



Blue Notes

3/7/18

Edition 1, Week 26

Peacebuilding on March 14th, 10 a.m.

In light of the recent events in Parkland, Florida, as well as the tragedies in our own Chicago community, the Archdiocese of Chicago is asking all Catholic Schools to take a moment next Wednesday at 10 a.m. to promote PEACE in our world. With the help of Student Council, our school will take a brief break from our studies to do the following activities:

- Color PEACE posters and pictures while listening to peaceful music (Grades PK-2)
- Buddying up older and younger students to discuss ways to build peace through Acts of Kindness (Grades 3, 4, and 7/8)
- Perform service acts around the school like picking up litter (Grades 5-6)
- Peace March around the school yard (all grades)

Students will be photographed doing these activities and shared via our social media in conjunction with all Catholic Schools across the Archdiocese. Special thanks to Mr. B. and the Student Council for taking a leadership role on this special day in our country. Even if you can't join us physically, join us spiritually- in prayer!

-Principal Santellano

TAX CREDIT NEWS/REMINDERS:

Beginning this week Empower Illinois will be sending emails to families in batches with the next steps. Parents will then have seven days to complete the application. Don't forget to check your email!

As for the Big Shoulders Fund Tax Credit, from **March 5- April 5:** Big Shoulders Fund will award scholarships on a rolling basis- subject to funding availability (approximately 1,500-2,000 scholarships). They will communicate with schools about their awardees throughout the month. Please be patient.

Week of April 16: BSF anticipates that we will be able to share lists of all applicants and their current status with schools. Note again that status is subject to funding and as such family status on the waitlist may change.

Here's What's Coming Up at St. John de la Salle!

Friday, March 9th: Purchase lunch to support SJDLS in this week's Fish Fry! We need parents to help box up and sell in two different shifts 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Can you help? Please call Mrs. Wills ASAP.

FAMILY MASS IS THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 11th, hosted by 6th grade. Healthy food items for fellowship are needed and can be dropped off before Mass in the Hall of Heroes. Looking forward to praying and gathering together!



Tuesday, March 13th: Our Grades 1-8 Honor Roll Breakfast will be held from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Donations of treats will be needed to help with this event. Please RSVP ASAP. On the same day, Middle School Swim will head to Chicago State immediately following the breakfast.

Wednesday, March 14th (this is a change from the 15th due to Museum's request): Eight 5th and 6th grade students were chosen to represent St. John de la Salle Catholic Academy at the Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie for their annual 5th and 6th Grade Leadership Day. This time, our student leaders that were chosen are Javon Logan, So'Koree Parker, J'Niya Slaughter, Marilyn McCottrell, Da'Marieye Burrell, Jada Pryor, Larry Rattler Jr., and Eniola Opakunle.



Friday, March 16th: FREE DRESS DOWN DAY in honor of St. Patrick's Day! Students must have on GREEN clothing, Secret Word: Shamrock, to participate in this free Dress Down Day. Students or teachers with the most green on win a prize!

Saturday, March 17th: All Big Shoulders Fund Scholarship recipients are asked to attend the St. Patrick's Day parade to walk with the BSF float. Please dress according to the forecast. Please contact Khyla Jackson at kjackson@bigshouldersfund.org or via phone at **312.544.8662** for more info.

SPRING/EASTER BREAK: It looms in the not so far off distance! Monday, March 26th-Monday, April 2nd, 2018 we are NOT IN SCHOOL. School resumes on Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018.



Saturday, April 7th, 2018: SJDLS Father-Daughter Dance from 1-3 p.m. in the Hall of Heroes.

Saturday, April 21st, 2018: SJDLS Mother-Son Dance from 1-3 p.m. in the Hall of Heroes.

Contact Mrs. Hudson for info!

Around the Arch

Annual Prayer Service for Child Abuse Prevention

Join the Archdiocese of Chicago in its ongoing commitment to the ministry of protecting children at the [Annual Prevent Child Abuse Prayer Service](#) presided by Fr. Lawrence Dowling. Participants will be invited to plant a pinwheel (national symbol of child abuse prevention efforts) during the service.

Friday, May 4, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.
Healing Garden at Holy Family Parish
[1080 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago](#)

To plan accordingly, please RSVP by April 27 to mflores@archchicago.org.

In conjunction with this topic, and as part of our health/science curriculum, we will be completing a unit on child abuse protection in an age appropriate way. This is a requirement from The Office of Child and Youth Protection, but families have the option for their child to opt out. Please contact me if you would like your child to opt out of this unit. ssantellano@johndls.org. The topic will be taught the week after Spring Break.

NEW! PRAYER CORNER

Please lift up in prayer the family of Terrence Lee, Jr. (5th) whose grandfather recently passed. We send our condolences to the Lee & Bruce families.

Eternal Rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of all our faithful departed: rest in peace.

RECENT SALT & LIGHT AWARD WINNERS AMONG OUR TEACHING STAFF:

- **SALT (Award for excellent teaching/lesson plan): Ms. Lynn Turner, Math**
- **LIGHT (Living in God's Holy Truth): Mr. Stefan Bogdanowicz, for Christian Witness**