



***ST. JOHN'S LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL***

**SCHOOL OFFICE 410-313-2813**

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**May 9, 2014**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 5/12 4<sup>th</sup> grade Baltimore Field Trip, 9-2:50 pm
- 5/13 Strings Concert
- 5/15 5<sup>th</sup> grade – Simulated Congressional Hearing
- 5/16 Schools Closed – Professional Development/Articulation Day
- 5/19 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Field Trip – Howard County Conservancy, 9:30-1 pm
- 5/20 Band Concert
- 5/21 Night of the Arts and Spring Choral Concert 6:30 pm
- 5/22 School Wide Field Day (raindate 5/23)
- 5/23 Next newsletter
- 5/26 Schools & Offices Closed – Memorial Day
- 5/28 1<sup>st</sup> grade Field Trip – Sharps Farm, 9:15-1 pm
- 5/28 Kindergarten Field Trip – Baltimore Zoo, 9:15-2 pm
- 5/29 GT Enrichment Fair, 6:30-8 pm
- 5/31 May Day
- 6/18 Kindergarten Promotion Ceremony - 9:15 am
- 6/18 3 Hour Early Dismissal, 12:15 pm
- 6/19 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony 9:15 am
- 6/19 3 Hour Early Dismissal, 12:15 pm
- 6/20 3 Hour Early Dismissal, 12:15 pm – LAST SCHOOL DAY

**Stay Informed:**

There are many events happening before the next newsletter, such as, field trips, Night of the Arts, SCH, and concerts, to name a few. Be sure to check your child's backpack, the SJLES website, and the school calendar for dates, times, permission slips, due dates, etc.

## Parents are Invited...

Great time and consideration are put into determining your child's homeroom placement each school year and each year our results show that the learning environments we design are well structured and support strong achievement for our students. As we begin the first steps toward next year's instructional programs, parents may wish to share what they feel is significant about their child's learning style and learning behaviors. Parents wishing to provide this input should send a letter to Mrs. Sarro **by May 30th**. Please do not request a specific teacher for next year, but rather, share your insights about the teaching style and learning environment that you feel most benefits your child and/or any other significant information.

## Important Reminder

Please stop in the office each and every time you visit the school, sign-in and state the purpose of your visit to the secretaries. Teacher contacts must be arranged for in advance and visitations to the classroom must be pre-approved by the principal/designee, as per the teacher's contract. All SJLES teachers will gladly make appointments with you for conferences or phone contacts at your request.

## New Student/Kindergarten Registration is Ongoing

Families of children who will be five years old by September 1, 2014 are urged to register for Kindergarten, as well as any new students in grades 1-5. Staffing for next school year is based on the number of registered students in each grade, so please take time to register now rather than over the summer. Please call the school for an appointment at 410-313-2813. Visit the HCPSS website for a complete list of [documents required for registration](#).

## From the Music Department

Spring Choral Concert/Night of the Arts (some information below is a CHANGE)

Wednesday, May 21, 2014. @ 6:30 pm

4th Grade Chorus report @ 6:10 pm (We sing first!)

5th Grade Chorus report @ 6:15 pm

Concert Attire: Jeans or dark pants. Plain solid colored T Shirt (no pictures, no words, no designs)

## From the Physical Education Department

SJLES will have its annual Field Day on Thursday, May 22nd. If it rains, we will try again on Friday, May 23rd. Field Day is for all students in all grades on the same day! Activities are being planned for students to be active the entire school day BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP! We need many volunteers to make Field Day a success for everyone. We are sending home a sheet to describe Field Day but also ask for volunteers for the big day. Please fill out and return the form by Friday, May 9th if you can help for part or all of Field Day. If you are able to volunteer, we will send home your assignments the week of Field Day so you can be prepared. The only skill you need to help is ENTHUSIASM! Ms Zinn and Mr. Frantz

## Come to the GT Enrichment Fair!

The SJLES Enrichment Fair will be held this year on Thursday May 29, 2014 from 6:30-8:00. Come out and explore many of the enrichment offerings that students have participated in this year. Students will be on hand at displays to explain their projects and answer questions about what they have learned. Every curriculum extension unit, instructional seminar, and GT math class will have a display. Some of the attractions include Globetrotters, GT Math Olympiads, Revolutionary War poetry, models of the ocean floor, and more!

# PTA News

May Day: May 31st  
Silent Auction Class Baskets

**Please donate!** Each grade has a themed basket for the Silent Auction. To fill the basket, we ask families to donate to one or more of the baskets. Each grade will have a donation box for students to place items in starting May 7th. Donations (we would appreciate money or unused items related to the themes) will be collected daily by PTA members and then all items will be arranged in baskets or tubs. The baskets will then be up for auction on May Day. If you can donate, we would appreciate it! We will collect items every day from the boxes in each grade area until May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The themes are:

Kindergarten: Coffee/Tea/Chocolate

1st grade: A Day for Mom

2nd grade: Just for Dad

3rd grade: Lego Fun

4th grade: Raven's/O's

5th grade: Gift cards



Also, if your family has a business or you know of someone who does and they want to donate (can be a service OR an item) to the Silent Auction...please contact Deanna Collins at 410-418-4960 or [pdcollins@verizon.net](mailto:pdcollins@verizon.net). Also, if you have a favorite business that you want to help advertise, this is the way. The name of the business and contribution will be listed in the event program that will be posted on the PTA's website!

