

October 18, 2023



# St. John Catholic School

*Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish*



## **ON THE HORIZON:**

**Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

Online Parent Meeting-  
Family Tech Talk  
6:00 -7:00pm

**Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> –  
Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

Red Ribbon Week- see  
attached flyer for details

**Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

SPG Meeting (online)

Topic: Trunk or

Treat/Movie Night planning

Meeting link:

<https://meet.google.com/oxe-kwjm-gcc>

**Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

School Mass @ 8:30am

**Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

Halloween Trunk or Treat

@ 5:30pm

Movie Night @ 7:30pm

Dear Shamrock Family,

We hold in our hearts those affected by war, both in Ukraine, and now in Israel and across the world. May we pray for world leaders to approach their roles with a spirit of collaboration, productive conversations and sound reasoning. Let us teach our children to lead with discernment, empathy and peace. God bless our world, country, community and school family.

### **Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace**

*Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!*

*We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain. Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.*

*Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.*

*Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!*

*Amen.*

Blessings,

Ms. Paige Child

Principal

[pchild@csdo.org](mailto:pchild@csdo.org)

**FAMILY TECH TALK TONIGHT:**

TONIGHT Wednesday 10/18 at 6pm Trend Micro will be hosting an internet safety presentation. **See the attached flyers for details.** If you sign in when you attend the event you will earn a service hour.

**SLE AWARD WINNERS:**

Kaeli 1<sup>st</sup> grade: We Serve Others  
Bella 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: We Serve Others



**BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**

Do to others as you would have them do to you. – Luke 6:31

**STUDENT LEARNING EXPECTATIONS:**

We live our faith - We serve others - We are lifelong

**FAITH FORMATION:**

Finding God in Giving Thanks

**NACHO SALE:**

Nacho sale tomorrow 10/18 at recess! 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be hosting their weekly nacho sale. Nachos will be \$1. Congratulations to Camila for winning our nacho sale flyer design contest!

**FAITH FAMILIES:**

Yesterday students met in their faith families for the first time this school year. They shared with students among various grades about themselves during an “All About Me” activity. Our faith family groups allow students from different grades to get to know each other, befriend each other and offer the opportunity for them to share in faith formation and eucharistic celebration during faith family masses. Our first faith family mass of the year was today!



### **HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT & MOVIE NIGHT:**

All SJCS families and friends of school families are welcomed to our third annual Trunk or Treat and movie night event on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Families who choose to host a spot AND provide candy to share will earn 5 service hours for their time and donation of candy. If interested in participating, please email Elisia Valdivia: [leese1432@gmail.com](mailto:leese1432@gmail.com) no later than October 24<sup>th</sup>. Space is limited to 22 spaces. There are only 5 spots remaining, so sign up soon to reserve your spot! ☺ Please see flyer below. Also, if you are interested in helping to plan this event, or if you have questions pertaining to this event, please join our online planning meeting on 10/24 @ 6pm (meeting link above under upcoming events, titled “On the Horizon”).

### **FAQ About Trunk or Treat & Movie Night:**

1. What time may I start setting up my car for Trunk or Treat? 3:30pm
2. May I invite non-St. John family and friends to the event? YES!
3. What food will be available for purchase during Movie Night? TBD- more to come next week!

### **SJCS HALLOWEEN PARADE, CARNIVAL & CLASS PARTIES ON OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup>:**

We will celebrate Halloween at St. John on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Students may come dressed in appropriate Halloween costumes. Please ensure that costumes are not too scary, gory, and that costumes allow students to move freely. No weapon props please. This day will begin with a costume parade in the gym, after morning prayer and announcements. Families are welcomed for this portion. After the parade, our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will host a carnival for students in grades TK – 5<sup>th</sup>. Halloween pictures will be for sale and individual classes will have classroom parties. This is a noon dismissal day with both before and after school SEP available. Homeroom teachers and/or room parents will share more information.

### **ATTENDING CLASS PARTIES:**

Any parent or guardian who wants to attend class parties, like that of the Halloween or Christmas class parties, **MUST meet all volunteer qualifications.** (See past newsletters.) For safe environment reasons, those over 18 who come on school campus to attend class parties and are not completely cleared will be denied school entry.

