

AUGUST 31, 2022



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



ON THE HORIZON:

Thursday, September 1st

Back to School Night
6:15pm in the gym

Class of 2024 “Take Home a Pizza Slice” fundraiser following Back to School Night
See attached flyer or [Click here to place your order!](#)

Monday, September 5th

No School- Labor Day

Wednesday, September 7th

All School Mass
8:30am in the church
*Families welcomed to sit in second half of church

Dear Shamrock Family,

It is with a full heart and open mind that we set forth on our 2022-2023 school year journey. Please know that we, the faculty and staff at SJCS, care very much for our shamrock family, and that we are dedicated to working in partnership with you, the parents, so to fulfill our mission of educating the whole child and ministering to our community in the image of Christ's love. One of our hopes for this school year is to fully bring back faith formation, service learning, and school community event opportunities in which parents and guardians are fully vested. I would love to see our school families at weekend masses. When I attend mass at St. John, I usually frequent the 4:30pm Saturday mass or the 9:30am Sunday mass. I hope to see your family there too! Thank you for your dedication to Catholic education. We look forward to sharing more about our vision for the upcoming school year at Back to School Night this Thursday evening.

With Appreciation,
Ms. Paige Child
pchild@cndo.org

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



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT SCHEDULE:

6:15pm Opening Welcome & Prayer in the gym
6:20pm General School Communication in gym
6:50pm Classroom Session # 1
7:05pm Parent Passing Period to Session # 2
7:10pm Classroom Session # 2
7:25pm Classroom Session # 2 concludes
7:30pm Goodnight Families

SCHOOL FRONT DOOR:

Parents- PLEASE be sure that the school's front doors completely closed and secured behind you when you leave. Please use the LEFT side front door when leaving the school and please do NOT use the right-side front door. Again, we need everyone's diligence toward ensuring that there is no unwanted access to our school.



WELCOME TO NEW STAFF:

We welcome TK/K Instructional Assistant, Brianna Thompson to our school staff!

VISION SCREENING:

A diocesan approved vendor will visit St. John on Friday, September 2nd at 8:00am to provide vision screening to students in kindergarten, second, fifth, and eighth grades. We need 3 cleared parent volunteers to assist with walking classes to and from classrooms and recording information. If interested in volunteering, please contact Ms. Aimee- asire@csdo.org before Friday.



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-Medicate" 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.

SHAMROCK PRIDE GROUP (SPG):

Are you interested in being more involved in our shamrock community? Do you know someone who would be a great leader? Consider nominating yourself or someone you know for a leadership role in our Shamrock Pride Group. The Shamrock Pride Group (SPG) will be composed of parents and guardians within the St. John Catholic School community. While it is our intention and expectation that ALL school families are actively engaged in the spiritual, academic and social life of our school community; we are requesting that there be some individuals who are willing to serve in a leadership capacity. We are seeking individuals who want to plan, organize, communicate and host events that nurture the spiritual, academic and social lives of our school and parish community throughout the year. Such events may include, but are not limited to: family movie night, family game night, after school student clubs, adult bible study/faith formation and hosting fundraisers to support extended academic and faith formation opportunities for our students.

If you are interested in serving in a leadership role among the SPG, please contact the school by emailing your name and area of interest/ability to: info@sjcsedu.org. Likewise, if there is an individual whom you'd like to nominate for a leadership position among the SPG, please email their name to: info@sjcsedu.org. All nominations for the 2022-2023 school year are due by September 9th. Thank you for your consideration. The first SPG meeting of the school year will be held on September 20th at 6:00pm and ALL parents/guardians are welcome! More information/details to come.

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK:

The 2022-2023 Parent/Student Handbook was ready last Wednesday 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.stjohncatholicschool.org/parentstudent-handbook.html>

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.



STUDENT SUPPORT:

10 Ways to Help Your Child Succeed in Elementary School
<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/school-help-elementary.html#catlearning>

FAITH FORMATION:

What is Laudato Si'?

The Laudato Si' Action Platform empowers the universal Church and all people of good will to respond to Laudato Si', Pope Francis' encyclical on caring for our common home. Exploring the ancient teachings of our faith in the light of today's ecological crisis, Laudato Si' teaches us that "everything is connected." (LS 91) As our relationship with our divine Creator has been neglected, human relationships have faltered, and our world has grown hotter, less stable, and more lifeless. As a result, we all suffer, and the poorest and most vulnerable suffer above all. We face a "complex crisis that is both social and environmental." (LS 139) There is hope. Pope Francis calls us to develop a "loving awareness" of this home we share and to act on the values we hold dear. (LS 220) Standing on the firm ground of "three fundamental and closely intertwined relationships: with God, with our neighbor, and with the Earth itself," we commit to setting out "on the long path of renewal." (LS 66, 202) We embrace our rightful place in the "order and dynamism" that our Creator ordained, and we urgently embark on new ways of living with "creativity and enthusiasm" (LS 221, 220).

LAST CALL FOR BOYS' BASKETBALL, LITTLE SHAMROCKS AND CROSS COUNTRY!

Please register by September 1st. You can pay and download forms on our website: stjohncyo.weebly.com. Registration paperwork can be emailed to shamrockcyo@gmail.com or dropped off Wednesday, August 31st from 6pm-7pm in room 14 of the school. Tell your friends!

LITTLE SHAMROCKS

1st Little Shamrock starts in September. Your child will receive their shirt and a complete schedule on the first day. Please make sure your child is wearing tennis shoes and shorts/sweatpants. No jeans, skirts, or shoes with no laces. Questions? [Email Coach Devony](mailto:coachdevony@gmail.com)

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.



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





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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY! – HOT LUNCH OPENINGS

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](mailto: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.

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 asire@csdo.org for more information on the Raise Right (formerly SCRIP) program or information on how to enroll online.

Join us after Back to School Night for...

**Take-Home
Pizza Slice
7th Grade
Fundraiser**



**We will have \$5
slices to go**

**Let us know how many
slices on this form here**

**All proceeds will go to the class of 2024 class fund
and will NOT count toward SJC's fundraising
obligation**



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@csdo.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: _____

Student's Name & Grade: _____

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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STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ GRADE _____

*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 _____