**The M&M Ball** is coming on Tuesday May 27th. If you completed 5 or more months this school year than you will be receiving an invitation to the ball from your teacher. K-2nd grade will participate from 2-2:30 and 3-5th grade will participate from 2:30-3 p.m. The festivities will be held on the playground and we will have ice pops and p.e. equipment to play with. If you have any questions you can contact Pam Schickler at [schickmama@gmail.com](mailto:schickmama@gmail.com)

## “Community Notices”

*The following events are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System.*

Boy Scout Troop 615

Annual Bull-Pork Roast on Sat., May 10, 6 p.m.-10 p.m. Held at Church of the Resurrection, 3175 Paulskirk Dr., and directly benefits the boys of the Troop and the Church. This buffet style, all you can eat feast (on premises) with musical entertainment and more. For more information, please

contact Friends of Troop [615@verizon.net](mailto:615@verizon.net) or Dan at 410 992-7723. Hope you can join us for a night of great food and fun.

#### Howard County Conservancy Mother's Day Special

Sat., May 10, 10 a.m. Enjoy a beautiful springtime morning out with your mother or a friend. Sip tea and sample home baked scones at the historic Brown sisters' farmhouse. Stroll to the Conservancy's eight gardens and talk with the garden clubs, Master Gardeners, and volunteers who design and maintain these gardens year round. In case of inclement weather, check website. REGISTRATION REQUIRED! For more information or to sign up for this program, visit <http://www.hcconservancy.org/upcoming-events.html>.

Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic is gearing up for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Make-A-Wish Kids Triathlon- hosted at Padonia Park Club in Cockeysville May 18. The Kids Triathlon is for age 5-14. The event brings kids, families and the community together for a great day of fun, fellowship and athletic exercise (running, biking and swimming), but the greater purpose is to help our local Make-A-Wish children. [www.makeawishkidstrimd.org](http://www.makeawishkidstrimd.org) 410-453-9430

#### Potomac Valley Pearls

A competitive synchronized swimming club invites girl's ages 6 to 17 that can swim 50 yards in deep water to give synchro a try. Join us for "Pearl for a Day" on Wed May 28, 6-8 p.m., or for beginning synchro lessons from 6:15-7:30 p.m. each Wed in June at Fairland Aquatic Center. Contact [ginnychadwick@hotmail.com](mailto:ginnychadwick@hotmail.com) or call 410-707-0201 for more info.

#### Atholton Swim Club Open House

Sun., May 25, 1-5 p.m., and Sat. May 31, 12-4 p.m. Allview Estates, 6731 Seneca Drive, Columbia MD. Offering Red Cross Learn to Swim Lessons, and competitive CMSL Swim Team. All levels of membership are now available. For more information go to [www.atholtonswimclub.com](http://www.atholtonswimclub.com) or email [atholtonswimclub.membership@gmail.com](mailto:atholtonswimclub.membership@gmail.com)

#### Columbia Orchestra

The Columbia Orchestra's Season Finale on Sat., May 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jim Rouse Theatre at Wilde Lake High School takes a musical tour around the globe. Listen to the amazing talents of our Young Artist Competition Senior Division winners, Janie Shih from River Hill HS and Edmond Kim from the Gilman School. Actors from the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company, and a host of guest drummers help cap off the season with an impressive flourish! Visit [www.columbiaorchestra.org/hcpss](http://www.columbiaorchestra.org/hcpss)

#### Colonial Market Fair Committee

History comes alive at the Colonial Market Fair on June 14-15, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., at the Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum, 300 Oella Avenue, in Catonsville. Watch a blacksmith at work, dip candles, and see a Revolutionary War surgeon and Benjamin Banneker himself. Try your hand at colonial games and chores. There is something for the whole family at this free event offered by the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks and the Friends of Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum.

#### Soccer Association of Columbia is now registering players for SAC Training Academy

Summer Camps scheduled throughout the summer. Players of all abilities, ages 5 to 14 years old, will take part in SAC's new professionally run summer camp. Both full and half days sessions are offered. SAC also offers extended care from 4-6 p.m. for an additional fee. Go to [www.sackick.com](http://www.sackick.com) to register. For more information, contact [asksac@sac-hc.org](mailto:asksac@sac-hc.org).

