

AUGUST 24, 2022



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



ON THE HORIZON:

Wednesday, August 31st
Noon dismissal day

Thursday, September 1st
Back to School Night
6:15pm in the gym

Monday, September 5th
Labor Day- No school

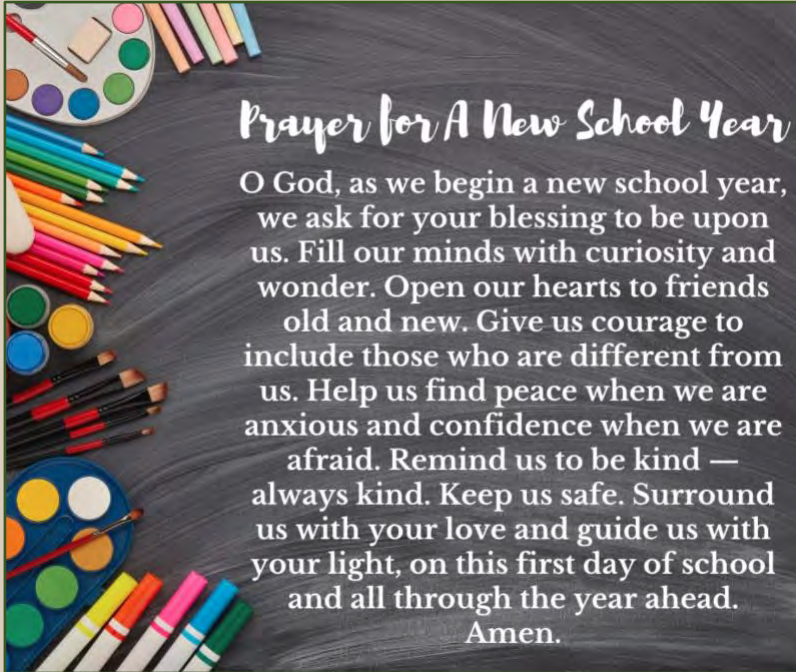
Dear Shamrock Family,

We are off to a great start with our first full school week underway! Students seem to be adjusting better to the full schedule with each school day that passes. I have had the pleasure to visit each class and witness many awesome lessons and projects. It is an honor to experience so much happiness through student learning at SJCS.

It was heartwarming to welcome so many current school families, alumni, parishioners and school staff at our welcome parade and BBQ a few Saturdays back. Thanks to all who came out to share our shamrock pride and kick off our new school year- our 70th school year to be exact! We will have more opportunities to celebrate our 70th anniversary in the months to come.

Back to School Night is on Thursday, September 1st at 6:15pm. We will begin the evening in the gym and then parents/guardians will proceed to individual student classrooms to hear from classroom teachers. This is a great opportunity to gather together in prayer and to learn more about upcoming school events, service hour opportunities, curriculum and instructional materials, as well as class procedures. I will have a short presentation to start and then teachers will have presentations to share thereafter. Please be advised that each classroom session (there will be 2) is only 15 minutes, so this is not an ideal parent/teacher conference time. We ask that parents make a separate attempt to email or meet with teachers if necessary to ask student-specific questions and/or to inquire about student progress. **Unless child care is an issue, Back to School Night is intended for parents only.** Formal Parent/Teacher Conferences are held the first full week in October.

Attentively,
Ms. Paige Child
pchild@csdo.org



Prayer for A New School Year

O God, as we begin a new school year, we ask for your blessing to be upon us. Fill our minds with curiosity and wonder. Open our hearts to friends old and new. Give us courage to include those who are different from us. Help us find peace when we are anxious and confidence when we are afraid. Remind us to be kind — always kind. Keep us safe. Surround us with your love and guide us with your light, on this first day of school and all through the year ahead. Amen.

UNIFORM/DRESS CODE:

While we were more lenient about the uniform/dress code in past years while transitioning back to school after being in different learning platforms during the pandemic, this year the dress code will be fully enforced. We expect parents (and students) to pay special attention to the uniform expectations identified in the Parent/Student Handbook, which is ready for your careful review.

