

NOVEMBER 16, 2022



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



ON THE HORIZON:

Friday, November 18th
STAR testing window ends
Report cards go home

**Monday, November 21st –
Friday, November 25th**
No school- Thanksgiving break

Monday, November 28th
Read-a-thon Activity Day

Tuesday, November 29th
See's Candies fundraiser ENDS

Wednesday, November 30th
Faith Family mass @ 8:30am
Camp Read-a-lot Read-a-thon
fundraiser ENDS

Dear Shamrock Family,

As we approach the Thanksgiving break next week, you can anticipate the following occurrences. To begin, trimester one report cards will be sent home on Friday. We ask that you review and **keep** your child's report card and **sign and return** your child's report card envelope on Monday, November 28th. Similarly, on Friday, your child will be sent home with a box set of Covid-19 antigen tests. We ask that you test your child **prior** to returning to school after the Thanksgiving break, and of course, not send your child to school if they are sick at all. May you feel God's many blessings this Thanksgiving.

In Gratitude,
Ms. Paige Child
pchild@csdo.org

IMPORTANT WCEA SURVEY

Every 6 years, as a school community, we go through a process to renew our accreditation. This year is a writing year, so we are collecting and analyzing data to report on the strengths and areas for improvement of our school. Each year you were asked to assess our effectiveness in specific categories, but this year we are asking for your feedback on our overall Catholic Identity. Once you complete the survey, email Mrs. Elliott (kelliott@csdo.org) a **screenshot of your confirmation screen** and your child(ren) will get a **free dress pass** to be used on a designated day. I will then put all families that complete the survey in a drawing and the winning family will **receive a \$25 Target gift card!** Please submit your survey by **November 18th.**

[Catholic Identity Survey](#)

SEE'S CANDIES FUNDRAISER:

Today See's Candy order forms were sent home. The See's Candy fundraiser counts toward your \$300 family fundraising obligation for the school year. This fundraiser lasts through November 29th.



CAMP READ-A-LOT

READ-A-THON

November 9th – November 30th

St. John is hosting our second annual “Camp Read-A-Lot” read-a-thon this month! Students will be challenged to read at least 30 minutes per day while participating in different daily challenges. The goal is 100% participation in each class. Any class that is able to get the 100% participation on the daily challenges throughout the fundraiser will be rewarded with a fun camping themed reading event here at school!

This is how you can help!

In order to motivate our students to participate in each challenge and nurture their love for reading, donors can “sponsor” our students by donating to them. Each student will have their own donation page. These donations will not only motivate students to participate in our daily reading challenges, but will also earn them some great prizes!

We hope that we can count on your generous support. With 100% participation, we will be able to reach our school goal of \$45,000.00. That’s less than \$300 per child.

Don’t forget to ask for the students’ personalized donation page link. Visit <https://st-john-catholic-school-fundraising.square.site> to get updates about our fundraiser or to search for a student by grade to sponsor.

(You can also just visit our school website www.StJohnCatholicSchool.org Click on the link titled “Camp Read-A-Lot.”)

Thank you for your support!

2023 YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!

It's never too early to [order your yearbook!](#) You can also start uploading your pictures from different events to the shared folders on the TreeRing website.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT:

Please join us at St. John's Church Community Room for all the delicious home baked goods, Portuguese bread, raffle prizes, trinkets and treasures and jewelry table. The fun starts on Saturday, December 3rd from 4pm to 8pm and again on Sunday December 4th, from 8am to 2pm.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE:

Please, help SVdP bring Christmas joy to 300 children this year by helping collect **new, unwrapped** gifts for kids ages newborn to 18 years old! Donate toys, books, games and other age-appropriate gifts. Thank you for your generosity to help families who are struggling with basic necessities and cannot afford to get these extras for their kids! The level to bring in the most gifts will be awarded one full week of free dress!! (week to be determined by Ms Child)!!! Bring in your donations as soon as possible - they will be collecting them by November 18th! Thank you and God bless you, all!

