

February 03, 2021



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



ON THE HORIZON:

Friday, February 5th

Noon Dismissal

Family Intent to Return Forms

Due

Monday, February 8th

No School for Students

Staff in-service day

Dear Shamrock Family,

Happy Catholic Schools' Week! Today was fun-filled as students and staff joined on calls for school-wide BINGO games and shared lunchtime together with their faith families. I offer my gratitude to our

Student Council for planning and facilitating this week's student events. It is a joy to see our students, staff and school families all join and take part in being silly and making memories.

Transitioning now to preparations toward the opportunity for onsite learning for families who wish to discontinue distance learning. As of yesterday's California Covid-19 news briefing, Alameda County does now, currently, reside under the 25 cases per 100,000 population metric. It is my hope that these lower positive case rate trends continue. On Monday I had sent out information pertaining to our plans to begin to welcome students back on campus, for in person learning, as early as February 22nd. Our reopening will be at a measured pace and staggered in nature. In Monday's communication I shared our St. John Catholic School COVID-19 Safety Plan. I ask that all school families (especially those who plan to send their child to school) make the time to read the documents within this reopening safety plan, namely that of our updated St. John Catholic School Reopening Guide.

This Friday I plan to provide school families with my TK – 5th Return for In-Person Learning slide deck, which will also highlight what parents need to know prior to making the decision to send their TK -5th grade child to school for in-person learning, or remain in distance learning. As for middle school students, we are not yet permitted to welcome back all of middle school, and quite honestly, also need time to evaluate our current protocols and procedures with our lower elementary population before we can commit to offering in-person learning to 6th – 8th graders. However, our goal is to offer onsite learning to all who desire it, including middle school students, by April. For now, I invite parents of TK-5th grade students to review and make note of the timeline for individual class parent meetings, parent commitment due dates for onsite learning, and return to school start dates outlined below. The individual class parent meetings will be an opportunity for teachers to share about their class-specific procedures pertaining to health and safety, as well as to student learning, and will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions at that time. So please, review all provided information ahead of your designated meeting time and attend with questions in mind. Parent meetings will be provided via Google Meets and will be recorded for parents to view at another time; however we encourage all parents, especially those who are considering sending students back to school during this current school year, to join the live call. Parent meeting links will be provided next week.

Online Parent Meeting Dates:

2/11 - TK @ 5:30pm

2/11 - 4th @ 6:30pm

Commitment parent form (reopening acknowledgement) for TK & 4th due by Tue. 2/16

2/18 - 2nd @ 5:30pm

2/18 - 3rd @ 6:30pm

Commitment and parent form (reopening acknowledgement) for 2nd & 3rd due by Tue. 2/23

2/24 - K @ 5:30pm,

2/24 - 1st @ 6:30pm

2/25 - 5th @ 6:00pm

Commitment and parent forms (reopening acknowledgement) for K, 1st & 5th due by Tue. 3/2

Middle school parent meetings TBD

Please note, commitment forms are not due until AFTER each class' parent meeting has been conducted. Please **do not** email communication about commitments now, as a form will be provided later.

Intended Onsite Learning Start Dates:

