



SJV Connections

News and Upcoming Events January 31, 2012

Catholic Schools Week January 29-February 3: Join us this week as we celebrate Faith, Academics and Service. [Click here](#) for printable flyer.

Thursday: No homework or extra- curricular activities scheduled today. Enjoy this time with your family.

Friday: Teachers will show their appreciation to students.

Souper Bowl of Caring Each year on Super Bowl weekend, youth from all over the country including Baton Rouge and surrounding parishes participate in the "Souper Bowl of Caring" by giving to those in need. To do this, we are asking students to take up a collection on behalf of the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank. On *THURSDAY, February 2nd*, our school's Social Justice Club will sponsor "Wear Your Jersey Day". **Every student who donates at least \$1.00 will be able to wear their favorite team's jersey or t-shirt to school with their school uniform bottoms.** This money will be donated to help feed hungry individuals and families in our community. Wear your favorite sports shirt and help feed the hungry through the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank and the "Souper Bowl of Caring"!!

JR4H This is the *last week* to raise money for Jump Rope 4 Heart. Please return envelopes on Feb. 6th, 2012. I still need energetic volunteers! On Wednesday, February 8th we will have our annual JR4H event and we will begin at 8:30 am and end around 2:15 pm. Please email me if you would like to help: bridgetted@stjeanvianneyschool.org Please see the attached [flyer](#) to see why this is such a great cause!

Distinguished Graduate Candace Vallery is a 1996 SJV alum. She was honored at a dinner at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge, Tuesday, January 31. Candace graduated from Bishop Sullivan in 2000 and then from LSU with an Apparel Design degree. She worked with designer Lucy Barnes in New York City, the Rags and Clothing Company, in Baton Rouge and with LSU in helping with the redesign of the Union. Currently she is working as the Alumni Coordinator and Assistant to the Development Director at St. Michael's. Congratulations Candace!

Candy Grams The SJV Jr. Beta Club will be selling Candy Grams February 6th through 10th. The cost is 50 cents. Show your friends and teachers how much you care about them this Valentine's Day while benefiting **Baton Rouge Speech and Hearing Foundation**.

Your Support Needed St. Jean Vianney School, like all Diocesan schools, operates independently. The Diocese sets a pay scale for all employees and the budget is built each year based on that information. All of our operating expenses are funded by tuition and registration fees. For the 2012-13 school year, our tuition rates are \$3,900 for identified parishioners and \$4,160 for those not identified as parishioners of our parish. There is a discount extended to families with more than one child. However, there is a gap between the expenses incurred and income collected per student. Based on the preliminary budget submitted to the Diocese for 2012-13, there is a gap of \$570 per child. With our biggest fundraiser, the gala, coming soon, please consider donating as this is what helps to fill the gap without increasing tuition more than is absolutely necessary.

The Countdown has begun! It's Gala time! Mark your calendar and plan to attend St. Jean Vianney's annual gala "**Fire & Ice**" on March 24, 2012. Proceeds from this year's event will go directly toward our capital campaign fund, the goal of which is to build a gym!!!! Information regarding donations and tickets will be forthcoming, but order your t-shirt **now**. Students can wear these t-shirts each Monday. See [here](#) for order form.

Catholic Commentator Please select the following links to see the articles about [Father Tom](#) and [Ms. Clement](#) in the most recent issue. Click [here](#) to see a copy of our ad!

Princess Tea Party St. Jean Vianney Parish will hold its first annual **Princess Tea Party** on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012, from 9-11 am in Fr. Engels Hall. There will be fun, games, and a tea party for girls between the ages of three and eight, and their favorite grownup. Please mark your calendars now for what promises to be a memorable event. Click [here](#) to see the attached flyer.

Save the Date – February 13th; 7:00 PM; Fr. Engels Hall The Catholic Daughters invite you to attend their February 13th meeting. Our parish recently helped purchase a mobile ultrasound machine to assist the Care Pregnancy Clinic. The clinic will be sending a guest speaker to our meeting to talk with us about the work they do and how they support young women with unplanned pregnancies and discourage abortions. Come show your support for this ministry!

First in Math Great job with First in Math! Keep up the great work! **First in Math Results (as of January 30): Ranked Top 10 First in Math Schools in the State:**

- o 1. St. Louis King of France
- o 2. St. Elizabeth School
- o 3. St. Elizabeth School
- o 4. St. George
- o 5. St. Jean Vianney
- o 6. St. Aloysius
- o 7. St. George
- o 8. St. Aloysius
- o 9. St. Aloysius
- o 10. St. Aloysius

Scholastic Book Fair The book fair is coming up and volunteers are needed!! Click on this link for more information about the fair and to sign up to volunteer. Thank you for your support!!
<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/stjeanvianneyschool>

Using bus lane during carpool When the bus lane is empty in the afternoon, carpool drivers may use this "cut through" to exit K-4 carpool, but drivers should be mindful that there can be students in this area waiting for a late bus. In order to keep our students safe, it's very important that carpoolers drive slowly and carefully through this lane.

Financial Aid Financial aid may be available to those who qualify. Please fill out the [application](#) and return it to the school office with your tax return by Wednesday, April 18, 2012. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Contact Judith Farr (jfarr@stjeanvianneyschool.org) with any questions.

Income Tax Deduction for Elementary and Secondary School Tuition (La. R.S. 47:297:10)

This allows an income tax deduction for amounts paid during the tax year for tuition and fees required for enrollment in a nonpublic elementary or secondary school. Please [click here](#) for more information.

God's Own Making- Catholic Values of Human Sexuality In an effort to support our parish's endeavor to actively teach children about the gift of life they received, respect for the human person and Catholic values of human sexuality, we are offering a new series to our students. Materials will be introduced to students in grades 4-8 beginning on Tuesday, February, 14. Fifth grade students and parents are both required to attend classes. Please [click here](#) for the attached newsletter and form for further information.

Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday, February 1 – Re-registration due, Parent Appreciation Day
- Thursday, February 2 – New student registrations due, Family Appreciation Day
- Friday, February 3 – Mass with School community, 4A- Saint of the Month, February birthdays
 - Catholic Schools Week Mass 10 am St. Joseph's Cathedral
 - Last Collection Day for CSW laundry items
- Tuesday, February 7 – BETA Candy Gram
 - Progress Reports posted

Check the calendar at stjeanvianneyschool.org for a complete listing of events