

November 15, 2023



# St. John Catholic School

*Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish*



## **ON THE HORIZON:**

**November 17<sup>th</sup>**

Free dress for WCEA  
survey participants'  
student(s)  
STAR testing window closes  
End of Trimester 1

**November 18<sup>th</sup> –  
November 26<sup>th</sup>**

No school- Thanksgiving  
break

**November 29<sup>th</sup>**

Last day for See's Candies  
Fundraiser  
School Mass @ 8:30am  
(Grand persons welcomed)  
Grand Persons' Day-  
brunch & bingo @ 9:15am  
in the gym

**November 30<sup>th</sup>**

Toy drive donations due

Dear Shamrock Family,

Rather than participating in a canned food drive like in previous years, this holiday season the St. Vincent de Paul ministry has requested school participation in a TOY drive. A flyer with additional details is included below. Please note that the original date by which donations were requested has been moved up. All toy drive donations are needed no later than Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. It is my hope that each student can contribute one toy toward this effort so that we can take part in brightening the Christmas of many less fortunate children in neighboring areas. The level with the most participation will earn free dress during the week of December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Please also remember that all See's Candies orders must be placed no later than Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> in order for the delivery to come in a timely manner and for there to be time for individual family orders to be packaged. This is one of the fundraisers that counts toward the \$300 fundraising obligation. More information included below.

Blessings,  
Ms. Paige Child  
Principal  
[pchild@csdo.org](mailto:pchild@csdo.org)

## **SLE AWARD WINNER:**

Samming 2nd grade



## **STUDENT LEARNING EXPECTATIONS:**

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

## **BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**

If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer. – Matthew 21:22

### **SEE'S CANDIES FUNDRAISER:**

The annual Christmas See's Candies fundraiser is underway! This is one of the fundraisers that counts toward the \$300 fundraising obligation. In order to have candy to families ahead of the Christmas break, **all orders must be placed by Wednesday, November 29th!** More information included below.

### **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ALTAR SERVER?**

If you are in the 3rd grade or older, and have been baptized Catholic and already received your First Holy Communion, you can be an altar server for both the school masses and the weekend parish masses. There will be a training in the church on Friday, November 17th from 4pm to 5pm. If you are *currently* an altar server, please come to refresh your skills and help in training others on how to do it.

### **FAITH FORMATION:**

*Praying the Rosary-* <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/scripture-and->

### **SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES**

If you are a parent who has a specific passion and you are willing to moderate an after school club of sorts, please reach out to Ms. Child. This is a great way to share your interest/expertise and to earn service hours.

#### **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.

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.

#### **Donations to our woodshop:**

With BLACK FRIDAY coming up it would be a great time to make your donations really count. 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](#). Donations of Amazon Gift Cards are always welcome to! Service hours will be awarded at \$25/hr. So every \$25 spent equals 1 service hour.

### **RAISE RIGHT: RAISE DAYS PROMOTION**

Mark your calendar for Raise Days, Raise Right's popular 2-day, bonus-earning event. Earn big with special bonuses on **eGift cards and reloaded gift cards, November 16 & 17.**

#### **Things to know:**

- Limited-time bonuses, **November 16 & 17**
- **Bonuses apply exclusively to eGift cards and reloaded gift cards**
- Participants must have an online account to participate
- More information can be found at [www.RaiseRight.com](http://www.RaiseRight.com)

Not sure what Raise Right is or interested in more information? Please email Ms. Aimee at [asire@csdo.org](mailto:asire@csdo.org).

### **GRAND PERSONS' DAY:**

On Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> we welcome students' grandparents and grand-people to mass at 8:30am and/or to a special reception with brunch and bingo, in the gym, following mass. A flyer with details is included below. Amazon wish list for the

event: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1B2F2TMD0F6IT?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1B2F2TMD0F6IT?ref=wl_share)

**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA:**

Is your child interested in participating in Cub Scouts? If so, you are welcomed to attend a meeting in the Community Room on 12/09 from 10am-12pm.