TK: February 22nd

4th: February 23rd

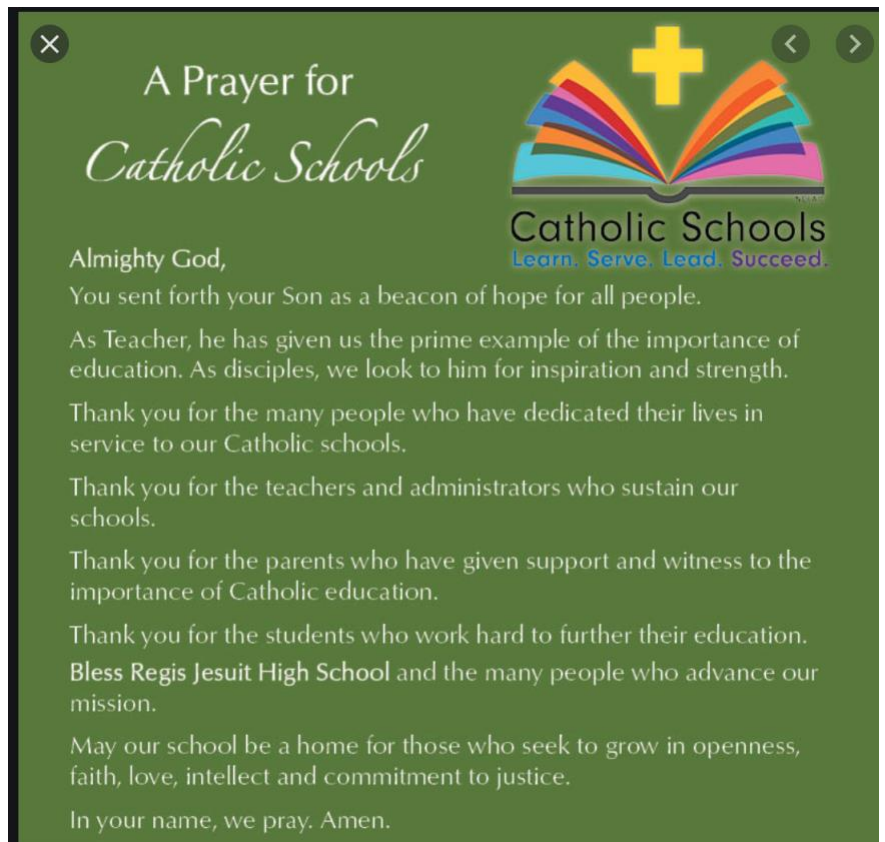
2nd & 3rd: March 1st

K, 1st & 5th: March 8th

Middle School start date TBD
(hopeful for end of March)

Second round of start dates for parents who decide for their child to attend onsite after the first round has begun will be after we return from Easter break on April 12th.

Attentively,
Ms. Paige Child



ATTENTION SHAMROCK FAMILIES! - REQUIRED INTENT TO RETURN FORMS.

Intent to Return Forms will be electronic this year. It is necessary for parents with students currently in TK-7th grade to complete the Intent to Return Google Form by February 5th. In addition to holding your child's spot, this form helps your Finance Committee prepare next year's projected budget by giving us an estimate for enrollment. Please use this link to let us know your intent for the 2021-2022 school year:

[2021-2022 Intent to Return](#)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TUITION ASSISTANCE:

Applications are now available for FACE (Family Aid – Catholic Education) and BASIC financial aid.

The BASIC Fund is available for new students whose families meet all the application requirements. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2021. For more information, please go to www.basicfund.org or see the link on our website. Current families please expect your renewal information early to mid-February, due back in April. Please also note, new siblings for current BASIC Fund students must request a link to apply for a new student. Like last year, BASIC renewals will be processed online.

FACE applications are available online only at <https://online/factsmtg.com/signin/3FV> YB or see the link on their website. This application requires documentation for income received in 2020. The deadline to apply is April 30, 2021.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ: All families wishing to be considered for SJCS tuition assistance through the school must first apply for FACE before April 30, 2021. If you are currently receiving aid or wish to apply for the 2021-22 school year, you must first complete a FACTS application and apply for FACE before consideration for SJCS tuition assistance. If you have any questions regarding FACE, BASIC, or SJCS tuition assistance, please contact us. Deadlines established by FACE and BASIC are firm; a missed deadline will mean a missed opportunity.

CLASS T-SHIRT PICK UP

Pre-ordered class shirts will be available for pick up on Tuesday 2/2 and Thursday 2/4 from 5:30pm-6:30pm. When you arrive on campus please stay in your car. Coach Joe and Mrs. Elliott will be directing cars and handing out shirts. Masks must be worn. If your class already has a supply pick up day scheduled shirts will be available from your teacher.

SCRIP FUNDRAISING:

What is SCRIP? SCRIP is Fundraising While You Shop®, it turns everyday shopping into cash for SJCS when families use retail gift cards to pay for everyday purchases (like gas and groceries) instead of the usual credit/debit card or other money.

How? Profits from your purchases count toward your family's annual \$300 fundraising obligation.

Did you know there are over 700 retailers to choose from? Visit www.shopwithscrip.com for a complete list of participating vendors! Please email Ms. Aimee at asire@csdo.org with any questions.

SCRIP order due dates for 2021: February 11th, March 11th, April 22nd, May 13th