



SJLS GEMS Newsletter

November 2019

Welcome

At a Glance:

- Thanksgiving break is almost here!
- We're collecting canned goods in November.
- Craft Fair is coming!
- Remember to check out the school's Facebook page and website:
www.sjlssumter.org

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. This is our time to give thanks for everything (good and bad) in our lives. Without one, we wouldn't recognize the other.

"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus

concerning you. Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesying. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-22

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." Psalm 118:1

School News

Current & Upcoming Events:

Canned Food Drive	Nov. 1 st -22 nd
SJLC Youth Night	Nov. 7 th
Craft Fair	Nov. 9 th
Veteran's Holiday (no school)	Nov. 11 th
Interims Issued	Nov. 15 th
Spirit Week	Nov. 18 th -22 nd
Thanksgiving Brunch/Luncheon	Nov. 22 nd
Thanksgiving Break	Nov 25 th -29 th

We have finished our UNICEF project for the month of October. Please return your UNICEF boxes, if you haven't already. We will be rewarding the class that raised the most money with a pizza party. Thank you for your help!

From Friday, November 1st through Friday, November 22nd SJLS is collecting canned goods and other non-perishables to help assist the United Ministries of Sumter. Drop-off boxes will be located at the end of the main school hallway. We thank you in advance for your generous donations.

SJLS will also be having Spirit Week during our canned food drive. Spirit Week is November 18th-22nd. Here are the themes for the week:

Monday- Wacky Tacky Day (come in your mix matched clothes), Tuesday-Superhero/Princess Day, Wednesday-Team Day, Thursday-Decades Day (choose your decade), and Friday-Thanksgiving Best.

St. James Lutheran Church youth night will be Thursday, November 7th from 6:00-7:30 in the church fellowship hall. Youth night is open to SJLS students 5K-4th grade. Dinner will be provided. Please call the church office at 803-773-2260 to reserve a spot for your child.

The school's annual craft fair will be held on Saturday, November 9th. Come out between 9am – 3pm, support some local crafters and get some fantastic Christmas presents. We only have a few spots left outside of the fellowship hall under the awning, if you are interested in being a vendor. Volunteers are also still needed to help with concessions. Please contact the school office, if interested.

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Our annual Thanksgiving banquet will be held on Friday, November 22nd. K3 & K4 students will have Thanksgiving brunch starting at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Kindergarten through 4th grade will have their luncheon beginning at 12:30 pm, also in the Fellowship Hall. Both meals are potluck events, so please make sure you sign-up for one of the dishes your child's class was assigned. Let your child's teacher know what dish you are bringing so we can make sure there are a variety of foods. You will be contacted at a later date about the item your child's class has been assigned. Parents, grandparents, and church members are welcome.

Please also send your dish in a disposable container, or make sure that your name is on the dish, so it can be returned. Thank you.

Interim reports for the second quarter will be sent home on November 15th. These need to be signed and returned on November 18th. It is very important that they are returned!

The school will be closed from November 25th – 29th for Thanksgiving break. We would like to open our holiday care program on the 25th, 26th & 27th, but will be closed November 28th & 29th. If your child needs care, please pre-register your child by completing the form that will be sent home next week. A certain amount of students are required to keep this program open. The cost is \$8 an hour or \$40 a day. Enjoy your week long vacation. 😊
School will reopen on Monday, December 2nd.

Beginning on December 2nd, the school will have up their Advent Tree. SJLS adopts families every year and places the families' wish lists on the tree, which is located in the main school hallway. Please stop by the tree at the end of the hall, or contact the school office, and help make a difference in someone's Christmas.

If you attend a field trip or classroom event and take pictures, please share. You can email them to the

school at sjls1137@sc.rr.com. These make great additions to our yearbook and Facebook page.

Finally, we would like to wish the following people a very happy birthday: Hannah Barthold, Alex Barthold, Isaac Brooks, and Grace Pate.

