



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Shamrock Families,

On December 3rd, the liturgical season of Advent will begin. This is a very exciting and important time in the church. The word advent is a noun and means, "The arrival of a notable person, thing, or event." Advent is a season observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The term is a version of the Latin word meaning "coming".

As we celebrate the Advent season at school, I too encourage you to embrace various Advent traditions at home. Engage with your child in conversation about the true meaning of Christmas and the reason for the time leading up to the special occasion of Jesus' birth. Below are two links to resources for you to use as you embark on your Advent journey as a family.

<http://www.lifeway.com/Article/ideas-for-celebrating-advent-as-a-family>

<https://www.rca.org/resources/family-ideas-advent>

Advent Blessings,

Ms. Paige Child

Principal

pchild@csdo.org

Cookie Dough Fundraiser Ends

Tomorrow 11/30!!

Please be sure to turn in your packet tomorrow!

Calendar Reminders

Cookie Dough Fundraiser Ends

Thursday, Nov. 30th

Report Cards Go Home

Monday, Dec. 1st

8th Grade to Caritas

Monday, Dec. 4th – Friday, Dec. 8th

Golden Age Gifts Due

Tuesday, Dec. 5th

Advent Reconciliation Grades 3rd-5th

Tuesday, Dec. 5th

Advent Reconciliation Grades 6th-8th

Wednesday, Dec. 6th

7th Grade Retreat in Gym

Thursday, Dec. 7th

Last SCRIP Order Due

Thursday, Dec. 7th

Golden Age Dinner

Saturday, Dec. 9th

Golden Age Gift Drive Extension



The Drive will continue to accept donations until
Tuesday, December 5th.

Families are asked to bring one gift to make someone's holiday season special!



St. John Parish Christmas Eve Family Mass



Our Christmas Eve Family Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 pm on December 24, 2017. Children from kindergarten through 8th grade are invited to take an active role in this liturgy. Participation can be in non-speaking acting roles in the Christmas Gospel drama, singing in the choir, or as readers.

All who wish to participate must attend a required rehearsal on Saturday, December 16th at 10:00 – 11:00 am in the church.

At the end of this newsletter, you will find a permission slip with more information regarding participation. Please fill out the attached form and return the bottom portion to school by **Friday, December 8th**. The office will also have copies of the permission slip.

LAST CALL for 2017 SCRIP Orders!!

Order forms attached to this week's newsletter are due back to the school office on **Thursday, December 7th at 10:00am**. Order your holiday grocery shopping and Christmas gift cards today! A percentage of your SCRIP amount goes toward your family's \$300 fundraising obligation. *Did you know there are over 700 retailers to choose from? Visit www.shopwithscrip.com for a complete list of participating vendors!*

Bancroft Uniforms

590 Dutton Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577

“20% OFF” Christmas Sale

November 24 – December 31, 2017

December 23 – Closing at 4:00 PM

December 24 – 25 CLOSED

December 31 – Closing at 4:00 PM

January 1 – CLOSED

**STORE HOURS: Monday-Saturday
10:00-5:30 ** Sunday Closed**

*** * ALL orders PAY SHIPPING**



Last Shamrock Shop of the Year!



The deadline to turn in orders is **12/15/2017!** Don't miss having your Shamrock gear ready for Catholic School's Week in January! Order now to wear your Shamrock Pride gear delivered by 1/19/2018!

Questions? Email Mrs. Elliott at kelliott@cndo.org



** Order forms are attached to this newsletter.



Christmas Bake Sale and Raffle

The Members of St. Gerard's Women's Club of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, are holding their famous Christmas Bake Sale and Raffle beginning after the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 2nd and after all the Masses starting at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 3rd. There will be a Continental breakfast available on Sunday, December 3rd. The raffle will be held after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Come and enjoy a great weekend celebration with lots of great baked goods, raffle prizes, and "trinkets & treasures" booth. For more information contact the bake sale committee chairpersons: Evelyn McMillen, 510-481-2467 or Cheryl Hoffmann, 510-278-2906.

St. John Parish Christmas Eve Family Mass

Our Christmas Eve Family Mass will again be celebrated at **4:30 pm on December 24, 2017**. Children from kindergarten through 8th grade at St. John School are invited to take an active role in this liturgy. Participation can be in non-speaking acting roles in the Christmas Gospel drama, by singing in the choir, or as readers.

