



## **SJV Connections**

### **News and Upcoming Events November 29, 2011**

**Grandparents & Grandfriends Day and Christmas Sing-a-long** is scheduled for Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in the church. [Please read here for important information about the day, and to complete an important informational form.](#) We must have a completed form for every student by Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

**The Beta Club's Annual Toy Drive** continues through Thursday, Dec. 9. They are accepting new and/or gently used (UNWRAPPED please!) toys. Please support the Beta Club in their efforts to make this a brighter Christmas for the less fortunate.

The **Gator Raffle for Gator Green** will be held on Friday, Dec. 16, at Grandparents Day. Informational packets were sent home before the Thanksgiving holiday with the youngest and/or only students. Please be mindful that all money and/or tickets must be returned to school by Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. [Read here for more information.](#)

**St. Jean Vianney Church is preparing a video for our Capital Campaign.** We may take footage of classrooms or students moving to the cafeteria, etc. This video will only be shown to our parishioners. Please let us know if you do NOT want your child included in this video by contacting [ddaigle@stjeanvianneyschool.org](mailto:ddaigle@stjeanvianneyschool.org).

**Office Renovations** Over the Thanksgiving holiday, we made some renovations to our office space in order to better accommodate our students, faculty, and visitors. We now have an enclosed nurse's station and second secretarial area. Stop in and check out our new digs!

**We will be having a Barnes & Noble book fair** to raise money for the SJV library. Save your shopping for the weekend of Dec. 8-10<sup>th</sup>. All you have to do is mention SJV when you make your purchase and a percentage of your total will come to us! This can be done in ANY Barnes & Noble all over the country, so tell your family and friends! You can also make online purchases, just be sure to provide the following number: **10616753**. [Click here for more information](#) about activities and book signings going on during the book fair! Thank you in advance for your support!!

**Letterman Jackets** We are planning to order the white felt patch with "Gators" in red letters that can be sewn onto the back of the letterman jacket. The cost is \$20 for the patch. Please email [tgavin@stjeanvianneyschool.org](mailto:tgavin@stjeanvianneyschool.org) by Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in purchasing the Gator patch.

**Sports Uniforms** All football, cross country, and girls' basketball uniforms are to be cleaned and returned, in a labeled bag, to Mrs. Rice by **Dec. 1**.

**Lunch Volunteers needed!** We are in desperate need of volunteers to serve lunch to our children in the cafeteria. Please contact Brandy at [branfreeman@cox.net](mailto:branfreeman@cox.net) to arrange a time. This is a great way to earn PEP hours and see the children.

**8A and KA** will be **hosting Mass** this Friday at our weekly school Mass. They will be bringing an offering of **boxed cereal** as a gift for those in need within our community.

**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.

**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 your 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:**

Wednesday, November 30 – Reconciliation, 5B, 1 pm

Thursday, December 1 – Band Concert, 7 pm, Fr. Engels Hall

Friday, December 2 – Mass with school community, 8A & KA

Saturday, December 3 – Art Byou, 10 am – 3 pm, Fr. Engels Hall

High School Entrance Exams

Tuesday, December 6 – St. Nicholas Day, preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

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

**Letters to God, from our first graders**

“Dear God, You are the Good Sheppard. You are a good man.” – Tommy Tran

“Dear God, Thank you for Thanksgiving, the day of thanks. I will thank you again on Thanksgiving. Thank you.” – Paige Giarusso

“Dear God, When is it going to snow? What does heaven look like? Does it snow there?” – Ashlynn Walsh

“Dear God, I love you. Do you love me? I hope so.” – Isabella Bajon

“Dear God, I want to get you a present. Do you like pets? I think I will get you a pet.” – Antonio Barraza

Dear God, Thank you for my Thanksgiving turkey. It is going to be awesome. I will save you some.” – Austin Sledge

“Dear God, Please help me to be who you want me to be. Please help me with my math facts.” – Madelyn Ferrachi