

August 29, 2011

Dear Parents of 6th, 7th and 8th graders:

We are all very excited about the start of a new school year, and we are looking forward to a wonderful Junior CYO year with your children!

Junior CYO provides an opportunity for the children in 6th through 8th grades to participate in many activities, enabling them to grow through service and spiritual opportunities, as well as providing them with cultural and social events.

Please Note: Participation in CYO sports does NOT make you a member of SJE Junior CYO.

- **To join SJE Junior CYO for the 2011/2012 school year, please complete and return the attached enrollment form AND the Activity Sign-up Sheet (pages 5 through 8) plus a \$20.00* membership fee (checks made payable to “St. John the Evangelist Jr. CYO”).**
*New this year: the membership fee includes admission to Name-That-Tune and all three Dances for the Junior CYO member.

Please return your registration form by September 9, 2011 to:

Junior CYO; c/o Kim DiPierro
331 Michael Road
Yardley, PA 19067

We are looking forward to the many events we have planned for this year.

- **Our first members-only event will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011.** We will be celebrating 5:30 p.m. Mass together as a group, followed by our annual pizza party and “Name that Tune” in the Parish Center.
- **Our first community service event will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2011.** We will be making sandwiches at SJE and then serving meals for the Loaves & Fishes Program at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Trenton, NJ.

As with many other programs involving our children, we rely on parent assistance to enable us to provide a safe and enjoyable environment. Archdiocesan and Parish rules mandate a minimum number of chaperones be present at youth ministry events and the chaperone’s Background Clearance / Safe Environment paperwork must be up to date.

- **Chaperones - Please contact Christine at the Rectory for background clearance / training well in advance of any activity you will chaperone at or drive to; this is done at no cost to you.**

Chaperone coordination will be done separately for each event throughout the year. To assist in obtaining chaperones for the dances, we would like to request each grade level sponsor one of the three dances. We will start with 8th grade parents for the first dance, then 7th grade parents for the second dance, then 6th grade parents for the third dance - with the intention of providing time for new Junior CYO parents to obtain the required training / clearance. Please note that, in the event we do not have a sufficient number of chaperones for an event 24 hours prior, that event will be cancelled with notification sent via email.

If there are any special ideas you may have, please share them with us, through our e-mail, or at the board meetings. Fresh ideas and new faces are always welcome to help us make this a memorable year for our children.

Please feel free to share this information with anyone else who may have been inadvertently omitted from this distribution list – all 6th, 7th and 8th graders in the Parish are welcome!

See you in September!
Junior CYO Board

Junior CYO Event rules and Dress Code

1. Admission is limited to 6th, 7th and 8th grade members only. **Members** will be required to check in at events, and provide an emergency contact number (if one is not already available).
2. **Guests** are welcome at each dance (**with a limit of one (1) guest per member**). Guests must be in the **6th, 7th or 8th grade**. **Guests must be signed in by the parent-of-the-Jr-CYO-member accompanying the guest**, and an emergency contact number must be provided. *The fee for a guest is \$7.00 per dance.*
3. Event times are listed. We will not be responsible for children who are dropped off earlier or picked up later than the printed times.
4. No backpacks or containers of any kind will be allowed inside any Parish facility. Please leave these at home.
5. **No cell phone use is permitted at events.** Please see a chaperone if you need to use your phone.
6. Once inside, no one is allowed to leave an event unless being picked up by a parent, and **the parent MUST come inside.**
7. No one will be admitted to an event beyond one hour of its start time.
8. Dress code: Proper attire is expected. No tube tops, tank tops, belly shirts, inappropriate words on T-shirts, pants worn too low (undergarments showing) or other distasteful outfits are allowed at any Jr. CYO activity. If you are inappropriately dressed, you will not be admitted to the event.
9. At dances, respectful distance should be maintained during slow dances.
10. Please be advised that any rude or inappropriate behavior will be dealt with as follows:
 - 1st time – a verbal warning
 - 2nd time – 10-15 minute cool-down period
 - 3rd time – phone call to parent and dismissal from event

For your reference throughout the year, a copy of the Activity Sign-Up Sheet will be posted on our Parish website.

