



# St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John Parish

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## **Letter from the Principal**

This coming Monday is a school holiday, and it's always nice to have a day off to sleep in, gather with friends and family, and just catch up on life. What's important, however, is to always remember the *reason* for the holiday. On Monday, we will remember the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr., who spent his life devoted to nonviolence, peace, justice, and equality. On this day of remembrance, we ask God for the strength to carry on the work of peace and justice; the courage to be nonviolent; the healing for the oppressed – may our prayers be answered!

In the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., we pray:

*O God, we thank you for the lives of great saints and prophets in the past, who have revealed to us that we can stand up amid the problems and difficulties and trials of life and not give in. We thank you for our foreparents, who've given us something in the midst of the darkness to keep going. Grant that we will go on with the proper faith and the proper determination of will, so that we will be able to make a creative contribution to this world. In the name and spirit of Jesus we pray.*

Blessings,

*Mrs. Rachel Gonsalves*

## **Golden Age Dinner Thank you**

Thank you St. John School Families. We are so grateful for your great response and donation of gifts to the attendees at our Golden Age Dinner last month. We had about 180 guests who enjoyed a great dinner, musical entertainment, Santa, and each went home with a gift! Our Confirmation students served and helped Santa pass out the gifts. We were surprised how much the students enjoyed being there and were such great helpers!

In gratitude,  
The Golden Age Dinner Committee

**A gentle reminder that Friday, January 29 is a noon dismissal so we can prepare our wonderful school to welcome visitors to our annual Open House on Sunday, January 31!**

## **Student Emergency Kits – Due January 29**

During the month of January, families will be asked to provide an emergency pack for their child(ren). Required supplies include two 16oz. bottles of water, six high protein bars or one 2400-calorie Datrix food ration bar, and one pair of underwear. A letter to your child is recommended. All consumable items should not expire before June 2016.

For your reference, a sample kit is on display in the front office.

Supply kits can be turned in to your child's teacher now through January 29. These kits will be sent home at the end of the school year and will be collected in August for the 2016-2017 school year.

Thank you for helping keep your child ready and prepared in the event of an emergency.

### **Handbook Policy of the Week**

This week we will provide a reminder from **Section II. J. Field Trips**

#### **2. Parent Chaperones & Drivers**

Each time a parent volunteers to drive on a field trip, the driver must fill out a Certification and Authorization Form (Appendix 6007B) provided by the school. Observance of the following requirements is mandatory for all drivers:

- Drivers must be over 25 years of age.
- Drivers must be screened according to Megan's Law.
- Drivers must have Livescan fingerprint clearance.
- Drivers must provide evidence of a valid unrestricted driver's license. A copy of the driver's license must be on file with the school office.
- Drivers must provide evidence of CURRENT liability insurance on the vehicle to be used. The required minimum for the Oakland Diocese is \$100,000 per person/\$300,000 per accident limit of liability for bodily injury and property damage.
- Parents who do not adhere to school and diocesan requirements for driver or chaperone responsibilities will not be allowed on future field trips.
- All adults attending a field trip must be cleared as a driver or chaperone, and may not just show up at a school-sponsored field trip.

For the safety of the students, the following must be observed:

- One seat belt must be provided for and used by each vehicle occupant.
- No private (non-chartered) vehicle, including vans, with more than nine seats should be used (regardless of the number of passengers).
- No student may ride in the front passenger seat, except the child of the driver who is over 12 years old.
- No one may ride in the bed of pickup trucks.
- Motorcycles may not be used.
- No parent may take students to an unauthorized location, such as a restaurant or drive-thru for snacks, while on a field trip.
- Movies, videos, and music deemed inappropriate (by school standards) may not be played while transporting students to and from a school field trip.
- Siblings may not attend school-sponsored field trips.
- The use of cell phones and other personal electronics by drivers or chaperones may not be used during the field trip except in the event of an emergency.

