



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



Dear Shamrock Family,

On the eve of Valentine's Day, I offer you a prayer, with hopes that you will recognize the great love God has for you. May we strive to love like Him and be models of His love for our children. It is important to acknowledge that everyone is facing a battle that most know nothing about. Let us lead with empathy and love!

Warmly,
Ms. Paige Child

Lord thank you that your love is patient. Help us show patience with those around us.

Lord thank you that your love is kind. Help us to extend kindness to others.

Lord thank you that true love is not jealous. Help us cast aside feelings of jealousy or hatred towards others.

Lord thank you that your love does not brag and is not arrogant. Help us not to live with pride or arrogance, but to choose to walk with humility and grace.

Lord thank you that true love does not act unbecomingly. Help us to extend kindness instead of rudeness towards others. Help us to lay aside the critical tone and tearing down with our words, so that we can truly walk in peace.

Lord thank you that true love does not seek its own. Help us not to live selfishly, looking only to our own interests.

Lord thank you that true love is not provoked. Help us not to become easily angered. Help us not to be so quickly reactive, but instead slow to speak and slow to become angry.

Lord thank you that your love does not take into account a wrong suffered. Help us not to hold grudges, but to choose to forgive, even when it's difficult.

Lord thank you that your love does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth. Lord help us to love your words of truth, may we walk in your freedom and wisdom. Let it be what drives our lives and choices every day.

Lord thank you that your love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things, thank you that your love never fails. Help us to love as you love. Fill us with your Spirit so that we can choose what is best. Thank you that you equip us to face each day with the power of your love, your forgiveness, and your grace.

We love you Lord, and we need you today, and every day,
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

HUNGRY? READ BELOW AND SEE YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS THERE!

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast benefiting St. John School

Everyone is invited to a delicious All you can eat pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 24th, for only \$8 and school age child \$5. It Includes eggs, sausages, coffee and juice. Breakfast starts 8:00 am until 11:00 am.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, February 14th
Nacho Sale
\$1.00

Thursday, February 14th
1:15pm
Valentine's Day Social

Friday, February 15th
7th – 8th Grade Valentine's
Day Dance.

Monday, February 18th
No School

Saturday, February 23rd
2nd Grade Frist
Reconciliation

Sunday, February 24th
9:30 a.m.
Class Mass & Pancake
Breakfast

Thursday, February 28th
CYO - Hot Dog Day

IXL STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Each Friday we honor students who have excelled in IXL. This week we are honoring the student in each class that mastered the most MATH skills.

Congratulations to:

- PK- Julian Silva
- K- Violet Manuel
- 1- Carter Barnes
- 2- Eliza Visitacion
- 3- Karisma Herrera
- 4- Calvin Lacsamana
- 5- Ayana Wilmot
- 6- Momo Okubo
- 7- David Perez
- 8- Mechelle Goulart

HOT DOG DAY!!!! COMING 2/28/19

CYO Cheer will be hosting our first HOT DOG DAY of the school year on Wednesday 2/28/19

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A great big THANK YOU goes out to Robert Hales for coming in on a Sunday to repair our entry door. This has been an ongoing project so we appreciate you for all the hard work and time you devote to SJCS. THANK YOU!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHEERLEADING EXHIBITION ALL STARS:

Kindergarten- Riley
1st/2nd- Milastella and Zy'Aire
3rd/4th- Bennett, Alina, Tamara and Jaida
5th-8th- Eleni, Syerra and Alexys

CONGRATULATIONS MUSE STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Lizbeth in 3rd grade is this month's MUSE student of the month.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TUITION ASSISTANCE:

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

The BASIC Fund is available for new students whose families meet all the application requirements. The deadline to apply is March 15, 2019. For more information, please go to www.basicfund.org or see the link on our website. Current families please expect your renewal paperwork mid-March, due back in April.

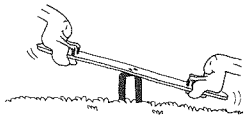
FACE applications are now available online only at <https://online/factsmgt.com/signin/3FV> YB or see the link on their website. This application requires documentation for income received in 2018. The deadline to apply is March 8, 2019.

