

December 8, 2021



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



Dear Shamrock Family,

I have some great news to share regarding an upgrade in our registration process. Beginning in February, registration for the 2022-2023 school year will be done completely online. Not only will this streamline the registration process but it will also allow our administration team to more accurately obtain an enrollment count in order to more efficiently plan for and allocate resources and staff for the upcoming school year. Registration for returning families will now be conducted between February 7th through February 28th. Emails will be sent out with individual links for families to complete the necessary forms and pay registration online. (More information about the specifics of this process will be coming in the next month.)

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year:

TK-4th Grade

Before March 1 st	After March 1 st
\$450	\$500

5th – 8th Grade

Before March 1 st	After March 1 st
\$500	\$550

Registration is due between February 7th through February 28th. Registration payments made after February 28th will be assessed a \$50 re-enrollment fee.

As with any instance at St. John, if accommodations need to be made, we will try our best to provide them. Small changes like this upgrade to our registration process will not only assist with our planning for the 2022-2023 school year, but will help guide budgetary decisions in order to allow St. John Catholic School to be economically sustainable for years to come. I am grateful for your dedication and commitment to St. John Catholic School. I invite anyone who may know a family who may be interested in joining our shamrock family to welcome them to reach out to me, as it is my aim to grow our school community!

Attentively,
Ms. Paige Child
pchild@csdo.org

ON THE HORIZON:

December 8th

Feast of the Immaculate
Conception of Mary

December 9th

Altar Server Training
7:30pm in the church

December 10th

SJCS Parent Social @ The
Curious Cat
6:00pm
15325 Washington Ave, San
Leandro

December 13th

Clothing Drive ends

SJCS PARENT SOCIAL DECEMBER 10TH 6:00 P.M.

Please join us on December 10th for a SJCS Parent Social at The Curious Cat (15325 Washington Ave, San Leandro). We plan to meet starting at 6pm. This is just an opportunity for SJCS parents and staff to spend some time together, relax, and not have to worry about the kids for a little while. **Hope to see you there!**

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 2021

In an effort to both bring back some holiday tradition and promote continued health among our school community, this year's Christmas Program will be recorded and made available to the entire community so that all students, staff, and school families can view the Christmas Program in its entirety. During this recording we will have a limited number of seats available to watch live. The Christmas Program recording will take place in the gym, during the school day, by level on **Friday, December 17th.**

Christmas Program Schedule:

7:55 - 8:30am Students are in class

8:45 - 9:15am Level 1 in the gym to perform class songs

9:20 - 9:50am Level 2 in the gym to perform class songs

9:55 - 10:25am Level 3 in the gym to perform class songs

Seating will be limited to only **80 available seats per level.** Parents/family members who are **Covid-19 vaccinated** and those adults who have **fingerprinting and updated Safe Environment clearance on file in the school office** may be permitted into the gym to watch the Christmas Program from the bleachers, at a distance from students. Please note: **You may only sign up if you have been fully vaccinated and have a copy of your vaccination card on file in the office, have fingerprint clearance on file in the office, and are up to date on your safe environment training and have a current certificate on file in the office, PRIOR TO SIGNING UP.** If you sign up and we haven't received all 3 of these items your name will be removed from the list. Please inquire with Ms. Aimee (asire@csdo.org) about items you may have or need on file with her.

Items you need to attend Christmas Program:

- Vaccination card (showing full vaccination status)- For individuals 5 years and older
- Livescan fingerprint clearance (for those 18 years and older)
- Up-to-date Safe Environment certificate (for those 18 years and older)

We will also be auctioning off 2 sets of 2 seats which will be front and center. Please email Mr. Enos (denos@csdo.org) prior to Monday December 13th at 8:00am if you're interested in bidding.

We look forward to offering our students the opportunity to perform in person this year. Similarly, we are grateful to be able to welcome some families in person to enjoy the performances as well. **Students are welcome to come to school on Friday, December 17th in Christmas attire.** May God bless us all this upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons!

