



*St. John's Lombard School  
Parent Bulletin  
August 24, 2017  
It's Still All About Jesus!*



## **PRINCIPAL'S PAGE**

**Jesus asked his disciples this question:** "Who do people say that the Son of Man is? He asked this question to them as they were in Philippi, a city that was named after Pan, a Greek god of shepherds. Built by King Herod and rebuilt by his son, Philip, it was at that time a city of power and wealth.

Does that sound familiar? Power and Wealth. It sounds like today's world where the comfort of wealth and status impress and influence people's choices. Power, wealth and might today still compete against Jesus for our hearts. In today's news cycles we are made aware of teachings of other religions. In the midst of all the choices, Jesus still want people to know who his people say he is. You see, It is Still All About Jesus!

Peter's answer should be our answer, even amidst all the noise, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." As the school year begins we have many opportunities to say (confess), but also show that Jesus is the Son of God through our actions. We can choose less expensive school supplies and use the savings for those that do not have any. We can donate old furniture that is not being used to schools that are less fortunate. We can decide how our management of material resources reflect our answer to Jesus' question. And when visitors or new family come to school we can welcome them with warmth and joy that we receive from Jesus. Jesus can and will build St. John's on the faith we live out in the midst of the noise of choices of this world.

### **Thought of the Week:**

The greatest mistake you can make in life is to continually be afraid you will make one. Elbert Hubbard

Dear Parents,

The school staff is diligently learning the Sycamore communication system. I ask you to be patient as they discover the best way to update their classroom page, the Sycamore system is very cumbersome (it actually takes 13 steps to place the newsletter on Sycamore).

For your information, these are the parent steps to locating these pages:

- Log-in
- My Family tab
- Students
- Code
- Schedule
- Grade
- Documents

## **PRAYER MORNINGS**

Every Thursday morning from 7:35 - 7:45am we will be praying in the **cafeteria**. Prayers will be led by our National Junior Honor Society.

Students and Parents can write prayer requests on the white board in the cafeteria anytime. The board will be erased each week on Thursday and you can write new requests in the afternoon. So come join us Thursday mornings for prayer time!!

Students will meet in the Cafeteria and Parents in the Library.

## CLASS COLOR DAY

The National Junior Honor Society will be sponsoring Class Color Day on Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be doing Fun Fridays on the First Friday of the month and this is our first!!! Each Class, along with their buddies have been assigned a color.

**PS Flex, Kindergarten and Gr. 8 Blue**

**PS 3, Gr. 1 and Gr. 7 Green**

**Grades 2 and 6 Purple**

**PS 4 and Gr.5 Orange**

**Gr. 3 and 4.Red**

Lets make a rainbow on Friday with all of our buddies!!

## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!

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**Who:** YOUR KIDS!

(children must be potty-trained)

**What:** Movie, snacks and games!

**When:** Saturday, September 9th, 6:00pm – 9:00pm

**Where:** St. John's School's gymnasium (west) and multipurpose room

**Why:** St. John's Girl Scout Troop #41945 is raising funds for a historical trip to Savannah, Georgia, the birthplace of Girl Scouting. Your donation will help support this awesome learning opportunity for our girls.

**Details** A suggested donation of \$10 per child. All of the troop's Cadette Girl Scouts (who recently took a Babysitting 101 class) and their parents will be chaperoning the event. Please complete the registration form or Contact troop leader, Dora Castro-Ahllen, at (773) 988 1820.

## PEER TUTORING

We will be having tutoring for students in grades 2-8. It will begin on Monday, September 11th. We will tutor every Monday from 3-4 PM in the Science Room. Students will be tutored by members of our National Junior Honor Society. There is a form that **MUST** be filled out and turned in to Miss Koehler the **Friday before tutoring**. Forms will be available from your homeroom teacher or on Sycamore. This will assure that we have enough tutors to help with those who need tutoring.

## MUSICAL UPDATE...

We are adjusting our musical schedule so the upper grade musical and the class trip to Washington D.C. will occur on opposite years. This spring the upper grades (5-8) will be doing the spring musical. We will include the 4th graders this year so they don't miss out for 2 years. So, students in grades 4-8 will be presenting School House Rock on April 20-21. This production is optional for students, and practices will be held after school in late March and April. Look for more information in early March, and contact Nora Holler if you have any questions.