Please be sure to check out our website for updates, event information, etc: ***<http://www.stjohnpa.org>***.

Please know that you are always welcome to join us at our board meetings to be held on the second Thursday of the month:

Thursday October 13, 2011 7PM, Parish Center Meeting Room A

Thursday January 12, 2012 7PM, Parish Center Meeting Room A

Thursday March 8, 2012 7PM, Parish Center Meeting Room A

Thursday May 10, 2012 7PM, Parish Center Meeting Room A

**** Fill out and Return with Activity Sign-Up Sheet ****
St John the Evangelist Junior CYO Enrollment Form 2011-2012
\$20.00 per student

Please be sure to answer ALL questions below.

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Parents' e-mail:* _____

Address: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Birthday: _____

Father's Name: _____ Cell phone: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Cell phone: _____

Emergency Contact's Name: _____ Relationship to child: _____

Emergency Contact's Phone: _____ Emergency contact's cell phone: _____

MUST BE ANSWERED:

Medical Concerns/Allergies (including foods): _____

It is important to provide us the allergy information, especially for foods since we serve food at many of our events. Please indicate Not Applicable (NA) if there are no allergies or other issues to note.

*Please note that all of our correspondence (new events, changes, cancellations, etc) will be sent via the **parents'** e-mail address– If your e-mail changes during the year; please notify Kim DiPierro at kimdipierro@comcast.net as soon as possible. Please check your e-mail frequently. Thank you.

Student:

I agree that I will follow the rules of the Jr. CYO, including no cell phone use. I will respect chaperones and adult advisors, and always have a kind and respectful attitude toward other members of the Jr. CYO.

Signature: _____

Parent(s):

I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in St. John's Jr. CYO program. I acknowledge that I have read and understand the event rules (including the dress code and cell phone use during events). I understand there will be adult supervision and that I will be contacted in case of an emergency or unbecoming behavior.

Signature: _____

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**** Fill out and Return with enrollment form ****

Activity Sign-up Sheet 2011-2012 – Side 1 of 2

- **For planning purposes**, we are asking you to fill out this form so we can gauge your interest level at this time for the events currently scheduled.
- Please mark below all the activities that you **MAY** be interested in attending throughout the year.
- **Chaperones will be coordinated separately.**
- **Event changes are communicated via email, including any additional events.**

SERVICE EVENTS (Please check the Member column if you might want to attend this event)