To sign-up please you may follow this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094faba629a1fd0-christmas>

FAITH FORMATION:

The Immaculate Conception of Mary Explained: A video from Fr. Mike Schmitz

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=atbpPi0MgcA&t=9s>

REMINDER:

There is no after school SEP offered on the last day of school before Christmas break or on the last day of the school year. All students must be picked up at noon on 12/17 and 6/7.

PARENT/PARISHIONER SUPPORT WITH SCHOOL MARKETING:

St. John Catholic School's Administration Team is seeking interested volunteers to join a newly established **Marketing Team** that can represent and share the best about what St. John Catholic School has to offer! We need a team of people who have the drive and experience to fill the roles below and who are willing to spread the good word about our faith community, academic and learning support programs, enrichment classes, and community outreach and events. Here are the team roles:

- a. **Chair** - schedules meetings, organizes agendas, communicates with committee members, reports to the school advisory board, contributes excellent ideas, researches funding sources
- b. **Secretary** - organizes notes, comes up with timelines, charts that show a visual display of process for priority aspects of the marketing projects. Contributes amazing ideas. Communicates with the group as necessary. Helps the Chair with follow up on agenda, schedule, time, place, refreshments.
- c. **Graphics/Visual/Design** - assists in auditing visual, font, print, electronic, and social media presence. This key role takes a critical look at what aspects of the project are working and communicates accordingly at regular meetings.
- d. **Data Analytics** - the data person helps gauge the success of marketing projects on social media, applications, web traffic, geo-fencing tools, and other outreach projects.

Mr. Enos, Fr. Sergio and Ms. Child are grateful for any and all support. Our goal is to grow our school and parish community so that it will continue to thrive! **To join the team, please send your contact info and desired position/s along with any questions to: info@sjcsedu.org.**

SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT: WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

This year, in place of a canned food drive, we will be collecting winter clothing items that can be shared with in need community members. We are supporting St. Vincent de Paul with their efforts this holiday season. Please see the attached flyer, as specific items are requested from each level. Thank you for considering how your family can be of service!

WHAT'S LOST CAN BE FOUND!

Our Lost and Found bin, located just outside the school's science lab, is overflowing with jackets and sweatshirts, lunch pails, notebooks, and more. If you have any items "missing," please check the bin. Parents/students are requested to check the lost and found before December 17th. After the 17th, all remaining clothes will be washed and placed in uniform exchange. Thank you for your cooperation in returning items to the rightful owner

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITY:

We are looking for a family to volunteer to take the remaining lost & found items home on December 17th to wash over Christmas Break. If you are interested in this opportunity, please email asire@csdo.org.

SHAMROCK SHOUTOUT:

We thank our kindergarten and 8th grade students for serving in the choir at Sunday's class mass. I also share gratitude to the many school families who made it a priority to join kindergarten and 8th grade families for mass on December 5th. Thank you for living your faith!



INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR UNVACCINATED STUDENTS:

While there is no current California mandate on travel, there are recommendations regarding precautions for people who travel internationally and specifically for those who are not fully vaccinated. **The CDC provides the guidance below which we are following in regards to students who return from international travel.** I have highlighted the portion to which we paid special attention in regards to unvaccinated children.

From the CDC website: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/covid-3/coronavirus-mexico>

After Arrival in the United States

You might have been exposed to COVID-19 on your travels. You might feel well and not have any symptoms, but you can still be infected and spread the virus to others. For this reason, CDC recommends the following:

All Travelers

RECOMMENDED

- Get tested with a COVID-19 [viral test](#) 3–5 days after travel.
- o Find a [U.S. COVID-19 testing location](#)External Link near you.
- Self-monitor for [COVID-19 symptoms](#); [isolate](#) and get tested if you develop symptoms.
- Follow all [state and local](#) recommendations or requirements after travel.

If You are NOT Fully Vaccinated

RECOMMENDED

In addition to the testing recommendations above

- Stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel, even if you test negative at 3–5 days.
- If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.

SJCS students who are **not** fully vaccinated (2 doses, and 2 weeks after 2nd dose) will need to be quarantined for 7 days and get tested within the 3-5 day window after return to the US, prior to being permitted to return to school for in-person learning. We ask that any parents of unvaccinated students who will be traveling internationally please alert Ms. Aimee (asire@csdo.org) of your trip dates and allow Ms. Aimee to confirm with you appropriate Covid-19 testing dates, as well as a return to school date. We thank you for your patience and understanding, as it is our obligation to take precautions during this time, especially in light of the new Omicron variant.