IMPORTANT INFO PLEASE READ: All families wishing to be considered for SJCS tuition assistance through the school must first apply for FACE before March 8, 2019. If you are currently receiving aid or wish to apply for the 2019-20 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

Home & School CONNECTION[®]

Working Together for School Success

St. John Catholic School
Ms. Paige Child, Principal



SHORT NOTES

Excellent attendance

Being in school every day means your child won't miss out on learning. Try to schedule appointments and family trips outside of school hours. If he asks to stay home "just because," remind him of what he'll miss, such as his reading group or PE class. Explain that he can be absent only if he's sick or if there's a family emergency.

DID YOU KNOW?

Children who regularly eat meals with their families tend to do better in school and avoid risky behavior. Eating dinner together is great, but other meals count, too. If you work at night, maybe you could make time for a family breakfast. Or on a weekend, try a picnic lunch.

Celebrate progress

Suggest that your youngster create a fun reminder of all the things she has accomplished. Let her cover a box with construction paper and label it "I did it!" Then, she can write each success ("I learned to add fractions") on a slip of paper and put it in the box. If she's feeling discouraged, have her read the slips.

Worth quoting

"The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up!"
Mark Twain

JUST FOR FUN

Q: Can a kangaroo jump higher than the Empire State Building?

A: Of course. The Empire State Building can't jump!



Conversations about school

When you think of parent involvement, do you picture moms and dads volunteering in classrooms? That's one way to help—but research shows that supporting your child's education at home is even more important. Here are conversation starters that will help you stay involved.

"Let's see what you brought home."

Look at completed work to find out what your youngster is learning and how well she's doing. You could comment on her math work or social studies project, for instance. ("You know a lot about our state's history!") Also, respond to notes from her teacher, and sign her weekly folder or daily planner if required.

"Show me what you have for homework."

It's your child's job to do her homework, but you play a role, too. Make sure she knows what she's supposed to do by having her explain the assignments to you. After she finishes her homework, glance over the work to see that it's complete.

"Describe a book you enjoyed today."

This gives you an idea of what your youngster prefers to read. Then, build a daily reading habit by asking what she'd like to read tonight. Encourage her reading and listening skills by reading aloud to her and letting her read to you.

"Tell me what you learned that you'd like to know more about."

Use her interests as jumping-off points for activities to share. If she likes geometry, you might hunt for



shapes together. If she's fascinated by how animals adapt to winter, take her to the library to research the subject or to the zoo to see live animals. ♥

After-school questions

Asking "How was school today?" might not get you far. Instead, ask questions like these for a better picture of your youngster's day:

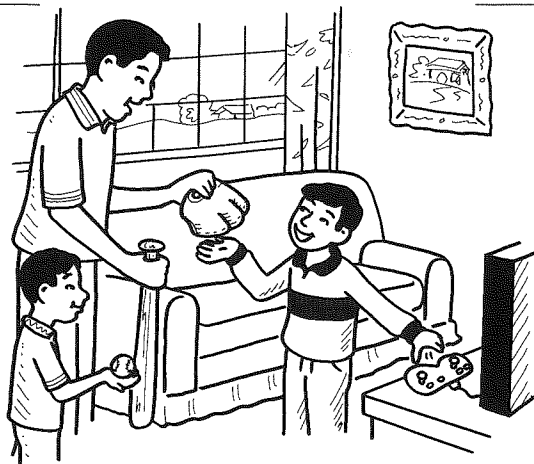
- "What's the coolest thing that happened? What wasn't so cool?"
- "Pretend you're the teacher. How would you describe the day?"
- "What made you laugh?"
- "What was the most creative thing you did?"
- "How were you kind or helpful today? How was someone kind or helpful to you?" ♥



What does respect look like?

Your youngster's daily dealings with adults and kids alike will be more pleasant if he speaks and acts respectfully. Try these tips for helping him learn about respect.

Respectful replies. Think about something that you and your youngster disagree on (say, whether his video game time should be limited). Model having a respectful discussion about it. You might say that his brain and body are growing and that he needs to run and play to stay healthy. Then, suggest a respectful response, such



as, "I want to be healthy, but I love video games." Have him brainstorm other situations where people have different opinions but still speak to each other with respect.