Scout Mission: The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

About the BSA: The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) provides character development and values-based leadership training that prepares young people for life. The Scout Oath: On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country; to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; and, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight. Scout Law: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

BSA programs are divided by age and activity: Cub Scouting is for boys and girls in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Scouts BSA is open to young men and young women in grades 6 through 12, and co-ed Venturing and Sea Scouting are available for young men and young women age: 14 through 20. The BSA also offers career-oriented co-ed Exploring programs to youth age: 10 through 20.

The sponsoring organization (St John Parish or our KofC Council 3518) selects and supervises the adult leadership and the program's members elect their leaders.

**ST GERARD LADIES ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAKE SALE:**

There will be an assortment of scrumptious baked goods as well as a raffle (need not be present to win) with exciting prizes; trinkets and treasure sale for you to explore. It is a one-stop destination for holiday shopping and indulgence. A continental breakfast will be available on Sunday, December 3rd.

Other holiday bake sale dates/times:

Saturday, December 2nd 3:00pm-7:30pm

Sunday, December 3rd 8:00am - 1:00pm

The bake sale will take place in the Saint John's Community Meeting Room.

For more information please contact the Parish Office at 510-351-5050.

**CHESS CLUB:**

A few weeks ago an opportunity for students to participate in a chess club was extended. Unfortunately, this program cannot be held at St. John because there were not enough interested participants. A minimum of 10 students were needed and we only had 6 who shared interest.

**WHAT'S LOST CAN BE FOUND!**

Our Lost and Found bin, located just outside the science lab, is overflowing with jackets 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!

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.**

---

**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.



EAT, DRINK &  
BE Merry

AT OUR ANNUAL  
*GrandPerson's Day*

Wednesday

**11.29.2023**

9:15am

St. John Catholic School

Join us for mass at 8:30am followed by light refreshments  
and Bingo in the gym at 9:15am

RSVP YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND WHO WILL BE  
ATTENDING TO [EMARTINEZ@CSDO.ORG](mailto:EMARTINEZ@CSDO.ORG)

# Place Order @ bancroft-uniforms.com

1-510-638-1622 1-800-528-3623 1-510-638-3302 FAX

## St. John School

San Lorenzo, California

**REGULATION UNIFORMS for 2023-2024**

All uniform orders need to be placed on-line or by phone  
Store Location is CLOSED to Public

- 1 Go to [bancroft-uniforms.com](http://bancroft-uniforms.com)
- 2 Make an account by clicking Log In (right corner)
- 3 Log in with school password **johnsanlorenzo**
- 4 Enter your own personal password

When you log in your school name will appear

**St. John School**

Click on your School Name

Click on Grade level

Click on Boy or Girl

Required or Optional Items will appear - Please see your school Handbook for specific rules on daily wear items

**We Accept:**

Visa Mastercard Discover American Express

### Easy Returns: 2 options

1st	Email: <a href="mailto:info@bancroft-uniforms.com">info@bancroft-uniforms.com</a> - Subject Return Label - To request a FREE Return Label
2nd	Located at front door - Package Drop Box - Drop Returns or Exchanges off anytime in a bag with your name and Return Form
<p>We happily accept returns on most items. However - Personalized items are FINAL SALE We cannot accept items that are washed, worn, or altered. Please send email to: <a href="mailto:info@bancroft-uniforms.com">info@bancroft-uniforms.com</a></p> <p>All returns or exchanges <b>MUST</b> have tags <b>ATTACHED</b> or original packaging</p> <p>Returns <b>within 30 days</b> will be given full refund or exchange Returns <b>after 30 days</b> <b>MAY BE</b> given exchange or store credit</p>	

Size charts available on line

Home Boys Girls Unisex Size Chart Search entire store here

### Create an Account

**Personal Information**

First Name \*  Last Name \*

Email Address \*

Please enter school password all lowercase with no spaces (i.e. myschoolsanleandro)

**Login Information**

Password \*  Confirm Password \*

\* Required Fields

« Back

Use [info@bancroft-uniforms.com](mailto:info@bancroft-uniforms.com) to ask questions. We will try to respond within 48 hours, weekdays.