### **SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Sort See's Candies**

Ms. Child needs the help of two-three parents to help sort See's Candies orders for our upcoming fundraiser (more to come on that in a bit). The exact date of order delivery is still unknown, but help will be needed sometime in early-mid December. Please email Ms. Child if you are interested in helping! [pchild@csdo.org](mailto:pchild@csdo.org)

#### **Donations to the office/nurse room:**

If you are looking for opportunities for service hours, the office/nurse room is in need of some supplies. Service hours will be awarded at \$25/hr. So every \$25 spent equals 1 service hour.

Our wish list can be found here:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2IT9B0VZNB0X6?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2IT9B0VZNB0X6?ref=wl_share)

Please include your name on any donations sent to the school so we can credit your service hours appropriately. Please email Ms. Aimee at [asire@csdo.org](mailto:asire@csdo.org) with any questions.

#### **Uniform Exchange:**

Ms. Aimee is looking for a parent volunteer to two to help sort all the donations that have been received for the uniform exchange over the last couple weeks. Ideally, volunteers would be able to come in between 7:45am and 3:45pm. If you are interested, please email Ms. Aimee at [asire@csdo.org](mailto:asire@csdo.org).



### **SHAMROCK PRIDE GROUP (SPG) LEADERSHIP ROLES:**

I am calling all parents/guardians to consider ways that you can serve in a leadership capacity in order to organize memorable school community events for your child(ren)! At last week's SPG meeting there were 15 people in attendance and 3 of them were staff members. We need parent support to be able to continue to offer student and family events such as the Halloween Trunk or Treat, movie nights, Grandparents' Day; glow parties, family dances and socials as well enjoy and earn money at our annual auction. If you are interested in helping in any of capacity that supports these events, or have new events and traditions you care to bring to SJCS, please email Ms. Child- [pchild@csdo.org](mailto:pchild@csdo.org)

### **FUNDRAISING WITH RAISE RIGHT:**

Have you ever wondered what Raise Right 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](http://www.RaiseRight.com) for a complete list of participating vendors. Orders can be placed through Raise Right's website or the attached paper form.

*It's not too early to start thinking about Thanksgiving grocery shopping and Christmas gift giving!*

Raise Right orders are due on Thursday, October 26, 2023. Please contact Ms. Aimee at [asire@csdo.org](mailto:asire@csdo.org) for more information on the Raise Right program or information on how to enroll online.

### **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.

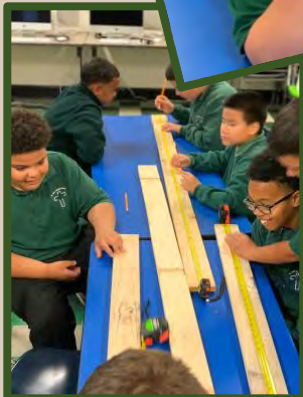
- All volunteers will have to complete training through [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) once every 3 years.
- There is a \$5 fee payable to SJCS.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

We have a limited number of wooden jack-o-lanterns to **GIVE AWAY** as gifts! Any cash [donations](#) (\$25 and over) made between 10/18-10/27 will receive a free gift!

Thank you **again** to all those that have generously donated to our wood shop / maker space. If you have already purchased from our [Amazon Wishlist](#) please [email me](#) and let me know what you purchased so that I can credit your service hours.

Our Amazon Wishlist is constantly updated so feel free to check back and even share with friends. [Here's the link to our Amazon wish list](#) & [Here's the link to donate](#).





# Family Tech Talk

Learn the risks your kids face online & Internet safety tips



This free Zoom event is presented by an Internet safety expert from Trend Micro's Internet Safety for Kids and Families Program.

## Parents will learn:

- Online gaming and social media insights
- Managing screentime
- App settings for age-appropriate content
- Best practices to be safe online
- How to prevent online risks
- Parental controls and tips on kid's device setup
- Plus, a live Q&A session!

*Available in multiple languages*

DATE	PRESENTED BY	TIME
<b>18 Oct</b> Wednesday	<b>Trend Micro</b> <i>Internet Safety for Kids &amp; Families</i>	<b>6:00 PM</b>

Join this virtual event at: <https://trendmicro.zoom.us/j/98313955392?pwd=VzMzTTFZcmgzUi9xeXJxeXduaitjQT09>

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**Passcode 853950**

Questions? Contact: Mr. Enos ([denos@csdo.org](mailto:denos@csdo.org))

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# St. John Wood Shop

## *Wish List*

We now have a limited amount of free gifts available to those who donate!