Member	Date	Event/Details
	Sat., Sept 24	Sandwich making for the Loaves & Fishes Program at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Trenton, NJ. Meet in the Deacon James Hartmann Meeting Room from 8-10 a.m. We need donations of bread, bologna, cheese, juice boxes, and cookies – <i>to be coordinated separately.</i>
	Sat., Sept 24	Serve meals for the Loaves & Fishes Program at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Trenton, NJ. Meet outside the Deacon James Hartmann Meeting Room at 10a.m.; return to SJE between 1:00-1:30p.m. <i>Drivers will be needed and coordinated separately – you MUST have current background clearance.</i>
	Sat., Oct 22	Trip to St. Joan of Arc in Philadelphia, PA (3546 Frankford Ave). This is SJE’s Sister School. Clean up for the fall, organize, fix things, etc. 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon; Meet outside the Deacon James Hartmann Meeting Room at 7:30 AM.; return to SJE around 12:30. <i>Drivers will be needed and coordinated separately – you MUST have current background clearance.</i>
	Sat., Nov 12	Manor Care Nursing Home visit in Yardley, PA. Play bingo and/or make a craft (bookmarks, cards, place mats) with residents. Meet outside the Deacon James Hartmann Meeting Room at 2:00 PM; return to SJE between 4:30-4:45 PM. <i>Drivers will be needed and coordinated separately – you MUST have current background clearance.</i>
Separate Sign Up Required	Sat., Dec 3	Help with “Lunch with Santa” for younger parishioners; school cafeteria; ~10am-1pm. <i>NOTE: This event is limited – it requires separate sign up and confirmation from the coordinator. More information will be sent closer to the event date.</i>
	TBD	Jesse Tree Sort; meet in Church after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. <i>More information will be sent closer to the event date.</i>
	Sat., Dec 10	Trip to Philabundance in Philadelphia, PA (3616 S. Galloway Street). Sort donated non-perishable food, get an orientation, watch a video about the organization, and tour the facility. 8:00 AM to 12:30 Noon; Meet outside the Deacon James Hartmann Meeting Room at 7:45am; return to SJE between 12:30 and 1:00.. Any student 14 years or older is allowed to work on the assembly line. Any student under 14 years will be in a room making cards to be placed in the boxes of donated food. <i>Drivers will be needed and coordinated separately – you MUST have current background clearance.</i>
	Sat., Jan 14	Trip to Cornerstone Christian Academy in Philadelphia (1939 S. 58 th Street). Clean, paint, organize, and do small odd jobs at this K-8 school. Meet outside the Deacon James Hartmann Meeting Room at 8:00am; return to SJE around 1:00pm. <i>Drivers will be needed and coordinated separately – you MUST have current background clearance.</i>
	Sat. Feb 4 & Sun, Feb 5	Souper Bowl of Caring to benefit the projects of the Knights of Columbus. Meet after one of the weekend Masses, in the vestibule of the Church. We need collectors at all Masses.
	Sat., Feb 11	Trip to Woods Services in Langhorne, PA. This is a residential facility for children / adults with exceptional needs. Play board games, work on crafts, and do various other activities. Must be at least 12 years old. Times TBD. <i>Drivers will be needed and coordinated separately – you MUST have current background clearance.</i>
	Sat., March 17	We will make a trip to the Aid for Friends office in northeast Philadelphia to sort donated items and prepare meals. Meet outside the Deacon James Hartmann Meeting Room at 9:15am. We will return to SJE between 12:00-1:00 pm. <i>Drivers will be needed and coordinated separately – you MUST have current background clearance.</i>
	Sat., March 31	Easter Plant Delivery <i>Drivers will be needed and coordinated separately. More information will be sent closer to the event date.</i>
	Sat., April 14	Make cards for Manor Care Nursing Home residents. Meet in the Deacon James Hartmann Meeting Room from 1:30pm-2:00pm.
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SOCIAL EVENTS (Please check the Member column if you might want to attend this event)

Member	Date	Event/Details
	Sat. Sept 17	Pizza/Name that Tune in the School Cafeteria from 6:30-8:30p.m. - following 5:30 Mass as a group. <i>Please donate an item to our food drive for Mary's Cupboard - optional</i>
	Sat., Nov 5	First Dance, Parish Center; 7:30-10pm. \$7 fee per guest. <i>Please donate an item to our food drive for Mary's Cupboard - optional</i>
	Sat., Jan 14	Second Dance, Parish Center; 7:30-10pm. \$7 fee per guest. <i>Please donate an item to our food drive for Mary's Cupboard - optional</i>
	Sat., Mar 10	Twilight Bowling, Morrisville Lanes. Price per member to be provided closer to the date. <i>Please donate an item to our food drive for Mary's Cupboard - optional</i>
	Sat., Apr 14	Third Dance, Parish Center; 7:30-10pm. \$7 fee per guest. <i>Please donate an item to our food drive for Mary's Cupboard - optional</i>

SPIRITUAL EVENTS (Please check the Member column if you might want to attend this event)

Member	Date	Event/Details
	Sat. Sept 17	5:30pm Mass in Church (followed by pizza/Name That Tune from 6:30pm-8:30pm – see above). Meet in church vestibule ~5:15pm so that we can sit together as a group. We will have pews reserved for members.
	Spring 2012, TBD	Jr. CYO Retreat in the Parish Center; 8:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. <i>Parent volunteers will be needed to accept registrations, to pick up food, to serve food, etc. These volunteers will be coordinated separately.</i>