

DECEMBER 09, 2020



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



ON THE HORIZON:

December 9th – 16th

Online Santa Shop Begins
<https://norcal.schoolholidays.hops.com>

December 10th

See's Candy Pick-Up
3:00-5:00pm

December 11th

Student pictures (for Picture w/ Santa) due to Mrs. Elliott- for those who choose to participate

December 14th

Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

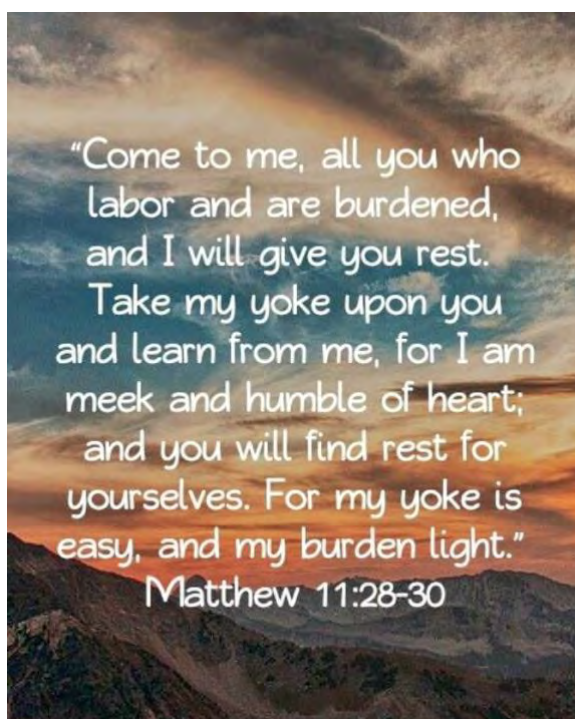
December 15th

Santa visits classes

ADVENT RESOURCES:

Free Daily Advent Reflection Videos-
<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com>

Prayer Resources for Families
<https://www.loyolapress.com>



Dear Shamrock Family,

I pray that this second week of Advent offers you some *peace!*

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. – John 16:33

With the continual worries and pressures that surround us, it is more important than ever to take time to choose peace, peace in

the Lord. I find that starting my day with a short advent reflection video helps to calm my anxiety and center my mind for the day ahead. I encourage each member of our shamrock family to make room for daily mediation and/or reflection. I find that it is truly rejuvenating for the body, mind and soul. In preparation for and in anticipation of Christmas, on the next page I share a snapshot of the various holiday activities planned for our St. John Catholic School family over the next two weeks. Associating flyers can be found further within this newsletter edition.

Advent Blessings,
Ms. Child

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS AT ST. JOHN – SHAMROCK STYLE #2020

-Elf on the Shelf Posts

12/7-12/18

Families can post on the Parent/Teacher FB page various spots their family elf is found each new day (perhaps with students included). For those who are not on FB, we invite families to email (info@sjcsedu.org) their pictures for inclusion in the following newsletter.

-Santa Shop (online):

12/9 – 12/16

Keeping with a long-standing SJCS tradition, just with a new twist! Students have the opportunity to Christmas shop, online, for family and friends.

-Virtual Santa Pictures:

Student pictures due to Mrs. Elliott by: 12/11

Mrs. Elliott is offering a virtual Santa picture opportunity that involves our veteran Santa, in the gym, superimposing student pictures with some green screen action. Families are to send a student picture to Mrs. Elliott by 12/11 (kelliott@cndo.org).

-Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest

12/14

Student Council will lead a school-wide contest of this nature (similar to the Halloween Costume Contest). All students, families and school staff are welcomed to participate in our Ugly Christmas Sweater contest day on 12/14. Students will vote in class, teachers will send in submissions for "best ugly sweater" and then the Student Council will pick a winner, per level. Pictures can be shared on our Parent/Teacher FB page, and pictures of the winners will be included in the 12/16 newsletter.

PTG Online Christmas Social

12/16 (6pm)

School families are welcomed to wear their ugly Christmas sweaters and enjoy their favorite Christmas treat while sharing their Christmas decorations and some Christmas trivia. All grades (and staff) welcomed to join in the fun!

-Santa Class Visits

12/15 and/or 12/17

Our veteran Mr. Clause will visit classes to say, "hi!"

-Christmas Concert Watch Party:

12/17

We are considering possibly creating a watch party via FB for all to join in viewing this year's Christmas Concert (TBD).

-12/18 Class Christmas Celebrations & Noon Dismissal:

Class calls *may* be dedicated toward celebrating Christmas. Then, at noon, the Christmas break begins! We plan to see students back on class calls, resuming with distance learning on January 4, 2021.



Santa Pictures 2020 Style

Since we can't bring Santa to you this year, we are bringing YOU to Santa!

Send in a picture, leaving space for **Santa** so we can add him to the picture!

Email your picture to kelliott@csdo.org by Friday, December 11th

Please use Santa Picture as your subject

A Virtual Santa's Secret Shop is coming to our school

Dear Parents,

We are inviting you and your child to participate in the upcoming VIRTUAL Santa's Secret Shop program at our school. This program makes it possible for children to experience the joy of choosing their own special holiday gifts for family and friends from the comfort of their home!

We believe this program will create wonderful memories for your child while teaching them to budget their money and make their own decisions. With your help, your child can log into our school specific website where they will be able to view and purchase a large variety of gifts in many different price ranges. The children will be able to view different items to purchase online and add to the cart before checking out. You will have the opportunity to review the total amount spent before checking out.



Selling Dates: 12/9-12/16

Follow these Steps:

1. Visit norcal.schoolholidayshops.com
2. Type your code into the "enter login" button **Santa**
3. Click on the "enter here" button
4. Click on the door to start shopping and enter code: **sjcSSS**



We want to see the mischief our Shamrock Elves are getting into this December!

Share your elf pictures from 12/7-12/18!

- parent/teacher facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/119972304755849>

- tag us on Instagram @stjohnshamrocks

#shamrockelves2020

*pictures will be featured in our weekly newsletter





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UGLY SWEATER CONTEST



WHEN: Monday, December 14th

Entries should be submitted by 4pm.

Winners will be announced Wednesday, December 16th.

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS SOCIAL 2020



TIME TO CELEBRATE

Please join our school community in celebrating the holidays.

When: Wednesday, December 16th
Time: 6:00-6:30pm
Link: meet.google.com/tyf-yezc-niy

Show your Christmas Spirit by:

- Wearing your CRAZY SWEATERS
- Decorating a door or background for the social
 - Bring Christmas Trivia
- Bring a cup of hot cocoa or your favorite treat

Don't forget your Christmas SPIRIT!!



SEE YOU ON THE 16TH!!!!