Everyday acts. When you mow the lawn or clean up after your dog, you can teach your child about respect for neighbors. Explain that keeping your

neighborhood clean and neat makes it nice for everyone. Ask him to think of other respectful things neighbors should do. If you share an apartment laundry room, he might say that you respect neighbors' time by removing your clothes when they're done so others get to use the washers and dryers.♥

A reading challenge

By reading more complex books, your child can learn new words, facts, and ideas. He'll also be exposed to more complicated plots and will grow as a reader. Share these suggestions:

- Knowing something about the topic or setting makes a tougher book easier to comprehend. If



your youngster is reading a novel set in China, he could talk to someone who has been there or look up the country online (try a children's site like kids.nationalgeographic.com).

- Encourage your child to look at a simpler book on the same subject. A picture-book biography about Harriet Tubman may help your youngster better understand a textbook chapter on the civil rights movement, for instance.

- Suggest that your child read complicated material with pencil and paper in hand. He can jot down questions, words to look up, or facts he wants to learn more about.♥



Q & A

Strong study habits

Q: My third grader has to spend more time studying this year. How can I make sure she studies effectively?

A: Set your daughter up for success by helping her find a distraction-free study spot. Also, have her come up with a study routine. For instance, she could reserve time each evening to review her textbook and notes in the days leading up to a test.

Also, many students find it helpful to jot down a purpose each time they study. Your child might write: "I will learn the definitions of all the boldfaced words in chapter 7, section 1."

Finally, encourage her to experiment with study strategies to find what works best. She could close her eyes and imagine how a word is spelled or draw a grid with 9 squares to solve 3 x 3. Or she might find it helpful to spell or recite math facts aloud in rhythm or to a familiar tune.♥



PARENT TO PARENT

Talking to kids about money

My children were always asking to buy things like dress-up shoes or new games. They didn't seem to understand that these items weren't in our budget.

I wanted them to learn about how we spend our money—and that it is limited. So I got a spiral notebook and labeled it "Family Spending Journal." I explained that for two weeks, everyone would keep a record of what they spent money on. I listed items like my

subway fare, the electric bill, and food at the grocery store. The children wrote down expenses such as school lunch, soccer cleats, and field trip fees.

After a few days, they were surprised by how many things we needed money for. Our kids had no idea, for example, that we paid for taxes on our income, several types of insurance, and membership in our homeowners' association. Sometimes they still ask to buy too many things at the store, but when I say no, at least they understand why.♥




OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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VALENTINE CANDY GRAMS
Celebrate Valentines Day by
sending your valentine a Candy
Gram!

Each Candy Gram is a lollipop
and your valentine is attached!!!

Cost: \$1.00 each

How To Order:

Fill out Candy Gram and order
form (attached).

Return candy gram and
payment to the office by
February 11th.

Candy Grams will be delivered
February 14th

Candy Gram Ordering Form

Child's Name: _____

How many Candy Grams are you sending? \$1 each (Cash only) Total \$_____



Candy Gram

To: _____

Grade: _____

From _____



Candy Gram

To: _____

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♡ VALENTINE'S DAY PICTURES ♡

Thursday, February 14th

Support our Student Council and get your picture taken with your friends on Valentine's Day.

Cost: \$5.00 for access to the digital link

Student Name _____ Grade _____

I would like to take my photo with the following students (optional)...

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

(list any additional students on the back)

Complete the order form above and return it to your homeroom teacher with payment. Checks or cash accepted. Please make check payable to SJCS.





Shamrock Shop



Visit our new website:

www.sjcsshamrockshop.weebly.com

You cannot pay for orders on this site or order from this site directly. You will need to fill out the order form by clicking the link on the home page. All payments must be submitted to the school office on or before the order due date each month. Once you complete the order form below, please print your confirmation email and submit it to the office with payment.

Checks made out to SJCS or cash accepted.

Submit orders to the office ATTN: Kristen Elliott
Questions? kelliott@cndo.org

Order Due Date: February 22nd

Deliver Date: March 22nd



More designs, colors and styles available on the website!

