



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish

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From the Principal's Desk



Dear SJCS Families,

Last night was an eye-opening event at our Cyber Safety Parent Night. I truly believe that those who attended walked away with a newfound respect and understanding for the power of technology, as well as recognition of how imperative it is to have a truly open and honest parent-child relationship. I offer many thanks to Ms. Kim Colantuono for scheduling this insightful presentation and much appreciation to Deputy P. Silva for leading us yesterday night. I appreciate the strong parent attendance at the event and will make it my goal to ensure that a parent from every SJCS family has received the privilege of experiencing this event in the future. Keeping our students safe amidst 21st century learning is our aim, and sharing awareness about the power of technology is one step toward empowering our students to make careful choices in and out of school.

For those of you who **did** attend our Cyber Safety event, you do not need to worry about having your green service hour booklet signed. The office has obtained the sign-in sheet from last night's event and will go ahead and credit two service hours to each family who signed-in. If you **did not** make it to last night's mandatory Cyber Safety Parent Night, you will be required to attend our next presentation prior to your student being able to participate in our school's future technology program. The date has not yet been set for the next presentation, but when it is, you will be informed.

Blessings,

Ms. Paige Child, Principal
pchild@csdo.org

Calendar Reminders

Picture Retakes

Thursday, October 27th

Coffee Chat

Friday, October 28th

School Led Children's Mass

Sunday, October 30th

Halloween

Noon Dismissal for Students

Monday, October 31st

All Saints Day- Choir Mass

Tuesday, November 1st

Student of the Month Awards with MUSE Band Performance

Wednesday, November 2nd

Canned Food Drive Begins

Wednesday, November 2nd

Bake Sale

Wednesday, November 2nd

Hearing Test for Grades K, 2, 5, 8

Monday, November 7th

Nacho Sale

Wednesday, November 9th

Noon Dismissal

Wednesday, November 9th

Picture Day Retakes Are Tomorrow Thursday, October 27th

If your child needs to retake their school picture then they may **NOT** come in Red Ribbon Week attire, but rather must wear their school uniform. Students can change into Red Ribbon Week attire after their picture has been taken.

SHOUT OUT!

Elizabeth Hales

for chairing the Fall Fundraiser

Robert Hales

for helping with electrical issues
with the front door

Kim & Jeff Colantuono

for chairing Movie Night

Elizabeth Shoulders

for helping with Movie Night

Maria Gutierrez

for being our Bilingual School
Liaison

THANK YOU!

Attention Volunteers:

Adults who volunteer at our school, including as chaperones or drivers on field trips, must be fingerprinted and complete Safe Environment Training. *This is a diocesan mandate.*

Finger Printing

- Fingerprinting Services of America, 225 W. Winton Avenue, Suite 120, Hayward, CA. 510-440-8000
- You must pick up a form from the school office and pay the \$34 fee to SJCS.

Safe Environment Training

- **English Link:**
https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_2.cfm?theme=0&org=22671
- **Spanish Link:**
https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/sp_reg_1.cfm?theme=0%20
- Must be completed PRIOR to beginning service.
- Must be completed every three years.
- There is a \$5 fee payable to SJCS- Please turn in with your certificate

Help us earn 50,000 Bonus Box Tops for our School!

Thanks to General Mills and Walmart, every Walmart-exclusive Box Tops Certificate that we clip and collect until 11/2/2016 earns our school a chance to be one of 20 Winners of 50,000 Bonus Box Tops!
(That's \$5,000 for our classrooms)



With your help, we can make a difference for our school.

Thank you for all your hard work and support!

In order to submit on time, please turn in all Box Tops by October 26th!!!

SVdeP Canned Food Drive

Our Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive is November 2 – 15. Please support our parish St. Vincent de Paul ministry by donating instant potatoes, stuffing mix, canned vegetables and green beans, canned fruit, canned soup, cranberry sauce, and gravy mix. Help us provide a proper Thanksgiving feast for the needy in our community. Thank you for your generosity.

School Led Children's Mass

School Led Children's Mass on THIS Sunday, October 30th at 9:30am mass.

A variety of students from multiple grades have volunteered through Mrs. Babcock to participate in mass. If your child is also interested in signing in the choir, or participating in any other capacity, please contact Mrs. Babcock by tomorrow, Thursday, October 27th. ebabcock@csdo.org

**San Lorenzo Village Homes
Associations Ninth Annual Children's
Halloween Parade and Game
Extravaganza!**

Saturday, October 29th
Ages 12 and under

Please see attached
flyer for more details

Come by and say HI!
*SJCS will be staffing a booth
again this year.*



**Is Your Child Interested In Joining
The Choir?**

There are still openings in our school
choir. Choir meets on Wednesday
mornings for practice at 7:20am. Students
must first sign into SEP for
safety/supervision purposes, but parents
will NOT be charged. Please contact Ms.
Raquel Tripp if your child is interested in
joining choir! rtripp@csdo.org

What's Lost CAN Be Found!

Our Lost and Found bin, located just outside the science lab, is overflowing with jacket and sweatshirts, lunch pails, notebooks, and more. If you have any items "missing," please check the bin. A good number of items are NOT clearly marked with student names, which makes it difficult for us to proactively return items that go astray. Thank you for your cooperation in returning items to the rightful owner!

SCRIP Fundraising Orders

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.

****Please note: Due to the way the holidays fall in November and December there will only be one order sent placed each months.**

Due Dates: November 10th and December 8th **

It's not too early to start thinking about Christmas gift giving!



