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Earth Day Poetry

SJS eighth grader **Micaela Maron** helped make Earth Day (Mon., Apr. 22) extra special for the first and second graders in her **Junior Environmentalists Club**.

She and classmate **Katie O'Toole** challenged the children to celebrate--in their own words--the beauty of God's creation and to recognize our responsibility to care for it.

Micaela organized the Junior Environmentalists Club as the project for her Girl Scout Silver Award (the highest award a Cadette Girl Scout can earn). For the Earth Day writing, she and Katie supported the children and gave them topic ideas and rhyming words. The children wrote the poems themselves, some of them never having written a poem before...and the results are delightful!

Look there's a light let's turn it off
by doing this we are making sure
rainforest animals don't cough
Look at the rainforest how it's clean
and now the rainforest is going green
...by Georgia (1st Grade)



We only have one Earth

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We need to keep it clean
because if we don't
we'll have to live in space.

There's a way we can keep the Earth
by being green
we should just ride bikes
instead of cars.
...by Alex (2nd Grade)

[Click here](#) and also see below for more great
Earth Day Poetry!



It Feels Like Spring in Students' Art

SJS art teacher, **Mrs. Maria Errichiello**, presents some of her students' springtime creations, in pastel, water color and collage.



[Click here](#) to visit Mrs. Errichiello's Art Page and to
see more exciting art projects from SJS students.



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Outdoor Rosary in May

To honor Our Blessed Mother in the month of May, the Legion of Mary's usual Wednesday rosary (scheduled for immediately after school dismissal) will be held at the Lourdes grotto next to Saint Joseph Church, weather permitting. *(In case of rain, the rosary will be prayed in Mary's Chapel in the Lower Church.)*

Children of all ages along with family members or friends are encouraged to attend. There will be special surprises for all who do!

First Communions at Saint Joseph

Our prayers continue for the second graders of our school and parish as



they continue to receive the Eucharist for the first time. The Sacrament will be celebrated at the 10:30 am and 12:30 pm Masses this Sunday, **Apr. 28**. The celebrations will also take place at the 5 pm Sat. Masses (**May 4 and 11**) and 10:30 am and 12:30 pm Masses on **May 5 and 12**.

Photos of Our Angels

We would love to share your photo of your 2013 First Communicant in the Saint Joseph School News. Send your photo to newsletter@sjsusa.org.

[Click here](#) for
[May calendar.](#)



[Click here](#) after Apr. 30 for
[May Lunch Menu.](#)



Dates to Remember

Fri., May 3

Progress Reports distributed



Mon., May 6

PTO

Flower Sale

Tues., May 7

Measuring Day for Co-Ed Uniform Co.

10-11 am

Wed., May 8

Beta Tag Day (Upper School)

Pizza Lunch



Thurs., May 9

Ascension of the Lord (a holy day of obligation)

School Mass at 10:30 am

in the Upper Church

and **Eighth Grade**

Cap & Gown



Blessing



Mon., May 13
May Crowning
2 pm in the Upper Church



Tues., May 14
Spring Concert
7pm
in the Gym

Wed., May 15
Field Trips (Upper School)

Thurs./Fri., May 16-17
Uniform Exchange
2:45 pm in the Gym Foyer



Fri., May 17
Gr. 5-6 Volleyball
7 pm in the Gym



Uniform Exchange

The annual uniform exchange will take place on **Thurs., May 16** and **Fri., May 17** at 2:45 pm in the Gym foyer. If you have uniform items that no longer fit your child and you would like to donate them, please drop them off at the Lower School Main Office. **You do not have to donate to take anything you might need.** *(Please note: We can no longer accept uniform items with the old school logo.)*



You Can Be a Star!

Does your child love to sing, dance or act? "Stars of Saint Joseph," our Summer Performing Arts Camp will take place from **Aug. 19-23**.

There will be two sessions each day: 9:00 am - 12 noon for students entering kindergarten-3rd Grade; 1:00-4:00 pm for students in grades 4-8.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register online.

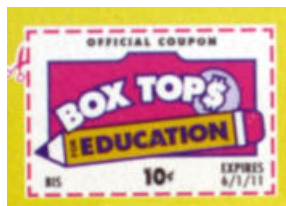


Become Part of Our Liturgy of the Word With Children

Adult volunteers are needed to help with our Liturgy of the Word With Children (at our Sunday 8:30 am Masses). If you would like to be part of this wonderful experience, please email kids@sjcnj.org.

[Click here](#)

for more information about the Saint Joseph Track & Field program and other sports.



Box Tops for Education

Saint Joseph School has recently received a check for \$500.20 for the box tops that you have been collecting. Thank you for clipping and donating them. Please keep sending in the coupons to the Lower School Main Office! [Click here](#) for a complete list of products that include the

Box Tops coupons.



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for information
from the PTO.



Arbor Day

is the national holiday for the planting and care of trees. It is celebrated TODAY, **April 26**, in New Jersey.

*Why are people cutting trees?
don't cut them please
we need them
to breathe*

By Eric (Grade 1)

SJS Junior Environmentalist Club

- Do you know what the New Jersey state tree is? It's leaves are shown above. (Look below for the answer.)
- Did you know that there are trees in New Jersey that are over 350 years old? [Click here](#) to find out where some of them are located.
- Did you know that New Milford, NJ (where our Upper School is located) has been named a "Tree City USA" for the past two years? [Click here](#) to learn more about the honor.

Answer: The state tree of New Jersey is the northern red oak.

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