**WHERE MY ROOM PARENTS AT??  
WE NEED ROOM PARENTS IN PS – 7<sup>TH</sup>  
GRADES!! C'MON...YOU KNOW YOU  
WANT TO HAVE HALLOWEEN AND  
VALENTINE FUN WITH YOUR KIDS!!  
SEE THE PTO PARENT VOLUNTEER  
SHEET- FILL IT OUT....COME HAVE FUN!**

## DINE & DONATE

### WENDY'S – Midwest Rd. Oakbrook Terrace

Please join us on Monday, September 18 any time from 10 am - 10 pm at the Wendy's in Oakbrook Terrace at 1 S 576 Midwest Rd, for our St. John's school dine and donate. Last year we raised over \$1,100 for our PTO. Let's try to beat that this year! This is a very simple and easy way to help raise needed funds for our school. You can either bring the flier in or show the flier on your phone when placing your order. Look for the flier on Sycamore under DINE & DONATE

## **Howl at the Moon Fall Fundraiser & Social FAQs**

### **What is HOWL at the MOON?**

This summer your PTO board worked hard preparing for an exciting school year. We look forward to helping support faculty and staff, engaging with students and families to provide educational and fun activities, and connecting parents so everyone feels welcomed into the St. John's community. We want to avoid having the kids (and parents!) sell products and instead encourage people to come out, socialize, and most importantly have fun while raising money for our school! This is our MAIN fundraiser this first semester.

#### **Are there any sponsorship opportunities for the Howl at the Moon Fundraiser?**

Yes! We would love to have sponsors to cover our expenses for this event. Below are the sponsorship benefits. Please email [stjohnslombardpto@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnslombardpto@gmail.com) if you're interested in becoming a sponsor. We are happy to provide tax letters for write-off purposes. \$250 Mention in the event program, school newsletter, and Facebook post. \$500 In addition to the above, reserved table for 8 closest to the performers, and a bottle of wine for the table. Our principal, Mr. Landgrave and his wife have already stepped up to sponsor a table! Thank you Landgraves!

#### **What types of onsite fundraising will be at the event?**

We will have a wine pull and more than 40 silent auction items! Some our items include \$100 Gift Card to Bub City in Rosemont with four tickets to see Eli Young Band, Chicago Bears and Chicago Blackhawks tickets, a golf foursome and so much more!

#### **What's a wine pull?**

It's a blind drawing where no matter what the buyer gets a bottle of wine. The donated bottles of wine are wrapped so the labels can't be seen and then they are numbered. Individuals purchase a chance to pull a cork that is numbered and then receive the bottle of wine with the corresponding number. The price of our wine pull is \$20 per cork and you are guaranteed to pull a bottle valued at \$20 or higher. We already have two bottles values at over \$75! Are you going to be one of the lucky winners?

#### **How do I sign up for the event?**

Sign up here! <https://goo.gl/forms/dSigR0OH9P2AAkk52>

There are **TWO** registration options: Seating for this event is organized by tables of 8. You can reserve an entire table or you can reserve space for a smaller party and we will do our best to seat you with others who have children in similar grade levels. If you go the latter route, you will receive an email the week of the email with a list of who will be at your table. This way, your table can coordinate food and beverages if they wish to do so prior to the event.

#### **What if I have a group larger than 8?**

We encourage you to aim to fill two tables for a total of 16 people and we can combine tables or place your tables close together. If you can't quite fill two tables, let us know and we can help place people at your table.

#### **What if I don't have a group of 8?**

No worries! Fill out the registration form ( <https://goo.gl/forms/dSigR0OH9P2AAkk52>) and indicate how many people you want to sign up. The form will ask you to list out the grade your child(ren) are in and we will do our best to seat you with others with children in similar grades.

#### **I want this fundraiser to be a huge success, how else can I help out?**

This fundraiser will not be a success without the help from parents, faculty and staff. There are a number of ways that you can help:

1. **Donate a bottle(s) of wine with a retail value of \$19.99 or higher.** These bottles can be turned into the front office. Please label the wine with your name/business name and the value of the bottle. Our goal is 100 bottles of wine!
2. **Donate to the silent auction.** Do you have the ability to secure a donation for our silent auction? We're specifically looking for overnight hotel stays, timeshare opportunities, tickets to theme parks or other fun places, sporting or concert tickets, signed memorabilia, etc. Please email [stjohnslombardpto@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnslombardpto@gmail.com) if you are able to help
3. **Volunteer for the event.** Most of the event setup will take place on Friday, September 29 after school. Volunteers are also needed during the event to help with the silent auction, event check-in and wine pull. Finally, we would greatly appreciate volunteers to help tear down at the end of the night. Remember, many hands make light work! Email [stjohnslombardpto@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnslombardpto@gmail.com) to let us know you're willing to help!