SHAMROCK SHOUTOUT:

We thank Mr. Casildo Gonzalez and Mr. Nic Martinez for bringing their grills and grilling hamburgers and hot dogs at our welcome BBQ on August 13th!

ATTENDANCE:

Students are expected to be in attendance, and on time for school. Tardiness is disruptive to students and teachers. Learning is lost when students are late and late students' arrival causes a disruption to class routine and student learning. Please ensure students are on time for school.



PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK:

The 2022-2023 Parent/Student Handbook is ready for each school family's careful review. Parents and students are responsible for the content outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook. This document can be located and reviewed via our school website and is linked here: <https://www.stjohncatholicsschool.org/parentstudent-handbook.html>

FOOD DROP OFF:

Parents, please note that the school will not accept snack/lunches to be dropped off in the front office. Should a child need a lunch, the school will provide one and a family will be billed. Should we not have a lunch to provide your child, you will be contacted.

STUDENT SUPPORT:

12 Study Tips for Back to School
<https://www.princetonreview.com/colleg>



PARKING & MORNING DROP OFF:

We ask that parents NOT park or drop their child(ren) off in the school/rectory parking lot. Parents/guardians may park and/or drop students off in the large church/gym parking lot and students may walk into the gym for morning prayer and assembly.

SEP REGISTRATION RATE INCREASE ON 9/1

SEP registration increases to \$75 on 9/1. Complete and return the attached packet to the office by 8/31/22.

FAITH FORMATION:

Praying with Children

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/family/praying-as-a-family/praying-with-children-blessings-and-family-prayers/>



STUDENT HIGHLIGHT:

The following prayer was written and shared by Student Council Officer, Laila Pomeroy on the first day of school.

Heavenly Father, we ask you to help us with our studies this school year. Help us strive to do our very best. Lend a hand to our teachers so that they may teach us to the best of their abilities. Keep us all safe and healthy so that we may keep spreading your word. We pray for those who are less fortunate than us, for those who cannot go to school, and for those who do not have food, water, or shelter. Bless us during this school year, O Great God.

Amen.

FUNDRAISING WITH RAISE RIGHT:

Have you ever wondered what Raise Right (Formerly SCRIP) is and how it benefits St. John Catholic School?

What? Raise Right is Fundraising While You Shop®, it turns everyday shopping into cash for your organization 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. Be sure to pay attention to the percentage that each card earns to accurately calculate your contributions.

Please refer to www.RaiseRight.com for a complete list of participating vendors. Orders can be placed through Raise Right's website or the attached paper form.

The first Raise Right (Formerly SCRIP) order of the 2022-2023 school year is due on Thursday, September 1, 2022. Please contact Ms. Aimee at asure@csdo.org for more information on the Raise Right (formerly SCRIP) program or information on how to enroll online.

SHAMROCK PRIDE GROUP MEMBERSHIP FEE DUE:

All families are required to join and actively participate in the parent organization, newly named the Shamrock Pride Group (SPG). There is a required annual membership fee of \$10 per family. This parent organization membership fee is nonrefundable and must be paid before 9/20/22. Funds will be used to put on special events for our shamrock family! Keep an eye out for more information on how to participate in the Shamrock Pride Group.

Please note: Payments not made by the due date will be automatically added to your FACTS account.





MEDICATIONS ON CAMPUS

Policy

- All medication administered require parent/guardian authorization.
- All prescription medication and aspirin require physician and parent/guardian authorization.
- *Medications are to be kept in the school office*
- An exception will be made if the school has a "Permission to Carry and Self-Medicare" form on file, signed off on by both the parent(s) and student's physician.

Procedure

- Parent/Guardian is to bring the medication to the office.
- A request form for each prescribed medication must be completed by the student's physician, signed by physician and signed by parent. Faxed forms from the physician are acceptable.

Please contact Ms. Aimee with any questions.