Each \$25 donation will receive a  
Wooden Jack-O-Lantern



*Donation  
Link*

NACHO SALE ON THURSDAY

\$1



SALE  
SALE  
SALE



# RED RIBBON WEEK!



Monday: Connect with others:  
match with a friend or with  
multiple people !

Tuesday: Get sleep: Wear your  
pajamas !

Wednesday: Stay in School:  
Wear your Uniform !

Thursday: Be Active: Wear  
Sports gear !

Friday: Celebrate Red Ribbon  
Week: Wear Red !

October

23-27,

2023

MRS. ELLIOTT AND THE 8TH GRADE CLASS  
INVITE YOU TO JOIN OUR

# After School Peer Tutoring Club

8th Grade students will be available after school  
on Thursdays for homework help, test  
preparation or basic skills review for students in  
**grades K-5th.**

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**Sign up [here](#) each Wednesday by 3pm to  
join on Thursdays!**

**Questions? Contact Mrs. Elliott  
[kelliott@cdo.org](mailto:kelliott@cdo.org)**

DESCRIPTION: STUDENTS IN THE 8TH GRADE CLASS WILL BE  
AVAILABLE TO HELP STUDENTS IN GRADES K-5TH

WHEN: THURSDAYS (BEGINNING 10/19)  
TIME: 3:30PM-4:15PM  
COST: SEP FEE

STUDENTS MUST BE SIGNED IN TO SEP TO PARTICIPATE.  
STUDENTS WILL BE RETURNED TO SEP AT 4:15PM TO BE  
SIGNED OUT BY A PARENT.



PLEASE SUPPORT THE 7TH GRADE CLASS

**PUMPKIN CARVING  
AND  
DECORATING CONTEST**



**BRING CARVED OR DECORATED PUMPKINS TO SCHOOL  
FROM OCTOBER 26-27 FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE!**

**OCTOBER 27, 2023, 5:30 PM**

**\$5 PER PUMPKIN TO ENTER CONTEST.**

**VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE 5:30PM - 7:00PM.**

**WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BEFORE MOVIE.**

**MUST TAKE PUMPKINS HOME AFTER MOVIE.**

**ALL FORGOTTEN PUMPKINS WILL BE THROWN OUT!**

Please submit the bottom portion with your pumpkin entry.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Payment type \_\_\_\_\_



JOIN US FOR

SAVE THE DATE!

MOVIE NIGHT &

TRUNK  
or  
TREAT



Friday

**OCTOBER 27**

**5:30PM**

**ST. JOHN SCHOOL PARKING LOT**  
**MOVIE STARTS AT 7:30PM IN THE SCHOOL YARD**

**SNACK BAR HOSTED  
BY 7TH GRADE**

**PUMPKIN CARVING AND  
DECORATING CONTEST \$5**

**LIMITED SPACES!  
EARN HOURS FOR  
DECORATING YOUR CAR  
INQUIRE WITHIN**

**DONATE  
TREATS/ CANDY  
FOR SERVICE  
HOURS (\$25=1HR)**

**RAISERIGHT ORDER 2023 - 2024**

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name & Grade of oldest child \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*Orders Due by October 26, 2023.

Entertainment	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Cinemark/Century Theaters	4%	\$25		
AMC Theaters	8%	\$25		
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	1.7%	\$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](http://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, October 26, 2023 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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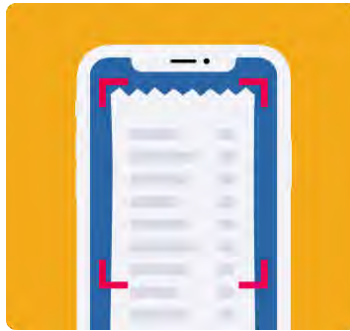


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### EARN CASH FOR SCHOOLS

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### ONLINE SHOPPERS CAN EARN WITH BOX TOPS, TOO!

Whether you order groceries for delivery or pickup, shop through your store's app, or request an email receipt at checkout, you can earn for your school no matter where you shop.

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BOX TOPS APP AT [BTFE.COM](https://www.btfec.com)

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