

AUGUST 19, 2020



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



**Link to 2020 – 2021 SJCS
Calendar**

Website:

<https://www.stjohncatholicshool.org/calendar.html>

iCal format

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ON THE HORIZON:

September 3rd

6:00 pm

Online PTG Meeting

September 7th

NO School- Labor Day

September 8th

STAR Benchmark Assessment
Window Opens

September 9th

Noon Dismissal
Teacher Professional
Development

September 10th

6:00pm

Back to School Night (TBD)

Dear Shamrock Family,

I hope you have had a great first few days of the school year! I was able to join some classes today and got the opportunity to see and talk to students. It was a joy to catch up with some of the kiddos again and hear about their summers and hopes for the school year. I plan to visit the rest of the classes tomorrow and Friday. I appreciate the warm, welcoming and hopeful spirit of our students.

On Tuesday, Fr. Sergio afforded Mr. Enos and me the opportunity to record and provide a Welcome Back Mass for our community. I do hope that your family was able to take some time Tuesday to watch and share in the eucharistic celebration together. I know that teachers planned time for reflection and discussion on the mass readings during class today. Going forward, we will resume our weekly reflections, which will be shorter in nature than yesterday's full mass. Still, we are a Catholic school and our connection to our faith is imperative to our children's education and to our unity as a school community. Each Tuesday we will record and send a reflection to teachers. From there, you can expect to receive this as a family, to enjoy together on Tuesday evenings. We hope this provides not only the opportunity for reflection and discussion among students while in class on Wednesdays, but among families as well.

It seems that we have had only few problems in the way of technology so far, and that is encouraging. Mr. Enos tended to a few issues on Monday and Tuesday, but for the most part it seems that so far students are connected, able to access meeting links and are participating during their classes. We ask that students take good care of their school-issued technology and make a consistent effort to use school-issued devices for school work alone, so to preserve its good working condition throughout the year. We've invested much to ensure access to technology for all students during this time, and we really hope for devices to last.

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I look forward to witnessing more of our teachers' great planning as it pertains to lessons and activities for students. I am eager to work with teachers, staff, students and parents toward strategizing ways to offer online community building events that allow us to connect, pray and play. We continue to strive to embrace and shape the mind, hearts and souls of our students, as well as seek ways for our school and parish community to remain united in faith, hope and love.

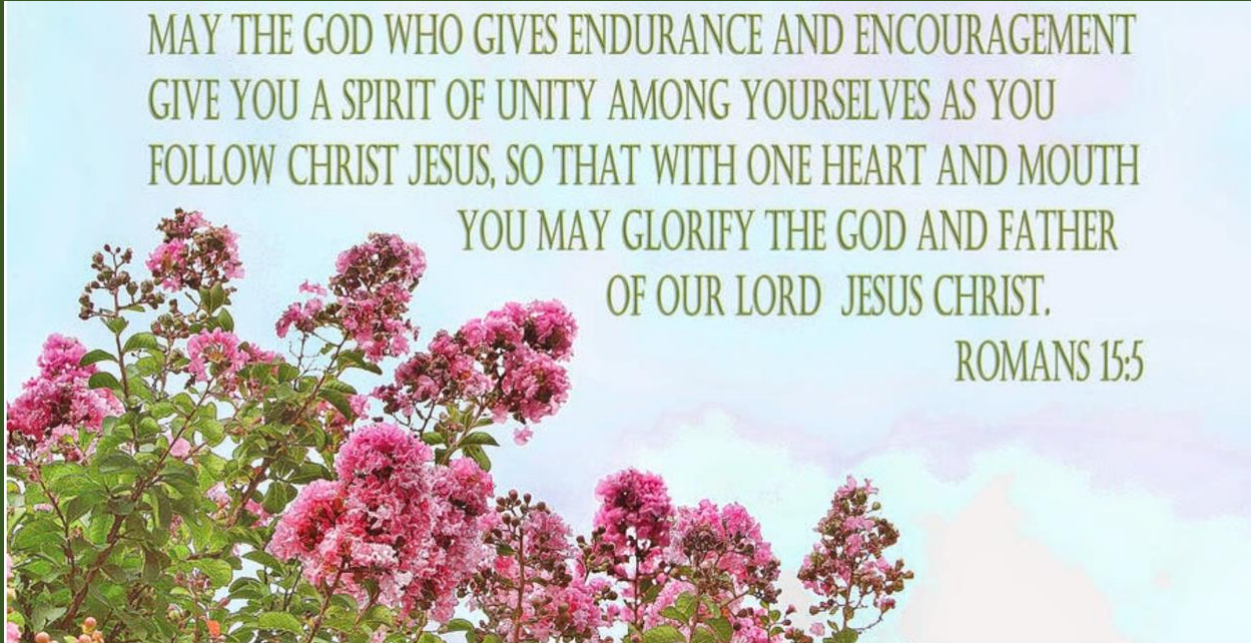
Attentively,
Ms. Paige Child

PTG (Parent/Teacher Group):

Our first, online PTG meeting will be held on Thursday, September 3rd at 6pm. All families will be welcomed to join in to kick off our school year, meet our PTG parent representatives, and offer input on community building events and PTG fundraising goals. Please look out for upcoming communication and links for all upcoming meetings. Here's to a GREAT new year!

SPECIAL SHOUT OUT:

Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their generous check donation to our school of over \$650 and for our raffle prize of a new 52" television! At the end of Sunday's 9:30am mass, Mr. Michael McCarthy awarded Ms. Child with the earnings from January's pancake breakfast, as well as the tv raffle prize the school won from what would have been March's St. Patrick's Dinner Dance. Both events were sponsored by the Knights. We are incredibly grateful for the humble work of the Knights of Columbus ministry, and we are honored to be consistent recipients of their support. Now more than ever, the support is needed and appreciated!



MAY THE GOD WHO GIVES ENDURANCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT
GIVE YOU A SPIRIT OF UNITY AMONG YOURSELVES AS YOU
FOLLOW CHRIST JESUS, SO THAT WITH ONE HEART AND MOUTH
YOU MAY GLORIFY THE GOD AND FATHER
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.
ROMANS 15:5

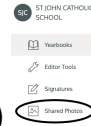
2020-2021 Yearbook Pictures

This year is going to be one to remember and we need your help collecting Distance Learning pictures!

1. Go to treering.com or download the TreeRing app from the app store.
2. Create an account. School passcode: 1015901096024880
3. You DO NOT need to purchase a yearbook at this time.



4. Click Shared Photos (under the St. John School heading)



5. Open the Shared Photos Folder



6. Select the **First Day of School** folder to add your first day pictures! You can even tag your child(ren) in the photo!



I will be adding new folders throughout the year to easily collect pictures. You can upload from your phone, facebook, Instagram, google photos, etc.

Thank you for your help! If you have any questions feel free to contact me 😊

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