

# St. John School

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## Thoughts for the New Year

Childhood should be a happy time for fun and learning, without burdensome responsibilities. Few of us like to think of our children as stressed and depressed, yet many authorities on childhood development are warning that this is a real possibility. Today's world is a different world that holds both infinite promise and infinite danger.

We want our children to have the best we can give them - more education,

more social skills, more chances to develop talents in sports and the arts. But are we crowding out the time needed to develop their moral values? Their sense of right and wrong?

Each day still has only 24 hours. Since we can't stretch time, we need to make wise choices for ourselves and our youngsters. Let these choices include some quiet time to dream and time to listen to God. Let them include time for you and your child to

spend together, to truly know each other as friends, to listen rather than simply talk.

Our children are a gift from God, but not a gift meant to fulfill our own dreams. Let's give them the freedom to grow as strong and moral individuals, and the freedom to enjoy and cherish their childhood.



## Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is the annual observance of the important role that Catholic Schools play in educating America's young people. Our theme this year is Catholic Schools "Light The Way!"

Help us celebrate our past and future by participating in our special days, all week long! The daily schedule for CSW will be sent home shortly.

## Development Office News

Dear Families of St. John School,

As we begin a new year, we need to focus on our upcoming major events; The "Gala" on April 12th and Student Recruitment.

**Re: Student Recruitment**—New Registration started January 7 -8 for K1 and K2. We had an overwhelming response and waiting lists have been formed. Be sure to keep spreading the good word about St. John School. Performance is our Proof of Excellence!

**Re: Gala Dinner Dance—Saturday, April 12, 2008 at the Coast Guard function room.** Have you taken an Ad for our 113th Anniversary Celebration yet? There is still time! Your ad can be a congratulations for someone Graduating, First Communion, a Memorial, or to showcase your business, if applicable. This is a major fund raising event for St. John School and needs to be supported by everyone. Watch for Gala/Ad information coming home January 16th. It is important that SJS families understand the significance of this major event in April. Your support is vital. How we keep tuition costs down, enhance our educational programs, keep up with teacher salaries, and continue to make school improvements is a reflection of how we do at major functions. So, everyone needs to be a part of the 113th Anniversary celebration. **Tickets go on sale in March**

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## Reminders!

Registration for New Students 1/7 K1  
1/8 K2

Catholic Schools Week 1/28 -  
2/2

CSW Family Mass at Sacred Heart Church 9:00AM  
1/27

Gala/Luau Meeting 1/11—1/25

Ash Wednesday 2/6  
8:15 AM

First Penance Grade 2 2/7  
8:30 AM

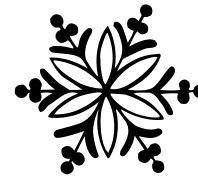
Marking Period Ends 2/15

Valentine Day 2/15  
Dance K1—Gr. 2 9:30 am -  
K1—Gr. 2 11:00 am

**NEW REGISTRATIONS FOR  
GRADES 1-8 JANUARY 23**

# Congratulations to our December Students of the Month

- Grade Two:** Daniella Espinosa and Frederick Moseley  
**Grade Three:** Jordyn Amoroso and Jalissa Evora  
**Grade Four:** Tatyana Fonseca and Nicholas Greenberg  
**Grade Five:** Francis Dwyer and Dana Lentini
- Junior High:** Brendan Cantin and Francesca DiPrizio



## St. John School Snow Policy



### Grades One through Eight:

In case of inclement weather, SJS follows the “No School” report given for the Boston Public Schools as announced on radio and television. If the Boston Public schools are closed, then St. John School is closed also. If Boston Public Schools are delayed then Saint John School is delayed the same amount of time.

**Note:** Saint John School will also be posted on Channels 4, 7, & Fox 25.

### Grades K1–K2

K1 and K2 classes follow the SAME school closing and/or delay policy as would apply for Grades one through eight regardless of the City decision on public kindergarten. Please note if school is closed, there is no daycare program.



### Special Thanks!

Special thanks to all the parents who made the Christmasfest a great success!

Also, many thanks to all who contributed and made our Bake Sales such a great success.



## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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## Boxtops for Education

All students are offered extra help on Tuesdays from 2:15–2:45 except grade five. Grade five students are offered extra help on Wednesdays from 2:15–2:45.

Did you know that St. John School offers a Computer Club every Wednesday to our students in Grades 2–5 under the direction of Ms. Beth Teves, our second grade teacher? The second session begins on January 16th! This program has been a great success!!!

Another successful program we offer to our students in Grades 4-8 every Thursday is a Knitting Club. This program is under the direction of Mrs. Linda Erwich, Mrs. Ellie Giangregorio and Ms. Lisa Santarpio

Our School Choir meets every Thursday, under the direction of Ms. Betsy Ustach and Ms. Robin Horgan. If you haven't heard them sing, buy our Christmas Sing-a-

**Winter Update:** Thanks to the efforts of parents and friends and our volunteer Boxtops coordinator Maryann Foti, St. John's recently received a check for over \$475.00 representing boxtops submitted through December of 2007. Please be sure to continue to support this program; it's an easy and effective way to raise extra funds for our school and our children. Many thanks to Maryann for her efforts in coordinating the program and redeeming the boxtops!