



# Saint John the Evangelist School

## November 2011

**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.

### Bully Prevention Month

The school year is underway, and we can set the tone that bullying is not okay. Stop Bullying Now website can help you start the conversation with your child(ren) and help you know how to intervene if you are made aware of a bully situation.

Joy Wedan

Licensed School Counselor

Joy is an associate of our school counselor Steve Kahn.

### Food Drive

**October 31-November 16**

Saint John's School Student Council has organized a Thanksgiving food drive. All non-perishable food items or cash donations may be brought to school any time between November 1 – 16. The food and cash collected by students will then be donated to Caroline Family Services, directed by Sr. Rita Jirik, SSND.

### Screening

Vision/Hearing Screening

**Volunteers Needed for**

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Dear Parents: Our school nurse is looking for parents to help with vision and hearing screening on Tuesday, November 15. Two shifts of volunteers are needed, from 8:30-11:30 and from 12:30-3:00 pm. Please contact the school office (651-484-3038) to sign up. Thanks

### Boxtop Update

We just submitted 7,000 Boxtops to Boxtops for Education!  
That means \$700.00 to our school!  
THANK YOU for clipping and saving!  
Special thanks to Rachel K. for your many hours of help trimming, counting and bagging Boxtops.  
Keep saving!

### Fire Prevention Week

**Preschoolers** received a visit from the Little Canada Fire Department complete with a tour of the fire truck. Each child received a fire hat to take home.

**Kindergarten** ~ The kindergartners took a thrilling ride in a fire truck from school to the Little Canada Fire Station to learn about fire safety in October. The children enjoyed seeing the workout room as well as watching how high the ladder went up and how slowly it came back down. Several lucky students tried on an entire firefighter uniform. Fun was definitely had by all!

**Fifth Grade** ~ The fifth grade students took part in a Fire Prevention poster contest for Fire Prevention Week which was during the week of October 10-14.

Each fifth grade student created a poster that focused on preventing fires in the home.

The three poster finalists were:

**1st place: Maria M. 2nd place: Joe K. 3rd place: Dylan P.** Each of these students received a cash award.

Congratulations!

The class enjoyed a special presentation given by members of the Little Canada Fire Department on Friday, October 14, 2011.

### Art Adventure

During October students in grades k-5 participated in a program of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts (MIA), Art Adventure Program entitled "Family, Friends and Foes". The program is funded by the generous support of Home and School.

This unit includes the introduction of art in many forms. Parent volunteers, called "Picture Persons" present the art to the students and also assist with art projects. If you have a free day during the holidays, the MIA is a great way to spend part of a day and it's free.

Many thanks to this year's group of Picture People, from K-5 – Amy B., Christina M., Bridget G., Christi F., Shelley K., and Wannia R. During February 2012, we will have our next Art Adventure kit begin.

### Thank you

Maureen C., Bridget G., Julie M., who delivered dinner for the teachers during both conference dates. The food was great, and the teachers appreciated their hospitality.

### Preschool "Dad's Night"

6:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 17. Dad's, grandfathers, or uncles come join us for an evening of fun activities with your preschooler.

### Marathon Thank You

Thanks to all who contributed to and participated in the Marathon for Non-Public Education on September 30th. Saint John's students successfully met our goal and raised over \$30,000.00! Did you know that the Marathon for Nonpublic Education began in 1974? Saint John's has participated in the Marathon for over 30 years. All proceeds from the Marathon go directly to programs and events for our students. The money that was raised will be used for next year's educational programs.

Special thanks to Pam for her creative energy and long time service to our school as the Marathon chair! Thank you to all the parents, friends and relatives who worked at the Marathon and to Erinn R., Michelle K., Julie M., Kate B. and Mary T. for counting the money and completing the Marathon prize process. As a reward, students and teachers will receive a day off school on Friday, April 27th, 2012 (Auction Day). Congratulations!

**Congratulations  
to our  
2011 Choir Officers**

**President**  
Jordan M.

**Vice President**  
Brenda T.

**Treasurer**  
Matt M.

**6th Grade Representatives**  
Camryn B.  
Nick M.

**7th Grade Representatives**  
Isabella M.  
Erin S.

**8th Grade Representatives**  
Claire B.  
Ellie M.

**Student Directors**  
Courtney W. & Sara W.



**Middle School Choir**

**Grade 6**  
Camryn B.  
Tayler C.  
Lexi D.  
Micayla G.  
Casey H.  
Michael M.  
Nick M.  
Sam M.  
Olusewa O.  
Jack T.  
Sara W.

**Grade 7**  
Abbey C.  
Megan C.  
Paul L.  
Katie L.  
Madeline M.  
Maddy M.  
Isabella M.  
Chris N.  
Erin S.

**Grade 8**  
Claire B.  
Taylor G.  
Shelby K.  
Matt M.  
Ellie M.  
Jordan M.  
Maddi M.  
Brenda T.  
Courtney W.



# Saint John's Christmas Program 2011

“Do you Hear What I Hear?”



Thursday, December 1– 9:30AM & 7:00PM - Church  
Students in grades k-8 take part in our program.

## Costumes

T-shirts for grades k-8 will be purchased this year - The cost is \$10.  
Please pay by Vanco or send money in a marked envelope to your  
child's homeroom teacher -  
All students are asked to wear jeans & gym shoes with their T-shirts.

## Pre-Program Concert

Anyone in grades 3-8 wanting to take part in our Pre-Program Concert,  
we will begin try-outs in music class, beginning November 2.

## Christmas Program DVD

DVD orders will be taken in the Gathering Space, before and after the  
programs on December 1. You may preorder DVD's using Vanco after November 15.  
All other orders will be taken on December 1.

## Volunteers

Volunteers for props and set construction are needed.  
Please contact Mrs. Castro if you are able to help us out!  
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Email ~ [lcastro0218@comcast.net](mailto:lcastro0218@comcast.net)

