



Blue Notes

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Edition 1, Week 19

Tax Credit Scholarships & Catholic Schools Week



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We're about to get really busy around here at SJDLs! The Tax Credit Scholarships open up on 1/22 for Big Shoulders Fund and 1/31 for Empower Illinois (this is a date change from Empower Illinois!). Our lab (and Principal Santellano) will be open and available to assist parents with applying. If you want to get a head start, contact Principal Santellano so we can begin scanning all of the documents needed for upload and move more quickly. Otherwise, we can scan on the application days. For details on the application process and what you will need, see the green (like money!) sheet attached to this newsletter.

Also attached is our plan for Catholic Schools Week, created by our staff Religion Committee, coming up in two weeks. It will be a super fun Spirit Week celebrating what makes us special. Looking to help or join in on the fun? Contact Mrs. Santellano- ssantellano@johndls.org.

-Principal Santellano

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



Tuesday, January 16th-Friday, Jan. 19th: The Book Fair has been open from 2-3:30 p.m. each day for students to purchase books and other items. Friday, the Book Fair will be open all day, and classes will come during their Technology time to shop. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser and to Ms. Turner for organizing!



Friday, January 19th: 7&8th grade and Mr. Bogdanowicz will head over to Chicago State University for the High School Science Fair and a college tour. We know their visit will encourage them to keep pursuing their dreams to be College/Career Bound.



SAVE THE DATES: Monday, January 22nd (Big Shoulders Fund Application Day) and Wednesday, January 31st (Empower Illinois Application Day): See attached green forms and read above.



Thursday, Feb. 1st: To start Black History Month off right, Pre-K through 2nd grade will head to the Science and Industry Museum to view one special exhibit in particular, The Black Creativity Art Exhibition: the longest running exhibition of African-American art, featuring paintings, drawings, fine art prints, sculpture, mixed-media, ceramics, and photography, including youth artists. VIRTUS trained volunteers are needed to attend- contact your child's teacher to sign up. More information will be forthcoming.

Mark Your Calendars

Monday, Feb. 5th: Say cheese! Kindergarten and 8th Graduation photos will be taken.

Friday, Feb. 9th: NO SCHOOL- Staff Development Day and Sunday, Feb. 11th: Next Family Mass

Friday, Feb. 16th: Report Cards Sent Home



LIZZIE G Performs at SJDLS

Monday, January 8th, St. John students got a special surprise performance and motivational speech by local artist, "Educated Female Rapper LIZZIE G". Lizzie G packs motivation and encouragement into a powerful presentation. She lights up the stage with her impressive abilities- not only in rapping, but in promoting peace, hard work, and friendship. We hope this partnership can continue over the years as she provides a healthy boost of confidence- straight from the highly educated, high energy, Lizzie G! We thank her for her support of SJDLS stemming from the talent show in the December up to today!

PEACEMAKERS!
One of the Fruits of
the Spirit (Galatians
5:22) is PEACE.

*In honor of Dr. Martin
Luther King, Jr., we
will be seeking out
students who
demonstrate PEACE
in January.*

Studying Circuitry in Science Class is Electrifying

7/8 grade didn't waste any time last week getting right down to business, creating working circuits with batteries and lightbulbs.



Special Thanks

With Father Kiiguta still in Tanzania, our school and weekend Masses have been celebrated by visiting priests. We were blessed the last two weeks to have Father Kevin McCarthy, a priest from Gary, Indiana who is also a friend of Mrs. Santellano. He has known her since she was 12 years old back in Valparaiso, IN. Secret Words: Party Hardy with Jesus Christ. We thank him for bringing his energy and enthusiasm across state lines!



AROUND THE ARCH

40th Annual African American Heritage Prayer Service

Our 40th Annual African American Heritage Prayer Service is scheduled to take place Friday, February 23, 2018 from 9:30 – 11 a.m. at Holy Name Cathedral. We are honored that Cardinal Blase J. Cupich has graciously agreed to preside during this special anniversary year of the prayer service. Please save the date for this wonderful liturgical celebration of faith and culture.

Archdiocesan Info Sessions on Tax Credit Scholarships

The Archdiocese is hosting tax credit scholarship information events for current and prospective students across the Archdiocese. At the events they will provide a general overview of tax credit scholarships and the application process and answer attendee questions. They will also have scanners and thumb drives available during the events so that families can scan in and save the documents they will need to submit when applying for tax credit scholarships – giving a head start for January 22 and 31 when applications open. Below find the info for the local information session:

Thursday, January 18, 2018

6 – 8 p.m.

Leo High School, 7901 S. Sangamon, Chicago