

Blue Notes

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Teacher Appreciation

Our hardworking teachers continue to develop our students' minds and prepare them for great futures! We've been working to celebrate them in little ways all week: raffles, lunch, breakfast, surprises, etc. Heartfelt notes were delivered yesterday to all of the teachers. We continue to collect donations in the teachers' jars as well, so as to purchase additional surprises for them. Thank you for your support of our amazing teachers and staff!

Tomorrow, Ms. A. will be honored at the Heart of the School Awards, receiving the Heart of the Future Award. Here is a passage for her bio, written on her behalf by our instructional aide Mr. Diamond: "Ms. A is a walking superhero in our 3&4 grade classroom serving our youth on the south side of Chicago. Even though she has only 3 years of teaching experience, she carries herself like a 30 year seasoned veteran. I've watched and learned so much from Ms. A this school year. She is very organized and works extremely hard to perfect her craft. She



goes above and beyond to make sure her students receive all the support needed to be successful in and outside the classroom. It's an honor and privilege to have worked with Ms. A this school year. The scary part is she's only getting better by the day, by the lesson, by the student." Thank you, Mr. Diamond, for sharing these words, and for sharing your many gifts with SJDLS this year! Thank you, teachers and staff for all you do!

POLK BROS FOUNDATION

Polk Brothers

Principal Santellano and St. John de la Salle were recent recipients of a grant from Polk Brothers Foundation. Mrs. Santellano will partake in collaborative professional development with other selected principals. To be chosen, schools must show academic improvement and improved structures. Stay tuned to the Blue Notes to see how the money will assist and improve our students' education!

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

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.



Wed., May 23rd: LAST Coffee with the Principal, 8:15 a.m., Student of the Month Mass 9 a.m. followed by Ribbon Pinning/Passing the Torch Ceremony.

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 Awards Luncheon at Chateau Bu-Sche, 11 a.m.

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)

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

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

<u>Friday</u>, <u>June 8th</u>: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, Secret Word: tissues. Half Day Dismissal at 12 p.m. Last day to re-register students for Fall 2018 at the discounted fee of \$150.

You're Invited to a Ribbon Pinning!

Who: Parents and Family Members of Kindergarten, 7th Grade, and 8th Grade Students and the SJDLS Community

For: A "Passing the Torch" Ceremony

<u>When:</u> Wednesday, May 23rd, 2018 after 9 a.m. Mass

K, 7, & 8 Grade Students should dress up for the occasion.

Join us for a special celebration!