

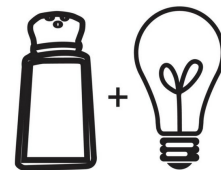
Blue Notes

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Edition 1, Week 18

SALT & LIGHT

In the Gospel of Matthew, we hear that we are called to be 'salt for the earth' and the 'light of the world'. Our awesome SJDLS teachers are striving for exactly that! At our Faculty Meetings before Christmas break, teachers have been awarded ceremonial candle and salt shakers to commend their awesome teaching and/or for witnessing Christ's light for all to see. Recent LIGHT (Living in God's Holy Truth) awardees include:



Be the Salt
MATTHEW 5:13-16

- **Mrs. Aguirre** always volunteers to assist in extra ways, like judging the Invention Convention. She arrives early and stays late daily, covers for other staff members when needed, and seeks opportunities to grow and lift others' spirits.
- **Ms. Hudson** subs all over the building, is flexible to help where needed, and "behind the scenes" makes sure things get put away, cleaned up, or sorted out. Thank you!

Stay tuned to hear which teacher had a "salty" lesson plan or who was "shining" God's truth around SJDLS in the coming weeks! Want to nominate a teacher or staff member for an excellent lesson plan or for witnessing Christ's light to our students and community? Nominate via ssantellano@johndls.org.

-Principal Santellano

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



Friday, January 12th: Parent-Teacher Conferences! Half Day **dismissal at 12 p.m.** (using Hall of Heroes door as usual). Conferences will be held from 1-5 p.m. (Be sure to indicate preferred times to Mrs. Wills via paper OR this online link: <https://goo.gl/forms/PpimLMJbsNLoKOP03>)
No conferences or Progress Reports will be given if accounts are in arrears.

Sunday, January 14th: FAMILY MASS hosted by 7/8 Grade. Stay for fellowship after Mass and visit the Book Fair!



Monday, January 15th: **No School in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday.** Please join the Rosemoor Community Association in the Hall of Heroes from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the FREE performance of Solid & Grace, a play about a young man finding his way through the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his grandmother's influence. A beautiful way to celebrate Dr. King!

Tuesday, January 16th-Friday, Jan. 19th: The Book Fair will be Open during lunch and 2-3:30 p.m. each day for students to purchase books and other items. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!



SAVE THE DATES: Monday, January 22nd (Big Shoulders Fund Application Day) and Wednesday, January 24th (Empower Illinois Application Day): Our Computer Lab will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. assist families who want to apply for the new "Invest in Kids" Tax Credit Scholarship. Join us for refreshments and raffles! You will need: a Copy of 2016 federal tax return, 1099, W-2 or year-end pay stubs; Proof of Illinois residency (driver's license, state ID or utility bill); & Documentation of student age (birth certificate, federal/state ID or passport). You can apply for one or both scholarships. Bring a friend who is new to SJDLS to apply & receive a No Uniform Pass for your child. Let's help grow SJDLS for a bright future for all!



Christmas Concert

Wasn't it a wonderful show? Special thanks to Mr. Williams for his hard work, as well as Father Kiiguta for preparing the 5th graders so wonderfully to sing in Swahili while dancing! We were all proud of the leadership shown by 7th and 8th grade with their Preschool buddies. Great work, teachers and students! For video clips from the concert, go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnDeLaSalle/>

NACHO Average Reader!



Who doesn't love a delicious plate of NACHOS? (Unfortunately for Mrs. Santellano's cholesterol levels, she does too.) A new, just-for-fun program is starting this week: any student who reads a book (any level, any length) can pick up a "chip" outside Mrs. Santellano's office. Fill out a "chip" report for every book read, and return to Mrs.

Santellano. Prizes will be awarded for those students reading 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, or 50 books, including a Nacho lunch! Competition ends 2/2.

Date Change

Ms. Thurman's Coffee with a Teacher scheduled for 1/31 has been changed to this coming Wednesday 1/17. We apologize for the confusion. Mrs. Thurman (aka Ms. Philpot) will share news from 2nd grade and a little about her background, including being a SJDLs graduate! Secret word: alumna. Come down to the Computer Lab at 8:15 for donuts, coffee, and to hear all of the good things going on in 2nd grade.

Attendance Competition

The winter doldrums are upon us, but we're still engaged in learning at SJDLs! For all of January, each classroom will be recording the number of days ALL students were present at school. The class with the highest percentage of attendance will be awarded an Ice Cream Social!

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.*

Catholic Schools Week: Sunday, January 28th to Friday, February 2nd

More events to come, but "Save the Date" and tell a friend!

(Families who refer new families to our Open House will win Dress Down passes and enter a raffle for gift cards and other prizes)

**Sunday, January 28th: 10 a.m. Mass for Catholic Schools Week kickoff
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Open House**

Thursday, February 1st: 5-7 p.m. Evening Open House