CYO SIGN-UPS HAPPENING NOW:

CYO is now accepting sign-ups for Boys' Basketball, Little Shamrocks and Cross Country. Visit our website for more information. <https://stjohncyo.weebly.com/>

LITTLE SHAMROCKS

1st Little Shamrock session starts in September. On that day your child will receive their shirt and a complete schedule. Please make sure your child is wearing tennis shoes and shorts/sweatpants. Please no jeans, skirts, or shoes with no laces. If you have any questions please email Coach Devony at littlehamrocksinfo@gmail.com



PICTURE REQUEST:

If you have any picture from our Back To School BBQ and Parade or the First Day of School you're willing to share, please send them to info@sjcsedu.org



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

We are looking for volunteers to help out with our daily lunch program, ChoiceLunch. Volunteers would need to be available 1 day per week (preferably the same day each week) for the remainder of the school year. We would need you to be on campus from 11:30am to about 12:45pm. If you cannot commit to being a full time volunteer, we are looking for alternates who would be able on call. Please email Ms. Aimee at asire@csdo.org if you are interested or would like to learn more about this opportunity.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS:

- 1.) Volunteer Background Checks are required for any person who would like to volunteer, chaperone, or attend class parties. Anyone who wants to enter the school, past the office lobby, during school hours needs to be fingerprinted.
 - One time, no expiration.
 - Forms can be picked up in the office
 - There is a \$34 fee per person payable to SJCS
- 2.) Safe Environment Training completion is required for any person who would like to volunteer, chaperone, attend class parties, or anyone who wants to enter the school, past the office lobby, during school hours needs to have a current Safe Environment Certificate on file.
 - All volunteers will have to complete training through www.virtusonline.org once every 3 years.
 - There is a \$5 fee payable to SJCS.

You are invited to the 18th annual Little Shamrock Basketball League!!!

- This program is for **any** Pre K, Kindergarten, and 1st grade **Boys and Girls from any school** interested in learning about basketball
- Sign up will be held **Wednesday 8/31 between 6:30pm and 8:00pm and Online at <https://stjohncyo.weebly.com/>** in the school at St. John's. 270 E Lewelling Blvd, San Lorenzo, CA 94580
- The cost will be **\$75** and will include each participant will receive 1 T-shirt to keep and 1 gift at the end of the season. **I will contact you all via email with our start date and our last session will be Saturday Oct. 29th**
- **No birth certificate or proof of address is required for Little Shamrocks**
- Games and practices will be held on select Saturdays and Sundays, all in the St John's gym. Schedule will be handed out during sign-ups. Each session will consist of 30 minute practice where the children will learn basic fundamental skills and 1 hour game immediately following practice.
- Games will be played on 8ft hoop and use a 27.5 basketball
- Any questions contact littlehamrocksinfo@gmail.com



St John Catholic School Choir 2022/23

Hello Shamrock Students and Families!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer! This is a form if you care for your child to be signed up and to join the St. John Catholic School Choir for the 2022/23 school year. I am so excited to announce that the school choir this year is going to be playing a much larger role than the past two years, as it is anticipated that they will be singing every Wednesday Mass.

PRACTICE START DATE: MONDAY, AUGUST 29 @ 3:15 pm

I am looking forward to raising our voices in song and in celebration of a new and hopeful year.

Blessings,
Mr. Rathje

Choir Rehearsal: Every Monday, 3:15 - 4:15pm
Grades 2-8, in the music room

If interested in joining the choir, please complete the bottom portion and turn in to the student's teacher.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

I give permission for my child to participate in choir for the rest of the 2022-2023 school year.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

St. John Catholic School
School Extension Program Registration
2022-2023

Registration:

For returning families, SEP accounts must be cleared at the time of registration, from the previous school year. Families who do not receive a registration packet may contact the SEP Director or **front office** to receive one.

If you wish to register for SEP, there is a fee of \$50.00 per family before September 1st. If you register after September 1st, your registration fee increases to \$75.00.

Snacks are **not** provided by SEP staff. One to two snacks for time spent in SEP should be saved and kept separately from school day snacks. We ask parents to please remind students to save a snack for time spent in after school SEP.

