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PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

SJB will go *virtual* for one week after Thanksgiving. Online teacher conferences are moving from Nov. 9 & 10 to Nov. 23 & 24.

The changes give families and staff more time at Thanksgiving to monitor their health while keeping a safe distance from the school community.

The changes were recommended by school nurse Anna Damiano and consulting pediatrician Karen Lanni, who believe strong preventative steps will keep the school safely open for the long term.

Nov. 9 & 10 will be regular school days. Nov. 23 & 24 will be no-school days, but with online parent-teacher conferences scheduled throughout those days.

By extending the time at home during Thanksgiving, parents can watch for potential symptoms after family visits. Submit any questions [here](#) for the Oct. 19 school board meeting.



Rescheduled: School Board/HSA

The next school board advisory/home school association meeting falls on Columbus Day, so we will be planning to meet on the following Monday, October 19 at 6 pm instead. All are welcome to attend.

The first half of the meeting will cover business/administrative issues, and questions received on [this form](#) from SJB families will be answered at the end. Save the date!



No-School Dates in October

- Friday, October 9, 2020
- Monday, October 12, 2020
- Monday, October 26, 2020
- Friday, October 30, 2020

Q: Which Pro Golfer is an SJB Graduate?

A: Denny McCarthy – [Best Putter Alive](#)

Prayers for Maria Nguyen Thi Mieu, who died Sept. 26, grandmother of Emma (5th) and Sophia Pham (2nd) and mother of Mrs. Demi Nguyen. We pray for Mrs. Mieu and her family.

Chromebook Update – Good news! Montgomery County Public Schools will fulfill summer orders placed by SJB and other private schools. Chromebook delivery is expected in next four weeks.



Get to Know an SJB Family!

We created this column so that we can hear your stories and stay in touch during COVID-19. We encourage anyone who feels they would like to say something to write something or share photos. All topics are welcome! Do you like to travel? Tell us about your travels. Do you have a funny or sad story to tell? We are here for you to listen and to support!

My husband and I moved to DC region in 2009 from Texas. We love the beauty of the seasons here: gorgeous colorful fall, dry and merry winter, playful and emerald spring, and sweet-smelling and vibrant summer. Since we moved, we love exploring the DMV area and going to different places depending on the season. Until we were affected by COVID-19, it was so easy to entertain ourselves and the kids. Museums, play-seums, zoos, aquarium, farms, botanical gardens, beaches -- you name it, the region's got it. Now, I am scrambling for ideas as to where to go and how to entertain the kids safely because walking around our neighborhood and nearby parks for eight months is getting kind of boring. I really want the change of scenery. So, I started looking around for weekend day trips and venues where I can walk and entertain my family safely, preferably outside and preferably 6 feet apart from people. I did find some options that I'd like to share with you. I hope you find these travel tips useful.

Yours truly,
Lena Maslov

- [Roer's Safari](#) - Take a walk-through tour or feel safest in your own car on a self-drive safari experience. Highly recommend opting for a drive-through safari instead.
- [Catoctin Wildlife Preserve](#) - See multiple exotic animals. Not a lot of people drive out there, so there are barely any people walking around.
- [Clark Elioak Farm](#) - Cheap safe fun for all family members! Kids can feed the goats, while parents can rest on the bench or walk. There is plenty of space to maintain social distancing.
- [Heyser Farm](#) - Practical, fun, and very close. You can buy eggs, meat, and seasonal fruit and veggies among other farm raised produce. Very good scenery for family photoshoot.
- [Brookeville Beer Farm](#) (Brookville, MD) - Pure relaxation for adults with some good beer and pizza.



SJB Masks: Would you like to purchase some SJB gear? School masks are still available for purchase at school. They're \$15 each or two for \$20. Order [SJB Face Masks](#). Questions? Contact kalanni@msn.com.

Did You Know? You can see some of the fun activities at St. John the Baptist Catholic School through SJB's Facebook page? Take a moment to "follow" and see some of the great art projects, lessons, and fun learning projects of the students here: <https://www.facebook.com/SJBSilverSpring>.

Do you have a story, thoughtful piece, or picture that you'd like to share in this newsletter? As a community building activity, we want to hear from you! Contact: yelenamaslov@gmail.com and meriannespencer@yahoo.com.



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