All who wish to participate must attend a required rehearsal on Saturday, December 16, at 10:00 – 11:00 am in the church.

Parents are needed at both the rehearsal and the Mass to help guide the children who will be in the Gospel drama. Some simple costumes will be provided but most children will wear regular clothing.

Mass on Christmas Eve begins at 4:30 pm. All actors, readers and choir members must be in church by 3:45 pm.

Please fill out the form below and return the bottom portion of this page to school by Friday, December 8.

Keep this upper portion of the page for your own reference.

Christmas Eve Mass Children's Participation Form

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please check only one category for the child's preference:

_____ Actor roles, (non-speaking) The parts of Mary, Joseph, angels and shepherds will be determined on the day of the rehearsal.

_____ Choir

_____ Readers (must be 6th grade or older, with some experience reading at Mass)

_____ Parents - Can you help during the rehearsal and the Mass? _____ Yes _____ No

Golden Age Dinner on December 9, 2017

St. John

Church

is hosting the

Annual Pre-Christmas Dinner

for Seniors and the Developmentally

Disabled who live in group homes.

This event is totally done by volunteers
and has been our tradition for over 35 years.

When Santa makes his special appearance,
we like to have a small gift to give to each attendee.

St. John School has helped us in the past by bringing gifts like:

Slippers, socks, gloves, scarves

Solid color t-shirts, size large or X-large

hand cream, lotions or other items

We hope you can help us again!

You don't have to wrap the gifts, as they will be wrapped by students.

Only one gift per family! Please bring them the week after Thanksgiving, by November 30.

Your HELP is very much APPRECIATED

GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!

From the Golden Age Dinner committee

SCRIP ORDER 2017 - 2018

Family Name _____
 Name & Grade of oldest child _____

****Orders Due by December 7, 2017.

Entertainment	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Century Theaters	4%	\$25		
Century Theaters Single Admit	10%	\$9.50		
Gas	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Arco	1.5%	\$50		
	2.5%	\$250		
76	1.5%	\$25		
		\$100		
Shell	2%	\$50		
		\$100		
Grocery	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Lucky/Savemart	2%	\$25		
		\$100		
Whole Foods Market	3%	\$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	8%	\$25		
Starbucks Coffee	7%	\$10		
		\$25		
Retail	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Amazon.com	2.5%	\$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	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, December 7, 2017 10:00 AM.
 DO NOT MISS OUT ON THE LAST ORDER OF 2017!**

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 _____

December 2017



Shamrock Shop



HOODIE'S

\$25ea

Design A



Design B



FULL-ZIP HOODIE

with Logo
on back

\$27



Design: Shamrocks

**add \$3 for 2XL and bigger* Design: Pride



T-SHIRTS

\$15ea

ADULT WOMEN'S V-NECK SHIRTS

\$16

**add \$3 for 2XL and bigger*



Rhinestone V-neck shirt

\$20



Beanie

\$17

**add \$3 for 2XL and bigger*

Simstitch Block Letter Hoodie

\$35



Shamrock Shop

Order due date: December 15th

Order delivery date: January 19th

Submit orders to the office ATTN: Kristen Elliott

Questions? kelliott@csdo.org

Colors Available: Gray Green

Sizes Available: YXS YS YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL

 A2XL A3XL A4XL (add \$3 to cost for 2XL+)

Crew Neck T- Shirt \$15 quantity _____ size _____ color _____ design _____

Women's V-Neck T-Shirt \$16 quantity _____ size _____ color _____ design _____

Hooded Sweatshirt- \$25 quantity _____ size _____ color _____ design _____

Full Zip Up Hoodie (design on the back) \$27 quantity _____ size _____ color _____ design _____

Block Letter (SJCS) Hooded Sweatshirt \$35 quantity _____ size _____ color _____

Women's Shamrock Rhinestone Shirt- \$20 quantity _____ size _____ color* _____

*available in green and black

Beanie (green w/shamrocks embroidered) \$17 quantity _____

****NEW****

DECAL quantity _____ design number _____ color _____

Green or White Glitter \$10

Forest Green or White \$8

All decals are estimated 6X6 inches in size and can be applied to any flat surface (ideal for windows)

Child's Name _____ Grade _____

Email Address _____

Total Amount \$ _____

Make checks payable to St. John School