

SEPTEMBER 23, 2020



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



ON THE HORIZON:

September 24th
STAR Testing Window Closes

September 25th
NO SCHOOL
Diocesan Elementary Staff
Day

September 30th
Middle of Trimester 1

October 1st
6:00 pm
Online PTG Meeting
<https://meet.google.com/ttb-kaxp-gug>

Dear Shamrock Family,


It was lovely to see so many of you during picture days this week. Next Wednesday, September 30th, marks the middle of our first trimester. Online Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held during the week of October 5th. Individual homeroom teachers will be in communication with parents early next week regarding Parent/Teacher Conference protocol and scheduling. Please keep an eye out for that communication from your child's homeroom teacher. I request that parents take time, if you have not already done so, to review [The St. John Catholic School Reopening Guide](#) and then submit your survey data via [The Sept. 2020 SJCS Re-Opening Parent/Guardian Survey](#) by this Sunday, September 27, 2020. Parent feedback will help inform and guide our next steps in regards to continuation with distance learning and/or our movement toward reopening for some onsite instruction. Both parent and staff feedback is invaluable in this process.

Attentively,
Ms. Paige Child

SHAMROCK PRIDE:

We share our great pride in our Shamrock Spirit winner, first grader, Julian, for his generosity. Upon winning our school-wide spirit contest last week, he earned a \$10 gift certificate, of his choosing, from PTG. Julian decided, however, that he would prefer that his prize earnings be donated to the church. This exemplifies the values of our St. John Catholic School. It is evident that Julian is not only a student who embodies shamrock spirit, but one who also lives his faith and serves others. Thank you, Julian, for embodying our Student Learning Expectations and being such a perfect example of our Shamrock Pride!

SHAMROCK SHOP UPDATE:

Shamrock Shop is now accepting online orders. You can order and pay directly on this site. When your order is ready you will receive an email with pick up information. Shipping is NOT available. Go Shamrocks! 
<https://sjcsshamrockshop.weebly.com/>

PRAYER & GRATITUDE:

Parents and guardians are invited to view the following video, which was also shared with the SJCS staff during our faculty meeting earlier today. In honor of and with immense gratitude to the entire village it takes to raise our children: *You're doing a good job!* Thank you, parents and guardians, for your continued partnership in Catholic education, now more than ever! Your children will be forever grateful!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NkDNp4ATCso>

PARENT SUPPORT:

Below are two videos offering support to parents surrounding ways to promote social & emotional health among families, especially during the time of a pandemic.

Worried About Sending Your Kids Back To School:

<https://adaa.org/learn-from-us/from-the-experts/blog-posts/consumer/worried-about-sending-your-kids-back-school>

Managing Covid-19 Anxiety:

<https://adaa.org/finding-help/coronavirus-anxiety-helpful-resources>

ERGONOMIC STRATEGIES:

Worried about poor work-from-home habits? Below is a video with insight as to how to correct bad posture and promote healthy working habits.

Working from Home: 8 Tips for Better Posture:

<https://www.hss.edu/playbook/working-from-home-8-tips-for-better-posture/>

2020 – 2021 PARENT STUDENT HANDBOOK

The updated 2020 – 2021 St. John Catholic School Parent Student Handbook is now available online. Please review the handbook with your students and look for upcoming communication on how to complete and return the necessary signature pages. Currently no signature pages are due so please wait to hear from us prior to printing and signing the current signature pages. You can access the handbook by going to our website, hovering over the COMMUNICATIONS tab and then clicking on the PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK link or by clicking here:

<https://www.stjohncatholicschool.org/parentstudent-handbook.html>

SCRIP Fundraising

Have you ever wondered what SCRIP is and how it benefits St. John Catholic School?

What? Scrip 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.

Thank you for supporting the St. John Catholic School SCRIP program!

It's not too early to start thinking about buying Halloween candy and treats, Thanksgiving grocery shopping, and Christmas gift-giving! Visit shopwithscrip.com for a complete list of participating vendors.

*New this year, physical gift card orders will be placed once a month. **Upcoming order dates are October 8th, November 5th, and December 3rd.** Please contact Ms. Aimee at asire@csdo.org for more information on the SCRIP program or if you have any questions.*