

May 12, 2021



# St. John Catholic School

*Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish*



## **ON THE HORIZON:**

Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>  
Student of the Month Awards  
Assembly  
3:30pm  
Meeting link emailed to  
parents

## **LOOKING AHEAD:** **Significant dates for the 2021 – 2022 School Year**

August 18<sup>th</sup>  
*First day of school*

November 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>  
*Thanksgiving break*

December 20<sup>th</sup> – December  
31<sup>st</sup>  
*Christmas break*

April 15<sup>th</sup> – April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
*Easter break*

June 7<sup>th</sup>  
*Last day of school*

Dear Shamrock Family,

As was indicated in the 2021 State of the School Address that was shared with families yesterday, like with many businesses, our school's finances have been greatly impacted by Covid-19 over the course of the last 14 months. Due to the combination of school families' financial hardships, a decline in enrollment, as well as the cost of additional resources necessary for distance learning and a safe return to onsite learning, St. John Catholic School is experiencing some financial strain. I have and will continue to make conscientious decisions regarding our finances, most specifically where staffing and resources are concerned. My staff and I are committed to providing high quality education and enriching experiences to all of our students. The Administration Team continues to evaluate how to best and most efficiently serve our school community, while becoming even more creative with financial and staff resources.

Although we have been met with great challenges over the past 14 months, I am very excited to now be looking to the future. I am looking forward to a growing school community, to greater financial stability, to the continued support of all of our current SJCS families, and I am looking forward to witnessing more accomplishments of our student body!

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation for all of YOU- for your flexibility, your understanding, your spreading of positive commentary about our school, as well as your continued dedication to fundraising and service commitments for the benefit of our students.

As is stated in our school prayer, "My school is composed of people like me... It will bring other people into its hallways if I invite and bring them. It will be a school family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy if I — who make it what it is — am filled with the same qualities." You are all filled with our "Shamrock Spirit," and I pray that we can share that spirit with many more families, both new and returning, for many years to come.

With Love and Gratitude,  
Ms. Child

**Honoring Our Class of 2021 (April – May)**



**Isaac Kwan**

My name is Isaac Kwan. I have attended St. John Catholic School since 2018. I like to code and play video games. A favorite memory of mine is during 6th grade when Mr. Epperson was still a teacher. People in class would say, “chair” as a joke and that is a good memory I have. I miss when it was easy with little homework and not many tests. Some advice I have is to ALWAYS pay attention in math. If you don't pay attention for even a minute, math gets confusing. I don't really want to be remembered for much. I just don't want to be remembered for something dumb. I would rather be remembered as funny.



**Michael Loller**

Hello! My name is Michael Loller. I have attended St. John Catholic School for over nine years. My hobbies that I enjoy inside and outside of school are sports and music production. Some of my favorite memories of St. John that I will miss is the whole semester of 6th grade. During that period of time, I got to meet a lot of new people. For everyone who hasn't graduated yet or is about to go to middle school, savor your moments while it lasts, even during these tough times. I want to be remembered for dominating my classmates in every physical education activity.



**Aaron Lopez**

Hello, my name is Aaron Lopez. I have attended St. John Catholic School for 9 years now. In my free time, I like to play video games with my friends and listen to music. My favorite memories of St. John were when we would have the Fall Festival so we could meet up with old and current friends. I will miss people I knew in younger grades and the school hallway. If you are in a younger grade, I recommend not getting into drama because that could lead up to consequences later on. I would like to be remembered as the person most people could come up to and ask questions without worrying.



**Sophia Lopez**

My name is Sophia Lopez. I have been at St. John for 10 years, since I was in PreK. At St. John, I played basketball for 9 years through CYO. My favorite memories at St. John include hanging out with my classmates. I will really miss that! Some advice I have for my underclassmen is to make sure you turn in all your work. I want to be remembered as a nice person at St. John.



**Lily Martins**

My name is Lily Martins, and I have attended St John for 9 years now. Some of the activities in which I participated at St. John was cheer for 8 years. (It would have been 9 if COVID-19 didn't happen.) I also participated in basketball for 6 years. I also ran with the cross-country team for 2 years at the school. One of my favorite memories at St. John is Field Day in 6th grade. At this event me and my friends threw the water buckets on each other and ended up getting in trouble. A piece of advice I have for my younger classmates is to work hard and believe in yourself. I honestly want to be remembered as a funny but nice kid.

**SCRIP FUNDRAISING**

Only 1 more time to order SCRIP this school year! This is a great way to get a head start on your 2021-2022 fundraising obligation! Visit [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://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. Orders must be submitted online or to the school office by 10am on Thursday, May 13. Please email Ms. Aimee at [asire@csdo.org](mailto:asire@csdo.org) with any questions.

**SPRING CONCERT ALBUM:**

Over the course of the past few months, Mr. Rathje has worked diligently with students, online and from afar, in order to record and provide the following Spring Concert album to our school community. Please enjoy the various class Spring Concert tracks by clicking the link below.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1eT3GuZJJeYTQKn1WjtT4ox9tD8z4a-SCb?usp=sharing>

**ACCREDITATION SURVEY RESPONSES NEEDED FROM ALL PARENTS:**

Hello SJCS Families,

Every six years, Catholic Schools are required to complete the accreditation process. At St. John, we completed our accreditation in March of 2018. Each year in between we are asked to assess our progress in certain areas. This year we are assessing "Mission and Philosophy" and "Parents as Partners" and we need your input. Please fill out the survey using the link below by May 21st.

<https://forms.gle/HPqqHAoq7FhWphDn7>

**CELEBRATING OUR FAITH**

Marian Resources for Families- <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-activities/resource-collections/marian-resources/>



**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 [asure@csdo.org](mailto:asure@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.*

## Capture Your Memories in This Year's St John Catholic School Yearbook



### Customize Your 2 Free Pages

- Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.
- Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.
- The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$0.99.

### To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

- 1 Go to [www.treering.com/validate](http://www.treering.com/validate)
- 2 Enter your school's passcode:  
**1015901096024880**

Regular Price: **\$19.49**

\*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

Deadline: **Apr 30**

Orders placed after 4/30 can be shipped to your home for a \$4.99 shipping fee

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