

Invest in our FUTURE!

2011-2012 Annual Fund Goal:
\$120,000 and 100% Parent Participation

Current Total as of November 18th:
\$21,105 and 27% Parent Participation

On-line giving option and more information available at the Annual Fund tab at www.SJVS.org

Mark your Calendar

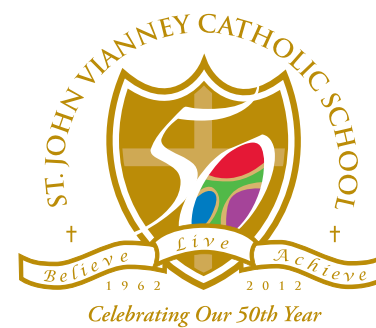
- December 3 SJV Golf Tournament Rescheduled Date 1st Reconciliation
- January 21 50th Anniversary Gala
- February 11 Confirmation
- March 14 Anointing of the Sick Mass
- April 21 SJV Annual Auction

SJV Mission Statement

St. John Vianney Catholic School, a ministry of St. John Vianney parish, is a diverse community that challenges students to reach their full potential through a living faith in God. Within an innovative environment based on mutual respect and academic excellence, we inspire and empower our students by expanding their minds, fostering social responsibility, instilling Catholic values, and nourishing the soul.

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From "Storming the Gates of Heaven" to



Left: Fr. Vincent Smith and parishioners of St. John Vianney welcome Sisters Ann Rosarie, Thomasine Marie, Joseta Marie and Mary Euthalia. Sister Mary Euthalia becomes the 1st principal of St. John Vianney Catholic School.

Below: SJV alumnae parents and teachers with their children.

In August 1960, parishioners of the newly formed parish of St. John Vianney, began planning for a school. The Women's Club wrote a moving plea to Fr. Vincent Smith as he went in search of Sisters to run the school. They promised that they would be "storming Heaven's Gates" with the one thousand Hail Marys" that they had promised to say for the success of his mission. On August 24, 1963, the Sisters of St. Francis from Glenn Riddle, Pennsylvania arrived.

50 years later, we are celebrating the vision of the early members of St. John Vianney School and the enduring dedication of the Sisters of St. Francis, through Sr. Elizabeth Murphy, our school principal and Sr. Maria Gross, our retired vice-principal. The success of our school is reinforced by the 38 Alumnae parents who currently have 63 children enrolled at St. John Vianney and the 7 alumnae working in the school.

Celebrating 50 years of Catholic Education And Academic Excellence!



Please join
Principal Sr. Elizabeth Murphy, O.S.F.,
Parochial Administrator Father Miguel Gonzalez,
noted teachers, staff, alumni and friends

As we commemorate 5 decades of
enlightening students through faith and education.

This historical milestone will be solemnized by
The Most Reverend John Noonan
Bishop of Orlando

on January 21, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.
St. John Vianney Catholic Church

Celebration Gala immediately to follow

More information at
www.sjvs.org or
the school office
407-855-4660
RSVP required

Faith. Academics. Service. Catholic Schools

- January 30 Teacher Appreciation Day
- January 31 Open House and Curriculum Fair
- February 1 50th Anniversary School Mass
- February 2 Dance-a-thon
- February 3 Grandparents Day

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week at SJV!

Welcome, Grace Gonzales!

After years of planning, St. John Vianney Parish and School have formed a joint Development Office housed in the Ministries building. Our new Development Director, is Grace Gonzales. Originally from Texas, Grace has been in Florida for 8 years working most recently at Hope Community Center, where she was the Director of Development for 3 years. Prior to that she worked as an Executive Director with both the Boys and Girls Club of America and the YMCA. At St. John Vianney, Grace will be establishing a Planned Giving Program for both the parish and the school. The Planned Giving Program will include endowments, bequests and wills that will benefit the long-term needs and stability of our parish and school community. Supporting Grace are 3 part-time staffers. Sole Caplan will be assisting from the school side and Cecile Halili will be representing the parish. Janet Collins will be responsible for the marketing and recruitment of St. John Vianney School. Please reach out and welcome Grace to our school family.



A Word From
Sr. Elizabeth

Dear Parents and Friends,
Peace and all good!

November: December: Thanksgiving, awareness of blessings, gratitude for gifts, Advent, the birth of Christ, family and friends. It is significant and necessary to ponder all that we have been given. God has been so generous to us. God is lavish in love and generous in the outpouring of His goodness. Each day I am reminded of how good God is through the love, the laughter, and the joy of your children. They are truly tangible reminders of God's care for me. Parents, you too, help me return thanks to God for His goodness to me.

The weekend of November 12-13th, Sr. Maria and I were honored to accept the Parish Stewardship Award for our Congregation's 48 years of service to the families and children of St. John Vianney Parish and School. We are honored and humbled to receive the award. Our gift of service to you has been a true gift of the heart. Each day we pray that we will be the love and the compassion of Christ alive in your midst. May abundant peace and joy be yours as you ponder God's goodness in your lives.