Lady Eagles Basketball Camp July 21-25, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Centennial High School. This is a camp for girls aged 8-14, costs \$130. Work with experienced coaches on the fundamentals of basketball. If interested, you can contact Coach Bobby Macheel at [macheelr@gmail.com](mailto:macheelr@gmail.com) or visit Centennial Girls Basketball website at <https://sites.google.com/site/chsladyeaglesbasketball> for a copy of the camp brochure.

Dragons Elite Boys' Basketball Camp Glenelg Country School, 12793 Folly Quarter Road Ellicott City, MD. 410-531-8600 [www.glenelg.org/summer\\_](http://www.glenelg.org/summer_) Weekdays 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Session I: June 23 - June 27 (\$325) Session II: June 30 - July 3 (\$260) Session III: July 7 - July 11 (\$325)

#### Dragon Elite Field Hockey Camp

June 23-27 and June 30- July 3, this camp is designed for both Beginner and Experienced Field Hockey Players. Catered lunch, contests, and daily swimming are included in camp fees. Camp hours are 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m. before and after camp care available.

#### Bethany United Methodist Church

Vacation Bible School, June 23-27, 9 a.m. - 11:45 a.m., Bethany United Methodist Church 2875 Bethany Lane, Ellicott City. VBS is open to all children in our community from age 3 years through completing 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Fee: \$35/child (\$15/child for VBS volunteers - must volunteer at least 2 days) Complete online Registration using the link on the home page at [Bethanyum.org](http://Bethanyum.org). For more information, call the church office at [410-465-2919](tel:410-465-2919).

Come out and join the Mt. Hebron Girls' Lacrosse Family by registering for our 2014 Camp! Mt. Hebron Girls' Lacrosse Program is hosting a 1-week EVENING Camp beginning Monday June 9<sup>th</sup> through Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> 5pm-8pm. A Flyer for Camp registration can be found on <http://mthebrongirlslax.com>. Please contact Coach Trish Derwart with questions:[patricia\\_derwart@hcpss.org](mailto:patricia_derwart@hcpss.org)

Camp is coached by current Mt. Hebron coaches and players. It is structured to suit the needs and abilities of ALL players at ALL levels. Players will develop their individual and team skills through drills and game play with individual and group instruction. Campers can expect to have FUN each and every night while playing the best game on 2 feet!

#### Schools Out Adventures with Recreation and Parks for ages 10-13

Your children will learn some lifelong skills, make new friends and have fun in a safe and supervised environment when schools are closed this spring. Activities include fishing, archery, rock climbing, kayaking and swimming. No experience necessary; expert instruction and all equipment provided – check out the NEW Spring Break Rock N Splash Camp at the Roger Carter Community Center. See website for additional dates and details. Information: Matt Medicus, 410-313-4719. Register: 410-313-7275 or visit [www.howardcountymd.gov/schoolsoutadventure.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/schoolsoutadventure.htm)

Columbia Figure Skating Club Frozen in Time On Ice, Sat., Apr. 5, 3 and 6 p.m., Sun., Apr. 6, 2 and 4:30 p.m. at the Columbia Ice Rink, located at 5876 Thunder Hill Rd., Columbia. Ticket purchased at the rink are \$12 each or \$13 online (service fee): [www.columbiafsc.com](http://www.columbiafsc.com)

Glen Mar United Methodist Church in Ellicott City will hold three Vacation Bible School sessions in July for 4 year olds through present sixth-graders. Two are daytime sessions for children and one is an evening family session. Visit [www.glenmarumc.org](http://www.glenmarumc.org) to register. For more information, contact Margaret Lang at [Margaret.lang@glenmarumc.org](mailto:Margaret.lang@glenmarumc.org) or 410-465-4995 ext. 204.

CrossLife Community Church 2014 Track & Field Camp is June 23-27: This half-day morning camp is for children ages 6-13. We are also looking for high school age volunteers. Please check out our website for details [www.CrossLifeEvents.org](http://www.CrossLifeEvents.org)

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## **Music and Arts Summer Band Camp**

### **CONCERT BAND /WIND ENSEMBLE**

Where: Marriott's Ridge High School

When: July 7 – 18, 2014

Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (Elem., M.S., H.S.)

Grades: 4 through 12

Fee: \$225 (includes camp t-shirt)

Concert: July 18, Marriott's Ridge High School

### **JAZZ BAND**

Where: Marriott's Ridge High School

When: July 7 – 18, 2014

Time: 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm (M.S. and H.S.)

Grades: 5 through 12

Fee: \$195 (\$170 if registering for Band and Jazz. (includes camp t-shirt)

Concert: July 18, Marriott's Ridge High School

### **DIRECTORS:**

David Smith - Clarksville Middle School

Kendall Davis - Pointers Run Elementary School

Bring a snack and a drink in a non-breakable container.

Questions? Please call David Smith (410) 925-6519;

Kendall Davis (443) 742-7400; or Music & Arts (410) 461-1844