### **Can I invite people outside of St. John's?**

YES! ABSOLUTELY! PLEASE! We want to absolutely pack the place. We would love to see parents and teachers in attendance, but we also want to encourage you to invite friends, family, neighbors, co-workers! This is going to be a fun night out for everyone! Just imagine all the great opportunities we can provide for St. John's students and teachers by encouraging family, friends and our community to come spend money at this fun event. Plus, this is a great way to show off our Eagle community to those with folks. Please share our flyers with friends and family and encourage them to attend!

### **Are we allowed to bring outside food and beverages?**

Yes, we encourage you to do so! If you are a part of a table of 8, go ahead and start making plans. If you registered with less than a table of 8, you will be contacted the week of September 24 with the names and emails of those who will be seated at your table. Our hope is that your table will connect and communicate who will bring what for your table.

### **Are we glued to our tables all night?**

Of course not! We want you to be up and moving. *The Howl 2 Go* performers are super engaging and we would love to see you up and dancing. The tables are the best way to ensure everyone has a seat to eat and/or rest throughout the night.

### **Can you tell me more on how the evening will run?**

Doors open on Saturday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m. Tables will be assigned prior to the event. From 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., please feel free to set up your food and beverages, visit with friends, check out our wine pull and amazing silent auction items! Lights will be turned down at 8:00 p.m. when the music starts. The band will play straight through until 10:30 p.m. when the event concludes.

### **I've never seen dueling pianos before, can you give me more information?**

Dueling pianos is a form of entertainment, usually on stage with pianos, each played by a professional player who sings and entertains; humor and audience participation are prevalent. Usually most of the songs performed are rock and roll, classic rock, Top 40, R&B, or country played primarily by request. Requests are made by filling out their request form at the event. It does not cost anything to make a request and it is not a guarantee that your request will be honored, however most are (a tip added with your request might incentivize the musicians to bump your request to the top of the list). It's important to know that NOTE: **Howl at the Moon is donating all of the tip money back to St. John's in support of our fundraiser.** So if you want to hear a song, feel free to throw a couple of bucks on there, knowing that money is going right back to our school! If your question is not answered above, please email [stjohnslombardpto@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnslombardpto@gmail.com).



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**The Eagles Nest week of September 4**

To access complete Athletic Calendar please visit Sycamore.  
 On the Home page look on the right hand side for "Featured"  
 then click on "Links" for Athletic Calendar.

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| Tuesday   | September 5  | CC<br>JVVB<br>VVB | Practice<br>Practice<br>Match at Bethany Naperville<br>1550 Modaff Road            | Lunch Room<br>West Gym | 3:15-4:15<br>3:15-5:00 | 4:30 Boys, Girls after |
| Wednesday | September 6  | CC<br>JVVB        | Practice<br>Practice   | Lunch Room<br>West Gym | 3:15-4:15<br>3:15-5:00 |                        |
| Thursday  | September 7  | CC<br>VVB<br>JVVB | Practice<br>Practice<br>Match at St. Paul Mount Prospect<br>18 South School Street | Lunch Room<br>West Gym | 3:15-4:15<br>3:15-5:00 | 4:30                   |
| Friday    | September 8  | VVBB              | Practice   | West Gym               | CANCELLED              |                        |
| Saturday  | September 9  | CC<br>VVBB        | Meet at Madison Meadow Park<br>Tournament at Walther Christian                     |                        | 9:00<br>CANCELLED      |                        |
| Monday    | September 11 | CC                | Meet at Walther Christian  |                        | 4:30                   |                        |

VVBG=Varsity Volleyball Girls (Grades 7-8), VVBB=Varsity Volleyball Boys (Grades 7-8),  
 JVVB=Junior Varsity Boys and Girls (Grades 5-6), CC=Cross Country (Boys and Girls Grades 4-8)

**COACHES**

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