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Heart of the Future Award



We are so thrilled to announce that our very own Ms. Christine Aguirre (3&4 grade) has been selected to receive the Archdiocese of Chicago's **2018 Heart of the Future, Heart of the School Award**. This award recognizes employees who have worked in education for three years or less, and demonstrate outstanding excellence, leadership and service. Awardees are people who inspire those around them with their enthusiasm and support of the educational mission of the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic

Schools.

The Heart of the School Awards encompass nine award areas and two nominees were selected for each award area. The Archdiocese received almost 500 nominations of teachers, administrators and staff members for the Heart of the School Awards this year. Ms. Aguirre's nomination was selected for this award because of her outstanding contribution to our school and the students we serve.

We are proud of the hard work Ms. A puts in every day, from her early mornings and late evenings to coaching our first ever Robotics Team and teaching a split classroom with enthusiasm and joy. We are excited that she will be recognized next Thursday at a luncheon with 3 of her family members, Father Kiiguta, and Principal Santellano. Keep up the great work, Ms. A.! SJDLS is blessed to have you!



Athletics Banquet

We want to celebrate our St. John Athletes after a great Basketball and Cheerleading season. Athletes and families, please mark your calendars for Monday, May 21st at 6 p.m. Mrs. Lyles, Principal Santellano, Coach Tahmassebi, and Coach Diamond will be hosting a night of celebrating our Student Athletes. Secret Word: awards. Make plans to join us!



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

This Week: Please bring spare change or any donations to the teachers buckets to collect for Teacher Appreciation Week!



May 7th-11th: TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK! Join us in celebrating our awesome SJDLS Staff! On Monday, May 7th, there will be a \$1 dress down to help collect to provide gift cards for our awesome teachers!

May 8th: Last Middle School Swim lessons of the year! Please come prepared!

Thursday, May 17th: 8th Grade will be sponsoring a Nacho Sale. (This date has been changed from May 11) We need help with this, 8th grade parents. Please contact Mrs, Wills or Ms. Turner ASAP.

Sunday, May 20th: FAMILY MASS & May Crowning, 10 a.m.

Monday, May 21st: Save the date: ATHLETICS BANQUET will be held at 6 p.m. Volunteers needed! Contact Mrs. Santellano.

Friday, May 25th: WE ARE IN SCHOOL THIS DAY (makeup day from October when the alarm system had to be repaired).

Monday, May 28th: NO SCHOOL, MEMORIAL DAY

Tuesday, May 29th: 8th Grade Awards & Luncheon at Chateau Bu-Sche, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, May 30th: 8th Grade Class Trip (Segway Tour of Chicago + Navy Pier)

Thursday, May 31st: 8th Grade Graduation Mass, 6 p.m. (ALL INVITED)

Sunday, June 3rd: Taste of St. John

Monday, June 4th: NO SCHOOL (due to Taste of St. John)

Tues., June 5th: Kindergarten Luncheon Wednesday, June 6th: Last School Mass, 9 a.m. & Kindergarten Graduation, 10 a.m.

Thursday, June 7th: Preschool through 7th Grade End of the Year Awards Ceremony

Friday, June 8th: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, Half Day Dismissal at 12 p.m. **Last day to sign up for Summer Camp & to re-register students for fall 2018 at the discounted fee of \$150.**

PRESS RELEASE: St. John de la Salle Catholic Academy Recognized as a Common Sense Certified School: Digital Citizenship



Chicago, IL – Common Sense, the national nonprofit organization dedicated to helping kids and families thrive in a world of digital media and technology, has recognized St. John de la Salle as a Common Sense School.

St. John has demonstrated its commitment to taking a whole-community approach to preparing its students to use the immense power of digital media to explore, create, connect, and learn, while limiting the perils that exist in the online realm, such as plagiarism, loss of privacy, and cyberbullying. The recognition acknowledges our schools commitment creating a culture of digital learning and citizenship.

"We applaud the faculty and staff of St. John de la Salle for embracing digital citizenship as an important part of their students' education," said Liz Kline, VP, Education Programs, Common Sense Education. "St. John deserves high praise for giving its students the foundational skills they need to compete and succeed in the 21st-century workplace and participate ethically in society at large."

St. John has been using Common Sense Education's innovative and research-based digital citizenship resources, which were created in collaboration with Dr. Howard Gardner of the GoodPlay Project at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. The resources teach students, educators, and parents tangible skills related to Internet safety, protecting online reputations and personal privacy, managing online relationships, and respecting creative copyright. The free resources are currently used in more than 100,000 classrooms nationwide.

"We're honored to be recognized as a Common Sense School," said Principal Sally Santellano. "By preparing our students to use technology safely and responsibly, we are providing them unlimited opportunities to maximize and personalize their learning." For more information about St. John de la Salle, visit www.johndlsacademy.org. To learn more about the criteria SJDLS met to become recognized as a Common Sense School, visit <https://www.commonsense.org/education/recognition-schools>.