

OCTOBER 08, 2020



# St. John Catholic School

*Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish*



## ON THE HORIZON:

### **October 9<sup>th</sup>**

Noon Dismissal  
Parent/Teacher Conferences

### **October 9<sup>th</sup>**

Student of the Month  
Assembly  
7:30am  
(google meet link sent to  
families of awardees)

### **October 12<sup>th</sup>**

No School  
Columbus Day

Dear Shamrock Family,

Fr. Sergio and I want to provide an update in regards to school reopening for onsite instruction at St. John Catholic School. As you are likely aware, Alameda County has moved up a tier on California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy. Our school's reopening guide was accepted for review by Alameda County Public Health Department, but since then, Alameda County Office of Education has suspended the Elementary Waiver Process, and at this time, schools who choose to reopen, must pursue a new reopening "checklist" component that was given as a directive by Alameda County Office of Education.

While various schools in Alameda County may open later this month, our SJCS administration team firmly believes that now is the time to observe the reopening of other businesses and schools both nationally and locally. From these intentional observations, my administration team and I can continue to track health trends, conduct further research of best practices, and make the necessary adjustments to reopen safely and efficiently.

Most recent parent survey data pertaining to students' return to school favored the continuation of distance learning for the remainder of the 2020 calendar year. Our staff is eager to be reunited on campus with our students, yet they too have shared some considerations that promote further exploration. **At this time, our plan is to proceed with distance learning for the duration of trimester 1 (November 13<sup>th</sup>), continue to monitor and evaluate local metrics, observe reopening successes and challenges of other businesses and schools, and maintain our commitment to evolve reopening protocol with a plan to reevaluate the opportunity for reopening for on campus instruction in November.** This is a dynamic situation and our administration team remains committed to responding to the needs of our community, keeping safety and well-being at the forefront of decision making.

Attentively,  
Ms. Paige Child

### **SCHOOL PICTURE PICK UP**

Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

Last Name A-M from 5pm-5:45pm

Last Name L-Z from 5:45pm-6:30pm



If you did not order pictures and want to, you still need to come pick up your proofs because they contain ordering information.

Questions? Email Mrs. Elliott [kelliott@csdo.org](mailto:kelliott@csdo.org)

### **WITH OVER 6,000 BOOKS AT OUR ONLINE BOOK FAIR HOW DO I CHOOSE?**

If you want to find books at your child's reading level you can use the website below.

<https://www.arbookfind.com>

First select a book from the book fair and search for the title at the link below. Look at the "BL" to see the grade level of the book  

### **PARENT SUPPORT:**

Below is a link to a resource offering support to parents surrounding ways to promote social & emotional health among families, especially during the time of a pandemic.

**Covid-19 Anxiety Reduction Strategies:**

<https://adaa.org/learn-from-us/from-the-experts/blog-posts/consumer/top-ten-covid-19-anxiety-reduction-strategies>


### **ERGONOMIC STRATEGIES:**

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

**Desk stretches: Video collection**

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/adult-health/in-depth/office-stretches/art-20046041>

### **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/>

**SCRIP Fundraising – NOTE THE EXTENDED DEADLINE UNTIL TOMORROW**

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](http://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 9<sup>th</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup>, and December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact Ms. Aimee at [asire@csdo.org](mailto:asire@csdo.org) for more information on the SCRIP program or if you have any questions.*



# SJCS Virtual Talent Show 2020

## We are looking for talented SJCS students!

Can you **sing**, **dance**, **do magic**, **draw**, **play an instrument**, **perform gymnastics**, **any other special talent...** we want to see!

This year the talent show will be virtual! We will live stream the event with prerecorded acts. If you are interested in participating in our talent show this year, please join our information meeting on

Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 4pm

Meeting Code: [meet.google.com/wkk-epnh-etm](https://meet.google.com/wkk-epnh-etm)

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



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