St. John's Class of 2019 - Casino Bus Trip on March 2, 2019 \$40 Per Person with a \$10 playing credit at each casino and \$5 Dining Credit at Thunder Valley.



To Purchase or Reserve a Seat please call Christine Silan at 415-378-3101 or Maria Gutierrez at 510-861-0140.

Coffee and Snacks will be provided. Additional snacks will be available for purchase. Games & Raffles will also be held on the bus ride. Have some money ready to have F-U-N!!!!

You can purchase snacks on the bus. RAFFLES will be held on the ride.

- Departing at 6:30 am from Cardenas Market, 20812 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward, CA.
- Feather Falls Casino from 9:45am to 1:45pm
- Thunder Valley Casino from 3:00pm to 7:00pm
- Drop off at Cardenas Market at 10:00pm



SCRIP ORDER 2018 - 2019

Family Name _____
 Name & Grade of oldest child _____

****Orders Due by February 14, 2019.

Entertainment	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Century Theaters	4%	\$25		
Century Theaters Single Admit	10%	\$9.50		
Gas	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Arco	1.5%	\$50		
	2.5%	\$250		
76	1.5%	\$25		
		\$100		
Shell	1.5%	\$50		
		\$100		
Grocery	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Lucky/Savemart	2%	\$25		
		\$100		
Safeway	4%	\$25		
		\$100		
Smart & Final	3%	\$25		
		\$100		
Target	2.5%	\$25		
		\$100		
Whole Foods	3%	\$25		
		\$100		

Fast Food/Restaurant	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Applebee's	8%	\$25		
Chipotle	10%	\$10		
IHOP	8%	\$25		
Olive Garden	8%	\$25		
Starbucks Coffee	7%	\$10		
		\$25		
Retail	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Amazon.com	2.25%	\$25		
		\$100		
Old Navy	14%	\$25		
		\$100		
Macy's	10%	\$25		
		\$100		
Marshall's/TJ Maxx	7%	\$25		
Ross	8%	\$25		
Dick's Sporting Goods	8%	\$25		
		\$100		
Walgreens	5%	\$25		
		\$100		

Please refer to www.shopwithscrip.com for a complete list of participating vendors.

Write In Orders** (use back side of form if needed)	%	\$	QTY	Net \$

*Payment must be included with this form. Make checks payable to St. John Catholic School
 Turn completed forms to School Office or send back in with your student.
 Orders will be ready in about 1 week.*

Cash Check # _____

Orders Due by THURSDAY, February 14, 2019 10:00 AM.

TOTAL \$ _____

- I will pick up my Scrip Order at the school office I will pick up my Scrip Order at SEP
 Please send home Scrip Order with eldest child

Purchased By (please print) _____ Phone # _____

I understand that Scrip is like cash and St. John Catholic School is not responsible if your Scrip order is lost or stolen.

Signature _____ Date _____

**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Altar Server Application**

Thank you for your interest in becoming an altar server at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in San Lorenzo, CA! Altar serving is an honored ministry for Catholic youth and a beautiful way to celebrate the joy of our faith through active participation in liturgy. Please complete this application and return it to the secretary in the office. A parish representative or priest will contact you for an interview and training schedule.

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Parent(s) Name (s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: _____ e-mail: _____

Registered parishioner at _____

Please check all that apply:

Baptized Catholic Reconciliation First Holy Communion

I am in ^{3RD} grade or higher I attend St. John Catholic School and am available for
Grade: _____ school liturgies and celebrations.

Recommendations

Each altar server applicant must get two (2) references; one from his/her religious education teacher, and the other from his/her parent or guardian.

I, the (religion, CCD teacher, other adult) of _____ authorize him/her to apply to serve as an altar server at St. John the Baptist Church. I verify that this child is at least 10 years old, has received the minimum required sacraments, and has demonstrated leadership skill, reverence, and responsible behaviors to successfully serve in this capacity.

Signed: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

I, the parent/guardian of _____ give permission for him/her to apply and serve as an altar server at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. I agree to support my child in his/her ministry by ensuring my child serves as scheduled and on time, and makes arrangements to find a replacement if my child cannot serve on a scheduled date.

Signed: _____