



## **SJV Connections**

### **News and Upcoming Events November 1, 2011**

**Gator Swamp Fest Great Success!!** The weather was a bit cool but it was a perfect night for some fun. Thanks to the many people who worked so hard to make it so special, especially the room moms who set-up, decorated, and scheduled volunteers for the booths. The results for the booth decorating contest are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place goes to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade for the Gator Toss booth. Both 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes will receive a pizza and ice cream party. Our secret judge (Fr. Tom) was impressed with the decorations and named a second winner – a tie between the kindergarten & 8<sup>th</sup> grade booth (Goldfish) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade booth (the haunted slide). These classes will each receive an ice cream party. No one class had 100% participation, so if you volunteered to work, and actually **SHOWED** up for your shift, or if you filled in when you saw a need, your child may wear alternate dress **Monday, November 7.**

**Gator Fest Sponsors** A huge thank you to the following businesses for their sponsorship of Gator Swamp Fest: Santa Fe Cattle Co., visit their new location opening soon in Prarieville, American Printing, Jumping Jack Splash, Coca-Cola, and Traffic Control Products of LA. Thanks also to Cheryl Bannister, for chairing the event, and Dawn Wawak, for organizing the room moms.



**Attention All Veterans!!** St. Jean Vianney School cordially invites you to attend our **Veteran's Day Mass** on Friday, November 11, 2011, at 8:30 am in the Church. Please read [here](#) for further information and to fill in and submit the [online form](#). **Don't delay.** Please sign up now to be recognized.

**Volunteers** are needed for Veteran's Day on Friday, Nov. 12, from 8:00 am to 10:30 am. If you can help, please contact [kdooddy@stjeanvianneyschool.org](mailto:kdooddy@stjeanvianneyschool.org).

**Parish Mission** will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. This year's theme is *All We Have to Live On: God's Gift & Our Response*. Please read the [flyer](#) for more information.

**Pancakes for Claire...** will be held on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-11:30. You can join us for this great tradition for only \$5.00!! You'll get sausage, milk, juice, coffee, and all you can eat pancakes. You can purchase your tickets [after the Masses on Nov. 5-6th](#), or at one of the [campus offices \(School, Parish, or Preschool\)](#), or fill out the [order form](#) and return it to the school. Thank you in advance for your support. ...How it began—It was started years ago as a way to fund the Claire Renee Goudeau Scholarship Fund. This scholarship fund currently grants two fourth grade students tuition for one year. Now, the money is split between the parish, school, and preschool. Please consider supporting this event in memory of a special little girl.

**Art for Advent** Is your child looking for something new and fun to do? Let local artist and instructor, Melissa Taylor of BYOU Art walk your child through a painting class and they will leave with an original work of art. The class is Sat., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> in Fr. Engel's Hall, from 10 – 1 pm, and costs \$40 per person. Read [here](#) for further information and e-mail Dawn Wawak @ [dawn\\_wawak@yahoo.com](mailto:dawn_wawak@yahoo.com) to reserve a spot today!

**St. Michael High School Dance Line Clinic** will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 – 11 am. Students in grades K – 8 are invited to attend. Registration is accepted at the door or [click here](#) for registration form and further information.

**The Office of Child and Youth Protection** will be previewing a short three to four minute video at the next Home and School Meeting on Teen Driving or Carbon Monoxide Awareness. You are welcome to come to Mrs. Rice's room for the 5:30 meeting to view this video presentation on Nov 8, 2011.

**Still Time to earn PEP Hours!** Parents there is still time and opportunities available for earning this year's PEP hours. If you have not yet completed your [child protection](#) screening, please do so as soon as possible because volunteers are need for Advent Angels! If you have any questions contact [tgavin@stjeanvianneyschool.org](mailto:tgavin@stjeanvianneyschool.org).

**Spirit Shirts**, in select sizes, are available for purchase for \$10/each. Contact [kjeter@stjeanvianneyschool.org](mailto:kjeter@stjeanvianneyschool.org) for more information.

**The Home and School Association** is excited to invite our SJV school family to its *first annual fall pot-luck and raffle ticket drawing* on November 15.. We are selling raffle tickets for \$5.00/piece or \$40/per sheet of 10 for a grand prize of \$4000. Please RSVP by November 1rst. [Read here for more information.](#)

**Louisiana Nursery** is again hosting its **Christmas cent-sation Fundraising Event**. Last year they donated over \$6,000.00 to local organizations like ours. On **Thursday, November 17, 2011 from 4 to 8 pm.**, at any of their 4 locations, **Louisiana Nursery will donate 20%** of the total purchase of anyone who mentions SJV while shopping. Please [see their flyer](#) for more information.

**Spirit Wear** Show your Gator Pride with SJV Spirit Wear! Available in men's and ladies' styles and sizes. See the [order form](#) for more details.

**High School Open Houses** Click [here](#) for an official list of area high school open houses.

**Congratulations to our Alumni** who have made the [Honor Roll at St. Michael High School](#) for the 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks.

**Calling all parent volunteers** Your expertise is needed at St. Jean Vianney School! **Body Walk**, a traveling exhibit, will visit our school on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 in the Parish Hall. Body walk is a unique educational program designed to involve Pre-K 4 through fifth grade students in learning the skills and choices needed for a healthy lifestyle. Body Walk consists of a 35 foot by 45 foot ([continued](#))

**St. Jean Vianney Preschool** is collecting coats for the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual *Pat's Coats for Kids*. New and used coats may be brought to the office.

**Photos Wanted** Don't forget to share you photos throughout the year. Please select your favorite 5 photos of each event and email me: [bridgetted@stjeanvianneyschool.org](mailto:bridgetted@stjeanvianneyschool.org)

**Upcoming Events:**

Thursday, November 3 – AR cut-off date for Progress Reports

Friday, November 4 – NO school Mass

Math-a-thon alternate dress

Sunday, November 6 – daylight savings time ends

Diocesan 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass, River Center, 3pm ; NO 5:50 pm Mass

Monday, November 7 – Wednesday, November 9 – Parish Mission

Tuesday, November 8 – Progress Reports posted to edline

Wednesday, November 9 – No assembly – students report directly to homeroom

Student Council food drive begins

Portable lunch

Body Walk, Hall, 8:15 – 3:15

Check the calendar at [stjeanvianneyschool.org](http://stjeanvianneyschool.org) for a complete listing of events



Trinity Wawak, 2<sup>nd</sup> gr, tossed plastic gators, bracelets, and candy to fellow students during the Fall Pep Rally and Changing of the Street Sign. Trinity named the street “Trinity’s Gator Trace”



Trinity and her pawpaw, Jim Lopez, smile and relax after the parade.