### bancroft-uniforms.com

10% OFF - FREE ship  
November 19 - November 22

All orders receive **ONE** free return label

# See's CANDIES®

## 2023 Winter Fundraising



### Assorted Chocolates

Milk and dark decadence.  
Delivered in seasonal wrap.  
1 lb \$29.00 #550318  
**Raises \$5.80**  
2 lb \$55.00 #550319  
**Raises \$11**



### Nuts & Chews

Yummy, crunchy and chewy.  
Delivered in seasonal wrap.  
1 lb \$29.00 #550334  
**Raises \$5.80**  
2 lb \$55.00 #550335  
**Raises \$11**



### Assorted Lollypops

Vanilla, Butterscotch, Café Laté & Chocolate.  
Approximately 30 lollypops.  
1 lb 5 oz \$28.50 #500296  
**Raises \$5.70**



### Silver Assorted

An assortment that shines on its own.  
8 oz \$16.50 #500448  
**Raises \$3.30**



### Milk Chocolates

Pure milk chocolate goodness.  
Delivered in seasonal wrap.  
1 lb \$29.00 #550326  
**Raises \$5.80**



### Truffles

Wonderfully decadent and rich.  
1 lb \$32.00 #500902  
**Raises \$6.40**



### Peanut Brittle

Buttery, crunchy and irresistible.  
1 lb 8 oz \$29.00 #500355  
**Raises \$5.80**



### Assorted Peppermints

Creamy mint treats in milk & dark chocolate.  
8 oz \$14.50 #500358



### Assorted Molasses Chips

Crispy wafers covered in milk & dark chocolate.  
8 oz \$14.50 #500360  
**Raises \$2.90**



### Dark Chocolates

A taste of cacao in every bite.  
Delivered in seasonal wrap.  
1 lb \$29.00 #550330  
**Raises \$5.80**



### Toffee-ettes

Crunchy toffee, milk chocolate & almonds.  
1 lb \$29.00 #500316  
**Raises \$5.80**



### Dashing Delivery Box

The ultimate stocking stuffer.  
3.5 oz \$11.00 #506944  
**Raises \$5.50**



### Merry Moose Box

An irresistible treat.  
3.5 oz \$11.00 #506946  
**Raises \$5.50**





# IT'S TIME FOR SVDP'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE!

Help SVdP bring Christmas joy to 500 children this year by helping us collect **new, unwrapped** gifts for kids aged newborn to 18 years old! Donate toys, books, games, and other age-appropriate gifts. Thank you for your continued generosity!

For more ideas, see our Target registry at:

<https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/svdpxmas2023>

or

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gi/guest-view/3HG2F9TZNG2WO>

Donate gifts by ~~Monday, December 4~~  
at SVdP's West Oakland Community  
Center (675 23rd Street)

**NOV 30<sup>th</sup>**



## Monetary Donations:

Donate **gift cards** (Target, Safeway, etc.),  
visit our **donation page** at [svdp-alameda.org/donate](http://svdp-alameda.org/donate)  
or

**make checks payable to** St. Vincent de Paul  
**memo:** Christmas 2023  
**mail to:** St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County  
2272 San Pablo Avenue  
Oakland, CA 94612

Contact Brenda Addison at [baddison@svdp-alameda.org](mailto:baddison@svdp-alameda.org) or call **(510) 593-5501** for questions or to  
organize a drive, or ask about drop off locations

Join us for

# PILOT DISCOVERY NIGHT



**Wednesday, November 29, 2023**

**6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

### Learn about SJND's:

- Extensive Visual and Performing Arts Program
- Robust Core Curriculum
- Language Programs
- Tuition Assistance



**Enjoy cookies and cocoa**

**See our basketball team in action**



Register and check out our upcoming events



**SJND is among only 2% of schools in the U.S. that hold an A+ grade by Niche. And, we were just honored by the College Board for our AP programs.**

**Come and be a part of our close-knit school community.**