

September 22, 2021



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



ON THE HORIZON:

September 23rd

Full School Day, 2:50pm
Dismissal
No Choicelunch Available

September 24th

No School- Staff Development

September 25th

SJCS Beautification Day
10am-2pm

Dear Shamrock Family,

Usually this time of year, we conduct a school-wide “Disaster Drill” at which parents are expected to pick up students from the gym, after we have evacuated from the school. During this time, the staff conducts a drill that allows us to review our safety protocols in the event of a campus or local emergency (fire, earthquake, etc), including responsibilities pertaining to the following emergency response teams: Search & Rescue and First Aid, Security & Site Safety, Emergency Operations, Communication & Documentation, Student Release. While we are not conducting this full-fledged emergency drill with our whole

SJCS community this school year (including students and parents), our staff has been reviewing our Emergency Response Handbook and we conducted our own internal emergency response drill today. We have updated our classroom emergency backpacks and are adding to our first aid supplies as well. Our staff members are CPR & First Aid certified.

We remain vigilant in our preparedness to respond in the event of a crisis. I remind parents to please put together and send in your child’s 72-hour emergency pack by September 30th. These will assist our staff in ensuring that your child has what they need, should they be at school for longer than usual due to local emergency. I also ask that parents inquire with Ms. Aimee (asire@csdo.org) about updating any student emergency contact or student health information that we have on file. Together we can support the safety and well-being of our school community.

Attentively,
Ms. Paige Child

Autumn Prayer

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons. As we embrace these autumn months, May the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest. May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet remind us of the brevity of this earthly life. May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us your breath of life. May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds remind us that you call us to follow your will. We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.



ST. JOHN BEAUTIFICATION DAY 9/25/21 10:00AM-2:00PM

Do you need service hours? We are in need of volunteers this Saturday, September 25th! We will be prepping and painting our playground benches, tables and awning. We will also be trimming the neighboring trees away from the building and pulling out and removing brush from along the perimeter of our school. We're asking YOU to come out and help! Bring your mask and water bottle and come help us make our school look beautiful for our upcoming events. For more information and to sign up in advance please email info@sjcsedu.org. Sign-ups will be limited and you must rsvp before Friday September 24th at 10am. Thank you in advance and we look forward to seeing you Saturday!

FALL FESTIVAL & RAFFLE:

On October 2nd we will hold our annual Festival. The festival is a community event that helps raise funds for the church and school. We are asking all parents that would like to make donations in exchange for service hours to purchase any of the items listed below.

Please take donated items to the office by Friday October 1st.

Note: All baked goods must be purchased and not homemade due to Diocese requirements.

Our raffle will occur on October 3rd. Raffle tickets were sent home with the eldest SJCS student in each family on Friday. School parents are expected to sell 10 raffle tickets (\$50 value). Please place the name of the individual who purchased the ticket on the ticket they purchased. Please send in all 10 tickets to the school office in an envelope labeled with the last name of your student.

Thank you for your support!!!

St. John's Festival Donation Wish List:

Beverages - 1 Service Hour = 3 cases of water or 5 – 12 packs of Soda

Baked Goods – 1 Service Hour = 2 Cakes or 2 Pies or 4 Dozen cupcakes or treats

ST. JOHN'S UNITED IN FAITH FOOD FESTIVAL:

Click the link below to pre-order food at this year's festival.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcngU-m5AH1-YHVCs6_eINotMhwApg9_g-w5TkdGn_2AXlTA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

ST. JOHN FESTIVAL SIGN UP:

If you would like to sign up to volunteer at our festival please click the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094fa5ab2fa0f49-2021>

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK:

Please click on [this link](#) to be directed to the Parent/Student Handbook, via our school's website, for the 2021-2022 school year. It is expected that each school family reads the handbook and that parents review school protocols and expectations with school children. It is also expected that the attached signature page (Section XIX) be signed and returned to homeroom teachers by 9/22.

ST GERARD'S WOMAN'S CLUB FUNDRAISER:

The St Gerard's women's club will be having a Hallmark ornament Christmas sale along with some other Christmas items this Saturday Sept 18 and Sunday 19. Saturday's hours are 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday's hours are 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 pm on Sunday. This will be their only fundraiser for this year, and they rely on the support of our community to help them support the church. It's not too early to think Christmas and there are many great deals.

FAITH FORMATION:

Six Principles to Live By- Matthew Kelly

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aprQ4jtHxoE>

HEALTH & SAFETY:

Nine CDC Health Hacks for Back-to-School Success

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2019/p0808-nine-health-hacks-for-school.html>

SAFE ENVIRONMENT & FINGERPRINTING:

Any parent wishing to volunteer in the classroom, attend field trips, Junior High Socials or enter the school passed the office must have completed Safe Environment and been fingerprinted. Safe Environment can be done online at <http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/> once training is completed there is a \$5 fee payable to SJCS. Fingerprinting forms can be picked up in the school office. There is a \$34 fee payable to SJCS and due at the time of picking up the form. If you are unsure if you have completed both Safe Environment and Fingerprinting, please call the school office at 510-276-6632 to confirm.

IN PARISH RATE REQUIREMENTS:

This is just a reminder that to qualify for the In Parish Rate next year (2022-2023 school year) you must have completed the following prior to May 2022:

- Sell \$50 worth of raffle tickets for the Fall Festival
- 20 service hours between the parish and school
(see the Family Service Hour Program for more details)
- Register with the parish and regularly attend mass
- All age appropriate student sacraments compete
- Contribute a **minimum of \$200** to either the school's Annual Fund or the parish through the use of their weekly envelopes/EFT or a combination of both.

SCRIP FUNDRAISING:

BIG news: ThankScrip Day is coming this Thursday, September 16 and Friday, September 17! You'll have the opportunity to earn up to 20% with 85+ bonuses on eGift cards and reloaded gift cards—for 2 days only.

Please note: Physical gift cards are not included in the ThankScrip Day promotion and you need to have an account set up on ShopWithScrip.com to participate.

Our normal bi-weekly order for physical gift cards will be placed on Thursday, September 16. Please place your orders online or with the attached order form.

Not sure what SCRIP is or interested in more information? Please email Ms. Aimee at asire@csdo.org



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Painting

Paint
Paint Brushes
Paint Rollers
Tarps
Hand or battery powered sanders
Sandpaper

If you can donate any of these items you will receive 1 service for every \$20 you spend on these items. That's \$5 cheaper than the typical \$25 per hour value. Please email info@sjcsedu.org for approval prior to purchase. Service hours will be distributed and available on a FIRST COME FIRST SERVED basis so email to sign up ASAP!

Tree Trimming & Brush Removal

We do not have any tools or items to assist with this landscaping. If you bring your own tools and supplies you will earn double service hours for this project!