FAITH FORMATION:

Three Minute Retreat- I Forgive You

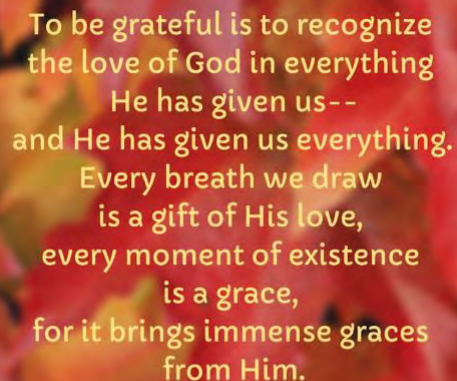
<https://www.loyolapress.com/retreats/i-forgive-you-start-retreat/>

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!

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITY:

If you would like to earn service hours by coordinating our See's Candies Fundraiser distribution please email denos@csdo.org. This would entail picking up our order in San Leandro and bagging all orders. You will earn 8 hours for coordinating.




To be grateful is to recognize
the love of God in everything
He has given us--
and He has given us everything.
Every breath we draw
is a gift of His love,
every moment of existence
is a grace,
for it brings immense graces
from Him.

--Thomas Merton

CAMP READ-A-LOT

Daily Challenges (Read for minimum of 30 minutes)

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- 11/9 - Read a book with a Grand-"person"
11/10 – Read a book about animals and make an animal noise every time you turn the page
11/11 – Read book about a soldier/real life hero
11/14 – Read a book written by a woman
11/15 – Read a mystery book or story with a flashlight or magnifying glass
11/16 – Read a book about someone who is no longer with us because they stood up for their rights or the rights of others
11/27 – Read a book instead of watching tv
11/18 – Read a book written by someone of different race/culture than yourself
11/21 – Read a book as a family about a family that is different than yours
11/22 – Read a book about God, Jesus, or a saint to an audience (of people or toys)
11/23 – Read a book about overcoming a struggle and do a push-up every time you turn the page
11/24 – Read a "How to" book or cook a recipe out of a cookbook
11/25 – Read a book written by a man
11/28 – Read a book written by someone who identifies differently than you
11/29 – Read a friend's favorite book while dressed up like your friend
11/30 – Read your favorite book while you're all dressed up

If a classes reach 100% participation on at least one of the daily challenges they will be invited to our celebration on 11/28

Don't forget to share the link to your donation website!

<https://st-john-catholic-school-fundraising.square.site>



CAMP READ-A-LOT

Prizes

\$1 Donation - You Get A Reading Sticker

\$5 Donation - You Get A Slap Bracelet

\$10 Donation - You Get A Magic Bookworm

\$25 Donation - You Get a \$100 Pencil

\$50 Donation - You Get A Sticky Ball

\$75 Donation - You Get A Stretchy Flying Ninja

\$100 Donation - You Get A Gold Foil \$100 bill

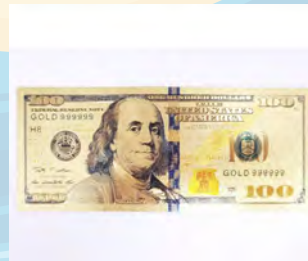
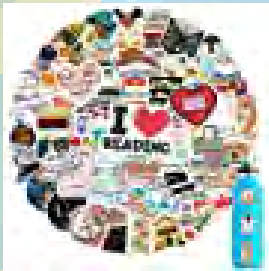
\$150 Donation - You Get A Mini Cube Puzzle

\$200 Donation - You Get A Slime Spiting Emoji

\$350 Donation - You Get Light Up Gloves

\$500 Donation - You Get Pindaloo Skill Game

\$1,000 Donation - You Get An AlphaBeing Inflatable Lounger



See's CANDIES®

2022 Winter Fundraising



Assorted Chocolates

Milk and dark decadence.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.

