

March 17, 2021



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



ON THE HORIZON:

TOMORROW, March 18th
EXTENDED FOR 1 DAY
ONLY
See's Candies Fundraiser
DUE!

Wednesday, March 17^h
St. Patrick's Day "Adult"
social
7:30pm
<https://meet.google.com/vxk-kteu-frf>
(Flyer below)

Dear Shamrock Family,

I have been reflecting quite a bit this week on the one-year mark of the pandemic, as it pertains to our school. One year ago yesterday, we were forced to close our school campus and with only one-half day of distance learning practice under our belts, dismissed an entire student and staff body with the most immediately necessary supplies, resources, technology and a "plan." While we initially were told that the abrupt dismissal into distance learning would only be for two-three weeks, I could have never imagined that a year would pass before we could welcome each of our grades back onsite.

It has been a trying time, no doubt, but additionally I can't help but focus on our growth as a community. Our educators have never before thought or taught so innovatively, our parents and grandparents never more involved, and our students never more resilient. I am honored to work alongside our dedicated staff, whom through their own personal challenges have remained steady sources of familiarity, comfort and strength for our students. I am beyond grateful for our school families- for your sacrifice, trust, flexibility and patience.

As in full-circle fashion, on Monday, we welcome our middle schoolers back to campus! Next week we will have eleven out of fourteen 6th graders, eight out of eighteen 7th graders and fifteen out of twenty-three 8th graders onsite. Thereafter, once we return from Easter break, we will invite additional TK-5th grade students whose parents' are ready for them to learn on campus. Our health and wellness is my continued daily prayer, and it is my hope that the growth we have experienced throughout the course of this pandemic journey accompanies us into the future, in all the best ways.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

May the wisdom of God instruct us.

May the hand our God protect us.

May the word of God direct us.

-Saint Patrick

With Gratitude,
Ms. Paige Child

SEE'S CANDIES FUNDRAISER EXTEND UNTIL TOMORROW 3/18!

See the attached order forms for our Easter See's Candies Fundraiser. Profits from this fundraiser will count toward your fundraising obligation. Accepting orders only through 3/18/2021. **All order forms are due back in by 2:00PM on 3/18/2021.** Candy pick-up will be on 3/25/2021.

11lb boxes of Nut & Chews and Assorted chocolates, Peanut Brittle, Toffee-ettes, and Assorted Lollypops = **20% profit** toward fundraising obligation

Peanut Butter Egg, Milk Chocolate Butter Egg, Bordeaux Egg, Egg Hunt Box, and Marshmallow-Scotchmallow 4pk = **50% profit** toward fundraising obligation

SECOND ROUND FOR ONSITE LEARNING:

TK-5th Grade Parents-

At this time, we are offering the second, and likely final, opportunity for students to join on campus, for in-person learning, beginning April 12th. Should your child currently be participating in distance learning and you wish for them to transition to in-person learning, we ask that you review the relevant health & safety and onsite learning documents linked below and then complete and submit the attached Parent Acknowledgement Form for Onsite Learning, via email, to Aimee Sire- asire@csdo.org by and no later than Thursday, March 25th.

<https://www.stjohncatholicschool.org/st-john-catholic-school-covid-19-safety-plan.html>

RETURNING REGISTRATION LETTERS COMING SOON!

Parents please keep a look out for returning registration letters for the 2021-2022 school year which will be going out in early April. This letter will include updated tuition rates and a form to be turned in with your registration payment. In May, enrollment packets will be distributed to those families who have paid registration for the 2021- 2022 school year and are up-to-date with their tuition and fee payments. If you have any questions about your status, please contact Ms. Aimee, our school bookkeeper, M-F 8am - 3pm at 510-276- 6632 or asire@csdo.org. We thank you for helping St. John Catholic School run efficiently and meeting our financial obligations.

LENTEN ACTIVITES FOR FAMILIES

Celebrating Holy Week with Kids-

<https://www.catholicicing.com/ultimate-guide-for-celebrating-holy/>

SCRIP FUNDRAISING:

Only 2 more times to order SCRIP to earn money towards your 2020-2021 fundraising obligation!!

Visit www.shopwithscrip.com to browse over 700 vendors. While there, you can create an account to place orders for physical gift cards or egift/digital cards. If you prefer to submit orders directly to the office please use the attached order form. Orders must be submitted online or to the office by 10am on Thursday, March 11. Please email Ms. Aimee at asire@csdo.org with any questions.

