

March 03, 2021



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



ON THE HORIZON:

Thursday, March 4th

PTG Meeting (online)

6:00pm

Link:

<https://meet.google.com/ttb-kaxp-gug>

Monday, March 8th

Kindergarten Onsite Learning

Begins

1st Grade Onsite Learning

Begins

5th Grade Onsite Learning

Begins

Dear Shamrock Family,

By definition, the season of Lent is the time during which we are called to prepare for Holy Week, leading us to the glorious celebration of Easter. This is the season of prayer, as a means of strengthening our relationship with God and asking for and receiving the wisdom of the Lord. During times of discernment, Jesus invites us to embrace the quiet moments in which we can hear God's answers to our prayers and truly embrace His peace. It has been my continual effort to make space for God, his guidance and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is my prayer that you can afford yourselves these scared moments with God throughout the remainder of this Lenten season.

During this time of Lenten preparation, we continue as a school to prepare for and welcome additional grades on campus each week. This upcoming Monday students from our kindergarten, 1st grade and 5th grade classes will join for onsite learning. As it stands, we will welcome seven kindergartners, three 1st graders and eighteen fifth graders on campus on March 8th. **As for middle school, while we continue to await entry into the red tier to be permitted to allow all of middle school on campus, I will announce at this time that we are currently planning for a March 22nd date to offer onsite learning for 6th – 8th graders. I will be in further communication with middle school families later this week.**

I remain grateful for the partnership and dedication of our school family. Our staff is committed to modeling and mandating health and safety protocols that will support the mitigation of infection. I thank parents who have embraced and followed our health and safety protocols thus far, including that of daily health screenings. We must work together, with fidelity to our commitment to making healthy and safe choices, in order to continue to offer a dual learning platform for our community. Thank you for doing your part!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

- Jeremiah 29:11

Refer A New Shamrock Family and SAVE \$\$\$:

St. John Catholic School administration is interested in YOUR referrals of new shamrock families for the 2021-2022 school year. Current school families who refer a new family that is accepted and begins the 2021-2022 school year will receive \$400 OFF a tuition payment during the upcoming school year!

Here's how it works:

- A currently enrolled school family refers a new, unassociated, non-family member to St. John Catholic School (Meaning someone new to the school community; No siblings of current students; no former students, etc.**)
- The prospective family contacts St. John to enquire about enrolling and tells us that you referred them.*

*(*New families must indicate the name of the current school family that referred them upon INITIAL CONTACT with the SJCS.)*

- After the new school family is accepted and starts school at SJCS in the 2021-2022 school year, your family will earn \$400 off a tuition payment during the 2021-2022 school year.

Just advise the new** family to reach out to Ms. Aimee at (510) 276 -6632 or asire@csdo.org. Remember, tell the new family that they must mention that they have been referred by you! We encourage you to share our school website with prospective families you may know. <https://www.stjohncatholicsschool.org>

***Family members, extended family, previous SJCS families/ students, legacy families do not qualify.*

Referral is non-transferable. The St. John Catholic School administration will notify current families of earned tuition incentives. The \$400 tuition incentive will be given to current school families for each new family they refer (not per each new student). There is no limit to the amount of referral incentives a current family can receive. This referral incentive program is only valid until 8/5/2021 and only for families enrolling for the 2021-2022 school year.

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.factsmgmt.com/signin/3FVYB> 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.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

<https://www.catholichomebody.com/lent-activities-for-families/>

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: March 11th, April 22nd, May 13th

A Prayer for Lenten Simplicity

Free me, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs my way to you. Clear away the clutter of petty grudges. Remove smudges of resentment and bitterness.

Cleanse me of thoughts filled with anger envy, or self-pity.

Create space in my life for more kindness and less spitefulness, greater generosity and stronger compassion.

Enlarge my heart with a spirit of gratitude this Lent, so that I recognize the simple gifts that lay in abundance all around me.

In your sacred name, I pray. Amen.