San Lorenzo Village Homes Association's Ninth Annual

Children's Halloween Parade and Game Extravaganza

In Honor of Ophelia Bohannon

For: All Children 12 and Under

Date: Saturday, October 29, 2016 - Rain or Shine

Time: Parade to start at 10:00 a.m.

**Place: Parade Participants to meet at 9:30 a.m. at
the San Lorenzo Community Church,**

945 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo

**Games and Festivities are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at:
377 Paseo Grande, SLVHA Parking lot and our
"Hoo"-riffic Haunted Hall!**

**For more info., contact 510-276-4554 ext. 8 or kathleen@slvha.com
Costume contest for both "Children" And "Pets" starts at 12 noon**

It's A "Hoot" of Halloween Fun!





We are very excited to celebrate Halloween at St. John Catholic School on Monday, October 31st. Families are invited to a Halloween Parade for PreK-8th graders from 8:00-8:30am in the school gym. October 31st is a noon dismissal day with SEP available both before and after school. Students are allowed to come dressed in a Halloween costume on this day.

In order to ensure the safety of our students and that the values of our Catholic school are upheld, please adhere to the following costume guidelines:

- Please do not send your children with weapons or in costumes that depict extreme violence, blood, or gore. Costumes should not be suggestive of anything inappropriate and in conflict with our school values.
- Please do not allow your child to come to school in a costume that includes a scary mask.
- Costumes should be appropriate and modest with no bare midriffs or shoulders exposed. Skirt length and footwear should be consistent with uniform guidelines.
- Students should be able to see, hear, move comfortably, and breathe easily in all costumes.
- This year there may be **NO CLOWN COSTUMES** of any kind!

With your help, we will enjoy a fun and safe Halloween celebration with our family at St. John Catholic School!

Thank you and Happy Halloween!!

SCRIP ORDER 2016 - 2017

Family Name _____
 Name & Grade of oldest child _____

****Orders Due by October 27, 2016.

Entertainment	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Century Theaters	4%	\$25		
Century Theaters Single Admit	10%	\$9.50		
Gas	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Arco	1.5%	\$50		
	2.5%	\$250		
Chevron	1%	\$50		
	1%	\$250		
Shell	2.0%	\$50		
		\$100		
Grocery	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Lucky/Savemart	2%	\$25		
		\$100		
Safeway	4%	\$25		
		\$100		
Smart & Final	3%	\$25		
		\$100		
Target	2.5%	\$25		
		\$100		
Whole Foods	3%	\$25		
		\$100		

Fast Food/Restaurant	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Applebee's	8%	\$25		
Chipotle	10%	\$10		
IHOP	8%	\$25		
Olive Garden	9%	\$25		
Starbucks Coffee	7%	\$10		
		\$25		
Retail	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Amazon.com	3%	\$25		
		\$100		
Old Navy	14%	\$25		
		\$100		
Macy's	10%	\$25		
		\$100		
Marshall's/TJ Maxx	7%	\$25		
Ross	8%	\$25		
Sports Authority	8%	\$25		
		\$100		
Walgreens	6%	\$25		
		\$100		

Please refer to www.shopwithscrip.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 Wednesday envelope.
 Orders will be ready in about 1 week.*

Cash Check # _____

**Orders Due by THURSDAY, October 27, 2016 10:00 AM.
 GET A HEAD START ON YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING!**

TOTAL \$ _____

- I will pick up my Scrip Order at the school office I will pick up my Scrip Order at SEP
 Please send home Scrip Order with eldest child

Purchased By (please print) _____ Phone # _____

I understand that Scrip is like cash and St. John Catholic School is not responsible if your Scrip order is lost or stolen.

Signature _____ Date _____

Because October is Earthquake Preparedness Month for California, please review these tips from PG&E with your family to ensure everyone is safe and prepared.

Before:

- Know how to turn off electricity, water and gas at the main switch and valves. Securely anchor water heaters and other heavy appliances. Secure tall, heavy furniture that could topple. Always store flammable liquids safely away from ignition sources like water heaters, furnaces or stoves.
- Have emergency supplies on hand, including a portable radio, flashlights with extra batteries, fresh water, a first-aid kit, blankets, food, alternative cooking fuel, a two-week supply (minimum) of needed medications and extra pipe or crescent-type wrenches for turning off gas and water mains.
- Know the safe spots in each room (under supported archways, against inside walls or under heavy furniture like a desk or table).
- Remember to stay away from windows, mirrors, hanging objects and fireplaces.

During:

- If you are indoors, stay inside. Get under a desk or table or stand in a doorway.
- If you are cooking in the kitchen, turn off the stove before you take cover.
- If you are outdoors, get into the open, away from buildings, trees, walls and power lines. Be alert for falling debris.
- If you are driving, pull to the side of the road and stop. Do not park under overpasses, power lines, light posts, trees or signs. Stay in your car until the earthquake is over.

After:

- Check for injuries and ensure that everyone is safe.
- Check for damage. If you smell or hear escaping gas, open windows and doors and get everyone outside. Find a phone away from the building and call PG&E and the fire department immediately.
- If you suspect a gas leak, do not use electrical switches, appliances or telephones, because sparks can ignite gas from broken lines. Do not check for a gas leak with a match or an open flame.
- If the power goes out, unplug major appliances to prevent possible damage when the power is turned back on.

More information can be found at the following Web sites: The American Red Cross (www.redcross.org), the California Office of Emergency Services (www.oes.ca.gov), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (www.fema.gov) and the PG&E intranet (<http://www.comp.pge.com/GeoSciences/safety.htm>).