KEEPING KIDS HEALTHY:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/children.html>

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR!

Please share the good news about St. John Catholic School with your friends and family! We are accepting applications now for grades TK-7 for the 2021-2022 school year. Applications are available in the school.

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.stjohncatholicschool.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.

COVID-19 – SCHOOL REOPENING – PARENT/GUARDIAN

In developing plans for the reopening of its schools, the Diocese of Oakland is required to implement the health and safety standards established by the State of California Department of Public Health and/or the county in which your student's school is located. If there exists a conflict, the Diocese of Oakland will follow the more stringent standard. Focusing on the county in which your school is located, please thoroughly read the applicable reopening guidelines. Additional information can be found at each county health department's websites. Here are the hyperlinks for each county:

- [Alameda County Schools: 2020 – 21 Reopening Guidelines](#)
- [Alameda County Public Health Department Website](#)

This document is incorporated by reference into the Parent-Student Handbook at the school your student attends.

Expectations for Parents/Guardians/Students/School Employees:

Parents, guardians, students and school employees must work together to create a healthy school campus. Working together requires the following:

1. Anyone entering the school campus must comply with the applicable county COVID-19 requirements. Failure to comply is a violation of law. Unless specifically exempted by the applicable county health guideline, anyone entering the school campus must wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) covering his/her nose and mouth. The school will limit visitors to those visits essential for the school's operations and limit the duration of time a visitor shall be on campus.
2. No parent, guardian, student, employee or visitors shall enter the school premises if that person has: (a) received a positive test result for COVID-19; (b) has sought medical treatment for COVID-19 symptoms; (c) is quarantined or self-quarantined because of COVID-19, whether diagnosed or not; or (d) has a temperature of 100 or greater. In all such cases, the person shall not enter the campus without obtaining written medical clearance and providing it to the school principal.
3. All parents, guardians, students and employees must immediately notify the school principal if a student or employee has come into contact (through living arrangements or otherwise) with any person that has: (a) received a positive test result for COVID-19; (b) has sought medical treatment for COVID-19 symptoms; or (c) is quarantined or self-quarantined because of COVID-19, whether diagnosed or not. In any of these situations, the person will not be allowed on school property, until the minimum county isolation/quarantine requirements have been met.
4. During the 2020-2021 school year, the school will require parents, guardians, students and employees to answer basic health screening questions related to COVID-19 symptoms before coming to school. Further, once present at school, if an

employee, student or visitor exhibits symptoms of COVID-19, the school may conduct health screening and isolate the person, consistent with county guidelines. (No medical testing, blood or saliva draw will be performed.)

With the above guiding principles, the following are general expectations moving forward to reopen our Catholic schools in 2020, pending the waiver:

The School Will:

1. Clean and disinfect the school building, including classrooms, using a commercial cleaning service before in-person instruction begins. Janitorial service will occur on school days after school hours.
2. Have an adequate supply of liquid soap and disinfecting supplies available for use by employees, students and janitors both in the classrooms and bathrooms.
3. Have a limited amount of surplus PPE for students should they lose, soil or misplace their own PPE while at school.
4. Wipe down and disinfect desks, chairs and tables during the school day. Students may be asked to participate by disinfecting their own desks, chairs, and personal property.
5. Determine when parents, guardians or visitors shall be permitted on campus, the duration of such visits, as well as what PPE they shall be required to wear on campus. These determinations will be posted at the building entrance(s) and on the school website. The school may restrict the number of visitors to the school building, both during and after school hours. The school may refuse entry to visitors who do not comply with the county's requirements, or the school's visitor requirements.
6. Communicate in writing with parents/guardians regarding protection measures for COVID-19, including changes in practices that start after the school begins in-person learning.

Parents/Guardians Will:

1. Check your student for symptoms of COVID-19 daily before he/she attends school. A list of COVID-19 symptoms and a self-checker is available on the Center for Disease Control (CDC) website at [Symptoms of Coronavirus](#) and guardians are to submit any information requested by the school regarding the presence or absence of any COVID-19 symptoms before your student arrives at the school entrance(s).
2. Provide students with PPE covering their nose and mouth, and clean or replace such protective coverings as necessary.
3. Provide students with personal water bottles and small bottles of liquid hand sanitizer to carry in backpacks for use in class, at lunch or during recess. Explain these water

bottles and liquid hand sanitizer bottles should not be shared and should be marked with the student's initials/name.

