



Blue Notes

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Edition 1, Week 28

5/6 Grade Leadership Day

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I am So'koree and I was one of 8 students chosen to go to the Holocaust Museum in Skokie, Illinois for Leadership Day. I am going to tell you all that we did. First, when we got there they split us up into groups with people that we didn't know. It was a little scary but it gave us the opportunity to see kids that aren't just in our school, that are leaders just like us. After that, we all got back together and went around the museum to see how we can be better leaders in our schools and communities. We saw all types of people around the world with different ages and

racess, showing us that no matter what, you can be a great leader. You can also find someone in your neighborhood that is a leader like you. Finally, we wrote poetry about problems in our school and how we can solve them. The problem we chose was "disrespect towards teachers". After we wrote our poem, we made a beat and performed it (it was really funny). Overall, i think the trip was not just one, but a million ways to show amazing young and old leaders.

Note from Principal Santellano: So'Koree asked to contribute to this week's Blue Notes after their experience last week in Skokie. Go to our Facebook page to see more great pictures and videos of our awesome Leadership Day Students: Larry Rattler, Jr., Jada Pryor, Da'Marieye Burrell, Eniola Opakunle, So'Koree Parker, Marilyn McCottrell, J'Niya Slaughter, and Javon Logan.

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

TURN IN YOUR CANDY MONEY TO MRS. WILLS ASAP! Please contact her with any questions.



Friday, March 23rd: LAST FISH FRY of the year! Please support our parish if you are able and purchase a perch or catfish lunch or dinner- take it home so you don't have to cook!

Monday, March 26th-Monday, April 2nd: SPRING and EASTER BREAK! **School resumes on Tuesday,**

April 3rd.



April 6th: The Gradebook will close to parents in preparation for the Progress Reports/Conferences.

Our LAST Book Fair of the year- Buy One, Get One Free will take place from Friday, April 8th to Thursday, April 12th.



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

Sunday, April 8th: Our April Family Mass will take place at 10 a.m., hosted by grades 3 & 4.

Thursday, April 12th: This will be a half day for all students, and Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place in the afternoon. THERE IS NO AFTER CARE ON THIS DAY. For this set of conferences, teachers will request conferences with certain families, and families are likewise, able to request a conference, but it will **not be like** our previous conferences with scheduled conferences for all. Look for more information to come out about this when we return from Spring/Easter Break.

Friday, April 13th: There is NO SCHOOL due to Professional Development for our teachers.

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

SPECIAL NOTE: FAMILY MASS FOR MAY WILL NOT BE HELD ON MOTHER'S DAY THIS YEAR- PLEASE MARK SUNDAY, MAY 20th AS OUR NEW DATE. Celebrate all of the moms out there in your own special way- we'll see you the week after!



TAX CREDIT NEWS/REMINDERS:

Empower Illinois IS STILL sending emails to families in batches with the next steps. Parents will then have seven days to complete the application. So far, SJDLS has 12 Empower applicants.

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.

Remember: You will need an acceptance letter from Principal Santellano to send to the SGO as a final step to receive the Tax Credit scholarship. Secret Word: Re-Register. These acceptance letters will be written for families who have applied for next year using the new application as well as paying the family registration fee of \$150.

St. Patrick's Day Fun!



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

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 an Archdiocesan 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.



PRAYER CORNER: Please send prayers of healing to the grandfather of Maya (2) and Ethan (PK) Conaway as he recovers from surgery!