SCRIP FUNRAISING

LAST CALL FOR 2021 PHYSICAL GIFT CARD SCRIP ORDERS!!!!

Now is time to order SCRIP for your holiday grocery shopping and Christmas gift giving! Please note that December 9 is the last SCRIP order before Christmas.

What is SCRIP? SCRIP is Fundraising While You Shop®, it turns everyday shopping into cash for SJCS 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.

Did you know there are over 700 retailers to choose from? [Visitwww.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) for a complete list of participating vendors!

Please contact Ms. Aimee (asire@csdo.org) with any questions about the SCRIP program.

HEALTH & WELLNESS:

Motivating Kids to be Active:

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/active-kids.html>



NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Are you inspired to serve our Lord and His Church with your time and talents? Become an altar Server at our Church. All students that have received the First Holy Communion can attend the training. New altar servers will be held on Dec. 9, 2021 at 7:30 pm. We specially need servers for Saturday 4:30 pm and Sunday 7:30 am.

Please, fill out the application below and bring it with you when you come for training. Contact Monica Gioukaris at 510-882-2939 or moni21luv@sbcglobal.net

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Altar Server Application

Name: _____ Birth Date _____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip code _____ Phone number: _____

e-mail: _____

Registered Parishioner at: _____

What Mass does your family normally attend? _____

I am willing to serve at following masses times: _____

Please check all that apply:

_____ Baptized Catholic _____ Reconciliation _____ First Holy Communion

Age: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Parent's Permission

I, the parent/guardian of _____ give permission for him/her to apply and serve as an altar server at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. **I agree to support my child in his/her ministry by ensuring my child serves as scheduled and on time, and makes arrangements to find a replacement in my child cannot serve on a Schedule date.**



Winter Clothing Drive

Nov. 15 - Dec. 13

We are in need of new or gently used coats, as well as brand new socks and mittens/gloves. All items will be given to St. Vincent de Paul for distribution to the community. We will be collecting different items by grade level:

Level 1 (TK -2nd) - Children's: All Sizes

Level 2 (3rd-5th) - Women's: All Sizes

Level 3 (6th-8th) - Men's: All Sizes

Thank you!

St. John Parish Christmas Eve Family Mass

Our Christmas Eve Family Mass will again be celebrated at 4:00 pm on Friday, December 24, 2021. 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, by singing in the choir, or as readers.

All who wish to participate must attend a required rehearsal on Saturday, December 18, in the church, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

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 4:00 pm. All actors, readers and choir members must be in church by 3:30 pm.

Please fill out the form below and return the bottom portion of this page by the week before the rehearsal.

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

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 5th grade or older, with some experience reading at Mass)

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

SCRIP ORDER 2021 - 2022

Family Name _____
 Name & Grade of oldest child _____

****Orders Due by December 9, 2021.

Entertainment	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Century Theaters	4%	\$25		
Century Theaters Single Admit	8.5%	\$11		
Gas	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Arco	1.5%	\$50		
	2.5%	\$250		
76	1.5%	\$25		
		\$100		
Shell	1.5%	\$50		
		\$100		
Grocery	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Lucky/Savemart	2%	\$25		
		\$100		
Safeway	4%	\$25		
		\$100		
Smart & Final	3%	\$25		
		\$100		
Target	2.5%	\$25		
		\$100		
Sprouts Farmers Market	5%	\$25		
		\$100		

Fast Food/Restaurant	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Applebee's	8%	\$25		
Chipotle	10%	\$10		
IHOP	8%	\$25		
Olive Garden	8%	\$25		
Starbucks Coffee	4.5%	\$10		
		\$25		
Retail	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Amazon.com	2%	\$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	5%	\$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 with your student.
 Orders will be ready in about 1 week.*

Cash Check # _____

Orders Due by THURSDAY, December 9, 2021 10:00 AM.

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 _____