4. Explain to your student the importance of social distancing, understanding the minimum social distance and wearing of PPE when required. Explain to students the importance of not touching other students, and not touching other students' backpacks, clothing, cell phones, food or personal property.
5. Comply with all PPE requirements of the applicable county guidelines.

Waiver and Release of Liability:

The COVID-19 pandemic has created serious, unexpected challenges for the entire world, including our schools. We are dedicated to the goal of resuming the mission of providing Catholic education in the classroom and taking reasonable mitigating measures. At the same time, there is no ability on the part of the school to guarantee a virus-free school environment.

The undersigned expressly understand and assume the risk of contracting COVID-19. Further, the undersigned expressly waives and releases any and all claims or lawsuits against the Diocese of Oakland, its affiliated corporations, parishes or schools, including clergy, agents and employees, arising from or related to alleged negligence concerning any type of harm or injury caused by COVID-19. This waiver of liability and release shall be enforced to the full extent permitted by California law. Parents/guardians signing this waiver and release of liability are signing both on behalf of their children and themselves.

Please complete one form PER student. Please do not complete and submit the form ahead of the parent meeting for each student's individual grade/class.

Parent/Guardian Name(s):

Student Name:

Student's Grade:

Date Submitted:

PRAYER OF ST. PATRICK

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.

I arise today
Through the mighty strength
Of the Lord of creation.

Amen.



Nuts & Chews
Yummy, crunchy and chewy.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$24.50 #40334



Assorted Chocolates
Milk and dark decadence.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$24.50 #40318



Peanut Brittle
Buttery, crunchy and irresistible.
1 lb 8 oz \$25.00 #355



Assorted Lollypops
Vanilla, Butterscotch, Café Latté and Chocolate.
Approximately 30 lollypops.
1 lb 5 oz \$22.50 #296



Toffee-ettes®
Crunchy toffee, milk chocolate and almonds.
1 lb \$24.50 #316



Peanut Butter Egg
An irresistible treat.
3 oz \$7.00 #9499



Chocolate Butter Egg
Creamy and delicious.
3 oz \$7.00 #9500



Bordeaux™ Egg
A tasty classic.
3 oz \$7.00 #9501



Egg Hunt Box
Full of See's favorites.
4 oz \$8.00 #9725



Marshmallow & Scotchmallow® Eggs
One box, four yummy eggs.
3.4 oz \$7.00 #9493

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

FUNDRAISER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Team or Room #: _____

CUSTOMER NAME/PHONE #

	1 lb Nuts & Chews #40334	1 lb Assorted Chocolates #40318	1 lb 8 oz Peanut Brittle #355	1 lb 5 oz Assorted Lollypops #296	1 lb Toffee-ettes® #316	3 oz Peanut Butter Egg #9499	3 oz Chocolate Butter Egg #9500	3 oz Bordeaux™ Egg #9501	4 oz Egg Hunt Box #9725	3.4 oz Marshmallow & Scotchmallow® Eggs #9493	TOTAL
1.	\$24.50	\$24.50	\$25.00	\$22.50	\$24.50	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	
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Total Quantity of Each Item											\$

TOTAL

FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR

2021 Spring Fundraising

Please fill out form completely.

FUNDRAISER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Team or Room #: _____

Total Quantity of Each Item

Amount Due

	1 lb Nuts & Chews #40334	1 lb Assorted Chocolates #40318	1 lb 8 oz Peanut Brittle #355	1 lb 5 oz Assorted Lollypops #296	1 lb Toffee-ettes® #316	3 oz Peanut Butter Egg #9499	3 oz Chocolate Butter Egg #9500	3 oz Bordeaux™ Egg #9501	4 oz Egg Hunt Box #9725	3.4 oz Marshmallow & Scotchmallow® Eggs #9493	TOTAL
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Amount Due											\$



Happy
St. Patrick's Day!

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL
ADULTS ONLY SOCIAL
2021
TIME TO CELEBRATE

Please join us in celebrating
ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

Who: CAREGIVERS ONLY (THIS IS ONE IS FOR US PARENTS!)

Link: meet.google.com/vxk-kteu-frf

When: Wednesday, March 17th

Time: 7:30pm

GO SHAMROCKS!



SCRIP ORDER 2020 - 2021

Family Name _____
 Name & Grade of oldest child _____

****Orders Due by March 11, 2021.

Entertainment	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Century Theaters	4%	\$25		
Century Theaters Single Admit	8.5%	\$11		
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		
Sprouts Farmers Market	5%	\$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, March 11, 2021 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 _____