Blessings,

Sister Elizabeth Murphy, OFS.



Fr. Miguel presents the 2011 Stewardship Award to Sister Elizabeth, Sr. Maria and the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia for their 48 years of service to our school.

October 26th: St. John Vianney Catholic School Day



In honor of the 50th Anniversary of St. John Vianney School, Orange County Mayor, Teresa Jacobs, declared October 26, 2011, St. John Vianney Catholic School Day. Following Mass celebrated by Bishop Noonan and Fr. Miguel, the Proclamation was read by Jennifer Thompson, County Commissioner, District 4. Carol Clark represented the Mayor's Office.



John Burland: Inspiration through Music & Movement

The St. John Vianney School community was treated to a very special concert by Christian musician, composer and educator, John Burland. Traveling from Sydney, Australia, Mr. Burland led the students in easy to learn songs with catchy tunes and interactive hand motions. He educated the students through song on some of the new words coming to our Liturgy. Sponsored by Our Sunday Visitor, Mr. Burland was in town for a diocesan workshop that was also held at St. John Vianney.



Varsity Boys Soccer - 2011 CMAC Champions!

Building on last year's Principal's Cup Award, the 2011-2012 Mustangs are off to a winning start! The JV Boys Soccer team lost 1-0 in a hard-fought Championship Game at Bishop Moore Catholic High School on October 17. Immediately following the JV game, the SJV Varsity Boys Soccer team rallied to win the CMAC Championship. The Varsity Girls Basketball also had a winning season and placed 3rd in the CMAC tournament.

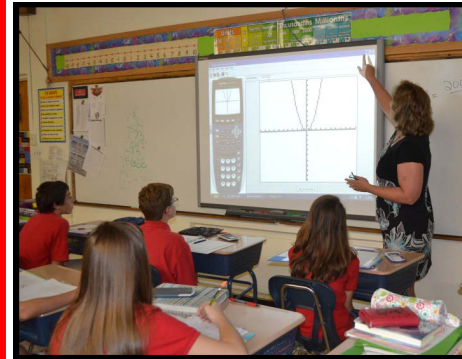


Congratulations to all our Athletes on a great season!

Celebrating Pinktober with the Student Council

Because of a suggestion from last year, the Student Council launched a new service project this year to raise awareness and money for cancer research. On Friday, October 14, students could wear pink to school if they donated \$1.00. \$536 was raised for the MD Anderson Breast Cancer Foundation.

SJV FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: CHARLOTTE FUNSTON



Since 1991, Charlotte Funston has been fully immersed in the St. John Vianney family, either as a mother or a teacher—and most of the time, both. In these more than 20 years, Mrs. Funston has taught grades ranging from 3rd through 8th, and graduated three children (Scotty, Mary, and Emily) from our ranks.

Currently, Mrs. Funston teaches our junior high students (7th and 8th) her first love, Math, with a focus on helping students understand how Math can help them in the “real world” and throughout their lives. She is also pursuing a Masters in Educational Leadership from St. Leo University.

Like the rest of the Junior High team, Mrs. Funston takes pride in the approach of truly getting to know the students' abilities and playing on their strengths in order to help them grow and ultimately leave SJV ready for high school, college, and even the workplace.

In her years here, Mrs. Funston has helped to grow the Math program tremendously, from the addition of the first Algebra course many years ago to the exciting year when a generous benefactor donated graphing calculators for the entire class—and now to the point where her classroom is fitted with “Smart Board” technology. Last year, due to generous Annual Fund donations from parents and friends of the school, the Smart Board was added and enables Mrs. Funston to make Math more interactive and “real time” with the students. Ultimately the excitement from using 21st century, high-touch technology generates a great deal of enthusiasm in her classroom. As Mrs. Funston puts it so well, “St. John Vianney is a great combination of old and new philosophies. We use traditional skill and drill, but combine that with 21st century, leading-edge technology enabling us to reach all aspects of the children and establish that strong foundation in them.” Looking forward, Mrs. Funston and St. John Vianney are investigating the use of iPad, e-book and cloud technology as they continue to think about the future educational needs of our students.



The mission of the Boosterthon Fun Run is to change the world by strengthening schools and impacting the next generation through Fitness, Leadership, and Character. During their nine day stay, the Boosterthon does many great things. They enhance our school's emphasis on **fitness** by hosting a fun run for all students and reinforce the message that “Fitness is Fun”. **Leadership** is developed through a fun, age-appropriate curriculum that gives students a foundational understanding of what it means to be a leader. Finally, they embrace strong **character** through a lesson in which the team spends time in the classrooms teaching students about a specific character quality. This year's character theme took us on an **EPIC** Adventure. The students learned that leaders **Encourage** one another, **Play** in positive ways to stay strong and healthy, **Invite** others into their groups, and **Celebrate** one another and the good in each of us.

