



SJV Connections

News and Upcoming Events December 6, 2011

School Mass will be **Thursday Dec. 8th** this week. This will replace our usually scheduled Friday Mass. We will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. **8B and KB** will be hosting Mass and bringing gifts of **hand soap** for those in need within our community. We will also be honoring December birthdays and those receiving the Disciple of Christ award. As always, parents are welcomed to join us at Mass!

PEP Hour Opportunity We are in need of pound cakes, cookies, and volunteers to help serve for Grandparents/Grandfriends Day on Dec. 16. This is a great opportunity for anyone still needing PEP hours! One pound cake or two dozen cookies earns one PEP hour. If you are able to help, please contact kdoody@stjeanvianneyschool.org. Donations do not have to be individually wrapped and should be sent to the office. Pound cakes are needed by the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 15; cookies by the morning of Friday, Dec. 16.

Grandparents & Grandfriends Day and Christmas Sing-a-long is scheduled for Friday, December 16th 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 13th.

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 11th. [Read here for more information.](#)

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.

Christmas Dance for 7th & 8th graders will be on Thursday, December 15th right after school. Students will need to be picked up by 1:30 and will **NOT** be changing clothes. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided.

No Bus Service January 4-6 When we return from the Christmas break, there will be no AM or PM bus service on Wednesday, January 4th, Thursday, January 5th or Friday, January 6th. We will follow normal carpool procedures.

Santa's Elves Want to make your shopping this Christmas season easy and stress free? Santa's Elves is a wonderful way to remember all of your children's teachers, as well as the faculty and the staff with a monetary donation for Christmas. Any amount is appreciated. All donations will be split and given out just in time for Christmas. The deadline to contribute is December 14th. Send your donation to the school office in an envelope labeled "**Santa's Elves.**" Make all checks payable to SJV. Please call Deborah Boyd 225- 802-5663 with any questions. So that the teachers know who to thank, please complete the [Santa's Elves form](#) on the school website.

We will be having a Barnes & Noble book fair to raise money for the SJV library. Save your shopping for the weekend of Dec. 8-10th. 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!! The **Angry Birds** event on Sunday Dec 11th will begin at 2pm at the Perkins Rowe location. There will be a scavenger hunt in the store and a "dress as you favorite Angry Bird" contest. They will have an Angry Bird t-shirt and some other Angry Bird prizes for contest winners.

Letterman Jackets We are ordering 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 by Dec. 13th if you are interested in purchasing the Gator patch.

Hold The Date 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. Registration for this event will begin when we return from the Christmas holiday. Please mark your calendars now for what promises to be a memorable event.

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 to arrange a time. This is a great way to earn PEP hours and see the children.

Carpool Reminder Please remember to be safe, courteous and mindful of our fellow parents and students as you go through the carpool line in the mornings and afternoons. We know that this can be a stressful time for parents but this is an excellent opportunity to model Catholic ideals and attitudes for our students.

Lunchroom Reminder If you are coming to eat lunch with your child, please sign in at the office and obtain a visitor's badge and then proceed to the Hall where you will wait for your child's class to arrive. Parents should never wait outside of a classroom.

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.

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

Body Walk December Newsletter please [click here](#).

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, December 8 – Mass with school community, 8B & KB, December Birthdays and Disciple of Christ award

Friday, December 9 – Middle School Dead Day

Last day for Beta Toy Drive

Monday, December 12 – Middle School Dead Day

Tuesday, December 13 – Middle School Exams begin

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