's School, as a volunteer in his grandchildren's classrooms.

3M employees and retirees generously give their time and skills to help others. We would like to thank Alan and his wife Mimi for all they have done for us at Saint John's School.

Thank you, Thank you!

**Mrs. Thureson's Kindergarten:** The kindergarteners invited their parents and grandparents to come to a Thanksgiving program. Following the program all were welcome to have juice and the delicious pumpkin cookies made by the kindergarten class.

**Mrs. Loots First Grade:** Thank you to all the first grade families for attending our 7th annual first grade Thanksgiving Day Feast! The kids were so excited, and it was wonderful to have everyone together. Thank you to Mr. M., Mrs. U., and Mrs. S. for preparing all the food for our feast. I would also like to thank everyone who donated money and/or a turkey to make our feast possible.

**Mrs. Burgoyne's Second Grade:** The second graders enjoyed a visit from the mayor of Little Canada, Mayor Blaesner. He taught them about some of the duties of a mayor. He also shared some facts about Little Canada. The visit from the mayor followed a social studies unit on communities.

## Patriotic Prayer Service

Students, faculty, parents and friends of Saint John's School in Little Canada honored our military veterans on Wednesday, November 9th at the annual Veteran's Day prayer service. Artis Parker, Director of Fort Snelling National Cemetery, spoke about the meaning of Veterans' Day, as a day to honor all our Military members who are serving now or who have ever served our country. Their service is what allows our country to be free.

The honor guard from Cretin-Derham Hall High School also presented the flags of Veterans and the United States as part of the ceremony.

Two videos entitled "911 Anniversary" and "Veteran's Video" were shown among the prayers and songs, led by Becky Castro and the 2 school choirs, which were sung to honor our veterans. Then all veteran and military members were asked to stand, at which point they received a unanimous standing ovation! As a final tribute, Kenneth Everson, from Fort Snelling, played *Taps*.

This prayer service reminded everyone of our need to thank and support the commitment that the members of our military provide us each and every day as they keep our country free.

We were also presented with a flag that was attached to the outside of a United States Blackhawk helicopter that flew over Iraq and Afghanistan. The flag came with a certificate of authenticity signed by the commanding officer. It now adorns our school office.

As special thanks goes to Srey G. for her help to make this prayer service so special.



*The faculty and staff  
of  
Saint John's School  
Wish you and your family  
a happy and blessed  
Christmas Season.*