1 lb \$27.50 #550318
2 lb \$53.00 #550319



Milk Chocolates

Pure milk chocolate goodness.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.

1 lb \$27.50 #550326



Dark Chocolates

A taste of cacao in every bite.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.

1 lb \$27.50 #550330



Nuts & Chews

Yummy, crunchy and chewy.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.

1 lb \$27.50 #550334
2 lb \$53.00 #550335



Truffles

Wonderfully decadent and rich.

1 lb \$31.00 #500902



Toffee-ettes®

Crunchy toffee, milk chocolate and almonds.

1 lb \$27.50 #500316



Assorted Lollipops

Vanilla, Butterscotch, Café Latté and Chocolate.
Approximately 30 lollipops.

1 lb 5 oz \$27.00 #500296



Peanut Brittle

Buttery, crunchy and irresistible.

1 lb 8 oz \$28.00 #500355



Sleigh Box

The ultimate stocking stuffer.

3.5 oz \$11.00 #503117



Assorted Peppermints

Creamy mint treats in milk
and dark chocolate.

8 oz \$13.75 #500358



Assorted Molasses Chips

Crispy wafers covered in milk
and dark chocolate.

8 oz \$13.75 #500360



Holiday Llamas Box

An irresistible treat.

3.5 oz \$11.00 #503118

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

FUNDRAISER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Team or Room #: _____

CUSTOMER NAME/PHONE

	1 lb Assorted Chocolates #550318	2 lb Assorted Chocolates #550319	1 lb Milk Chocolates #550326	1 lb Dark Chocolates #550330	1 lb Nuts & Chews #550334	2 lb Nuts & Chews #550335	1 lb Truffles #500902	1 lb Toffee-ettes® #500316	1 lb 5 oz Asst. Lollypops #500296	1 lb 8 oz Peanut Brittle #500355	3.5 oz Sleigh Box #503117	8 oz Asst. Peppermints #500358	8 oz Asst. Molasses Chips #500360	3.5 oz Holiday Llamas Box #503118	TOTAL
1.	\$27.50	\$53.00	\$27.50	\$27.50	\$27.50	\$53.00	\$31.00	\$27.50	\$27.00	\$28.00	\$11.00	\$13.75	\$13.75	\$11.00	
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Total Quantity of Each Item															\$

TOTAL

FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR

2022 Winter Fundraising

Please fill out form completely.

FUNDRAISER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Organization: _____

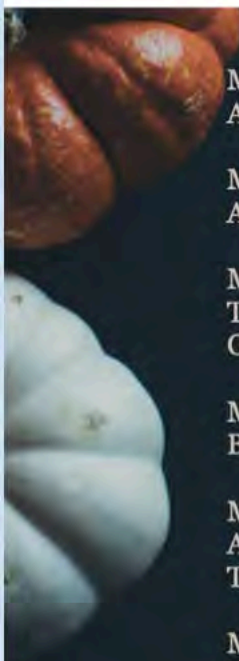
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Amount Due															\$

A Thanksgiving Blessing



May an abundance of gratitude burst forth
As you reflect upon what you have received.

May thanksgiving overflow in your heart,
And often be proclaimed in your prayer.

May you gather around the table of your heart
The ardent faithfulness, kindness, and goodness
Of each person who is true to you.

May the harvest of your good actions
Bring forth plentiful fruit each day.

May you discover a cache of hidden wisdom
Among the people and events
That have brought you distress and sorrow.

May your basket of blessings surprise you
With its rich diversity of gifts
and its opportunities for growth.

May all that nourishes and resources your life
Bring you daily satisfaction and renewed hope.
May you slow your hurried pace of life
So you can be aware of, and enjoy,
what you too easily take for granted.

May you always be open, willing,
and ready to share your blessings with others.

May you never forget the Generous One
Who loves you lavishly and unconditionally.

By Joyce Rupp