SEP offers two types of programs:

Registered Drop In:

- \$50 non-refundable registration fee
- Rate: \$7 per hour
- Billed to the quarter hour
- Can attend before and after school care

Non-Registered Drop In:

- No registration fee
- Rate: \$10 per hour
- Billed to the quarter hour
- Can attend before and after school care

Hours of Operation: 7:00 AM – 7:40AM and 15 minutes after dismissal until 6:00 PM on all days school is in session, with the EXCEPTION of after school SEP on Disaster Drill day, the last day of school before Christmas Break and the last day of the school year. SEP is offered from 15 minutes after a minimum day dismissal time until 6:00pm on minimum days.

****Families will be charged \$5.00 per minute for each minute that their child(ren) remain in the program after 6:00 pm.***

Billing: SEP billing statements are sent out the first full week of each month. Payment is due upon receipt of your statement. Please make checks payable to St. John SEP. If at any time you have a question regarding the hours billed, please contact the SEP Lead via email. If you have any questions about previous payments or balance due, please contact Ms. Aimee- asire@csgdo.org .

Please make sure to complete all the information in your registration packet. On the authorized pickup form, list all people you are authorizing to pick up your child(ren) from SEP. Do not forget to list yourself. Your child(ren) can only be released to those on the list.

Location:

Outside, in the school play yard (3:05-3:30pm)

Room 9- SEP Grades TK-3

Room 7- SEP Grades 4-8

For more information regarding the SEP program, please contact the school office at 510-276-6632.

Questions during SEP hours (3:00-6:00pm) can be directed to the SEP Lead or via email.

Student's Name _____ DOB _____

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Name of Parents/Guardians: _____

Phone Numbers (required):

Home, Father _____

Home, Mother _____

Work, Father _____

Work, Mother _____

Cell, Father _____

Cell, Mother _____

Home Address:

Child(ren) _____

Father _____

Mother _____

Parent Email Address for billing & communication (required):

Father _____ Mother _____

Student lives with (circle one): Mother Father Both Guardian

If your child does not live with both parents, may either parent pick up the child?

YES _____ NO _____

Allergies/ Medical Conditions/ Physical or Emotional Needs

I am enrolling my child(ren) in the St. John SEP for 2021-2022 school year.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Authorized Pick Up:

Please list below the person(s) you are authorizing to pick-up your child(ren) from SEP. **DO NOT FORGET TO INCLUDE YOURSELF.** An I.D. card will be requested at the time of pick-up for any unfamiliar faces.

Student's Name & Grade: _____

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Student's Name & Grade: _____

Persons authorized to pick-up the above-listed children:

Name	Relationship to Child	Ph. Number
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____

Is there any particular individual who **MAY NOT** pick up your child? Please circle YES or NO

If yes, please list:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

If your child does not live with both parents, may either parent pick up the child?

YES _____ NO _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



Dear SEP Parents,

The following is a reminder to all of our SEP students of the behavioral expectations that are required of them daily. These are guidelines set up by the Oakland Diocese by which all Extended Care Programs abide. Parents, please review and discuss the following rules with your children.

This form must be signed by parents and students and will be kept on file.

BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS:

1. Show respect for yourself, others and property
2. Positively contribute to the SEP environment
3. Listen to and follow SEP supervisors' directions and make safe choices

If school or SEP rules are not followed, a student may be not be allowed to remain in the SEP program. Parents/guardians are expected to conduct themselves with respect when dropping off or picking a student up from SEP.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ GRADE _____

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*I have read and fully understand the expectations of the School Extended Program
at St. John Catholic School.*

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Please complete this form and return it to the SEP Lead or office staff.

RAISERIGHT ORDER 2022 - 2023

Family Name _____
 Name & Grade of oldest child _____

****Orders Due by September 1, 2022.

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	4.5%	\$10		
		\$25		
Retail	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Amazon.com	2%	\$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.raiseright.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, September 1, 2022 10:00 AM.

TOTAL \$ _____

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

Purchased By (please print) _____ Phone # _____

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

Signature _____ Date _____