#### **Parish Wednesday Envelopes**

Families who are registered parishioners of St. John the Baptist parish and who have not yet picked up the annual offering envelopes will be receiving them today through the school's Wednesday newsletter envelope.

We have recently received an audit of active parishioner status from the rectory to verify active parishioner status consistent with our school records. (Active parishioner status is determined by regular mass attendance and contributions through the parish envelopes.)

Families will be notified later this month if records need to be updated with the school and/or parish.



***Opening of Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 31 with our annual Pancake Breakfast, Mass at 9:30 a.m., followed by Open House and Scholastic Book Fair in the school. See you there!***

### **Volunteers needed!**

The Knights of Columbus are in need of volunteers to sell tickets at the door of the wonderful pancake breakfast they are hosting on January 31. The shifts are anywhere from 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Service hours will be given for those parents that volunteer their time. Please contact the front office (510) 276-6632 or email [dserrano@csdo.org](mailto:dserrano@csdo.org) if you are interested.

### **St John Alumni Night Basketball Extravaganza!**

Please come and join us Friday, January 22nd for St. John's first ever Staff vs. 8th Grade and Alumni Basketball game. The event starts at 5:30 p.m. and there will be a full snack bar, cheer performances, and more. Adults \$2 and Children \$1. If you are interested in volunteering or playing in the Alumni game please email [info@sjcsedu.org](mailto:info@sjcsedu.org) or sign up at <http://goo.gl/forms/xJJchgTCYx>.

### **CYO Crab Feed**

CYO's annual crab feed is coming up Saturday, February 6. Don't forget to order all-you-can-eat crab feed tickets today – they are first come first serve! Please see the flyer included in this week's envelope.

### **Girls Basketball Sign-ups!**

Girls basketball sign-ups will be held in Rm.15 on Thursday, January 14th, and Friday, January 15th from 6:30-8 p.m. Registration is \$100. A deposit check for each uniform \$65 and service hours \$45 will be needed as well. Non-St. John students will need copy of birth certificate, proof of residency, or proof of religious education enrollment at St. John the Baptist Parish.

### **2016 SCRIP Orders**

Order forms were included in last week's envelope and due back to the school office on Thursday, January 14. Don't forget that a percentage of your SCRIP amount goes toward your family's \$300 fundraising obligation.

### **Parent Club Invitation**

The SJCS Parent Club will be hosting our next Coffee Chat Friday, January 29th, at 8:05am. Our theme will be Catholic Schools Week. Please stop by our Parent Club information table at Catholic Schools Week Open House, and save the date for our next general Parent Club meeting: Thursday, February 11th, at 6:30pm. We will be planning for our Spring Social/Auction.

### **Book Fair Volunteers Needed**

We welcome Mrs. Monica Gioukaris as the SJCS winter Book Fair coordinator. The Scholastic Book Fair will run from January 28-February 2, and volunteers will be needed to set up, help with sales, and pack up at the end of the fair. Mrs. Gioukaris will have sign ups available on line in early January, but if you're interested in helping, please e-mail her at [moni21luv@sbcglobal.net](mailto:moni21luv@sbcglobal.net).



**Peace Prayer Service**

Thursday, January 14, 2:20 p.m.

**No School – Elementary Staff Day**

Friday, January 15

**No School – MLK, Jr. Day**

Monday, January 18

**6<sup>th</sup> gr. Bake Sale**

Thursday, January 21

**Alumni Basketball Game**

Friday, January 22 5:30pm

**8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Individual Graduation**

**Pictures**

Monday, January 25

**8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Nacho Sale**

Wednesday, January 27

**Science Fair**

Thursday, January 28, 6:30 p.m.

**Coffee Chat**

Friday, January 29, 8:05 a.m.

**Noon Dismissal – Open House**

**Preparation**

Friday, January 29

**Opening of Catholic Schools Week**

Sunday, January 31, 2016

8 a.m. Pancake Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Mass

10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Open  
House and Book Fair

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