

January 2012

2011 brought many changes to SJRCS...we welcomed many new families to our school, new teachers and our new principal, Mr. Benjamin. We also said goodbye to so many beloved people in our St. Jude parish community and SJRCS families. We will forever hold them in our hearts. We remember with great love and affection Miss Jordan, who will always remain a large part of what SJRCS has grown to become.

We now look forward to a promising future full of new and exciting experiences and adventures. We are well on our way to planning a wonderful celebration of our 55<sup>th</sup> year of providing a quality Catholic education. We will celebrate this great accomplishment with a Gala and Silent Auction on Saturday, May 5, 2012. The Gala 55 Committee has been meeting behind the scenes during the final months of 2011 to plan for a festive evening filled with great food, great music, wonderful auction items and time to mingle with friends old and new.

Did you take a great family picture over the Christmas Holiday...SAVE IT and submit it for a Family Ad in this year's Gala Program.

More details to come on purchasing a Family Ad.

In the coming weeks and months ahead, we will be calling on all of our families to help make Gala 55 a tremendous success. Whether it's through soliciting or donating items for the silent auction, advertising in the program or participating in the classroom challenges that will happen in each grade – the success of Gala 55 can't happen without all of us helping in one way or another.

There will be many opportunities to volunteer in the classrooms with a project or pitch in to help decorate the evening of the event. If you would like to volunteer, please refer to the information below. We welcome your time, talent, energy and donated auction items and encourage each of you to attend this wonderful celebration.

*Donating an item for the Silent Auction is as easy as 1...2...3...*

1. Pick up a donation form from the Main Office or go to the school's website and click on Gala 55 for the donation form.
2. Complete the instructions on the Donation Form.
3. Turn your donated item into the Main Office or follow the contact information on the donation form.

*See, so easy even a Bulldog can do it!!!*

**Would you like to volunteer?** Please contact Mr. Glenn Benjamin at [glenn.benjamin@stjuderockville.org](mailto:glenn.benjamin@stjuderockville.org) or Dana D'Avella at 301.871.1725 or [davellabunch@mac.com](mailto:davellabunch@mac.com)

**SAVE THE DATE -- Reserve those babysitters early!**

The *Gala 55 Celebration* is being held on Saturday, May 5, 2012!

Stay Tuned For More Details

### *Donation Spotlight Corner*

Wrap up and stay nice and warm while watching your favorite movie with this custom-made 100% cotton, machine pieced and quilted "16 Patch & Pinwheels" Throw Quilt. Approximate size is 56" x 72" with a cozy 100% cotton flannel backing.



Crafted with tender, loving care by Mrs. Erna Benjamin (mother of Mr. Glenn Benjamin).

*This space could hold all the great details about your donated auction item!*