



# Blue Notes

2/21/18

Edition 1, Week 24

## Proud of our "Snow" Wonderful Staff!

On the scheduled Professional Development day on February 9th, our teachers were unable to meet up in person due to safety concerns. However, that did not stop them from 'meeting up' online to review data, ACT Interim Assessment scores, and to make plans! We continue to lay out a nine week plan to ensure we "hit" all of the standards before the ACT ASPIRE testing window opens April 9-13th. We know our students can do it! I applaud all of our teachers for putting in the extra effort on the "Snow Day" to try something new and plan instruction for our awesome students! Way to be! --Principal Santellano

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

Friday, Feb. 23rd: Grades 6-8 attend the African-American Prayer Service with Cardinal Cupich.



FISH FRY FRIDAYS BEGIN on FEBRUARY 23rd. Order forms came home Tuesday. SJCLS Catholic Academy is sponsoring the Fish Fry days of March 9th and 16th, Are you able to volunteer? We need your help! Please contact Mrs. Wills in the main office.

Saturday, Feb. 24th: Our Middle School Black History Month Team, coached by Ms. Turner, takes on other schools in a competition being held at Leo High School at 10 a.m. Food will be provided and spectators are encouraged!



Tuesday, Feb. 27th: We welcome Ms. Sun, our new Art Teacher from Urban Gateways and via Title Funds! She will teach Art to our students once a week until early May. Students will prepare works for a Gallery Art Show which will be held in conjunction with our Spring Concert on Friday, April 27th.



Wednesday, Feb. 28th: Our monthly Coffee with the Principal will take place at 8:15 a.m., followed by our Student of the Month Mass at 9 a.m. This month, we will be recognizing students who show HEART-GRIT-PASSION for learning, as this month's Fruit of the Spirit is LOVE.

Thursday, March 1st: READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY! Look for a note to come home about a fun special day for guests to come and read with their students from 9-10 a.m.



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**VIRTUS<sup>®</sup>Online**

Saturday, March 3rd: VIRTUS TRAINING at St. John de la Salle! This will be an easy local opportunity to get your training in so that you can chaperone trips! YOU MUST Pre-Register:

[http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list2.cfm?theOrgID=18958&theme=0](http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theOrgID=18958&theme=0) No children are permitted in the building during the training. If you can't come to this session, please look for another on the site.



Monday, March 5th: Basketball players, their siblings, and their VIRTUS trained chaperones will be attending a MARCH MADNESS Basketball Game courtesy of DePaul University Blue Demons! Students will leave at the end of the school day and return around 7 p.m.



Tuesday, March 13th: Our Grades 1-8 Honor Roll Breakfast will be held from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Invites will come out later in the week for our awesome scholars! Donations of treats will be needed to help with this event. On the same day, Middle School Swim will head to Chicago State immediately following the breakfast.

## DON'T FORGET THE 5 Essentials Survey

Our dear supporters at Big Shoulders Fund have connected us with a survey through UChicago so we can continue to improve SJDLS. The surveys opened last week and will close on March 23rd:

<https://survey.5-essentials.org/bigshoulders/survey/parent/>

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*Special Invitation: Attend Chicago State University's Black History Program in the Breakey Theater (off 95th-St. Lawrence Side) on Friday, Feb. 23rd at 7 p.m. Free entry for SJDLS Students and Families, \$5 Parking*

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### ATTENTION: SAVE THE DATE



**Father/Daughter Dance: April 7, 2018 1-3 p.m.**

**Mother/Son Dance: April 21, 2018 1-3 p.m.**

**More info to come- See Ms. Hudson for details**

#### Around the Arch

*Fly by Light*

**Sunday, March 11, 2018**

**11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**St. Benedict the African Parish – The King Room**

**6550 S. Harvard Chicago, IL**

CHICAGO-AREA PREMIERE. FILM DESCRIPTION: When a group of DC teens pack into a bus and head into the mountains of West Virginia for 8 days, they embark on a journey to break the cycles of violence and rewrite their future. For the first time in their lives the youth play in mountain streams, sing under the stars, and confront the entrenched abuse, violence and neglect cycles of their past. As the healing power of nature works its magic, each teen becomes filled with new plans and ideas. But when the group return home, the specters of poverty, violence and homelessness confront them. This award-winning film is a darling of the film festival circuit. Its hopeful vibe chronicles the youths' struggle, but also their strength. *As the film so beautifully illustrates, nature is powerful. Let's stay after the film to talk to **Vincent Gomez** of Chicago Botanic Garden's horticulture therapy program, and a member of the Bodhi Spiritual Center. Secret Word: Engage. We'll have a warm and engaging discussion about the ways we can bring more nature into our neighborhoods and motivate ourselves to go out into nature more often.*

Facilitator: **Toni Anderson** of Sacred Keepers Sustainability Lab.

Ensure your seat! Reserve tickets at [www.oneearthfilmfest.org](http://www.oneearthfilmfest.org)

Doors open 30 minutes before start time. Arrive early to avoid lines and get best seats. ADA compliant accessible venue. Refreshments available. Teens and young adults encouraged to attend. May contain heavy themes, graphic images, and strong language.

Here is the trailer link: [www.crowdrise.com/flybylight](http://www.crowdrise.com/flybylight)