

December 13, 2023



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



ON THE HORIZON:

Friday, December 15th
No School

Tuesday, December 19th
Christmas Tree Lighting
5:30pm

Wednesday, December 20th
School Mass @ 8:30am

School Christmas Concert
@ 6:30pm in the gym
*ALL students need to meet their
homeroom teachers in their classroom at
6:00pm

Thursday, December 21st
Free dress for all Christmas concert
participants
Class Christmas parties
Noon dismissal- NO PM SEP

**Friday, December 22nd – Sunday,
January 7th**
No school- Christmas break

Monday, January 8th
School resumes

Wednesday, January 10th
School mass @ 8:30am
SPG meeting @ 6:00pm (online- link to
follow)

Dear Shamrock Family,

You and your loved ones are invited to our school Christmas concert on Wednesday, December 20th at 6:30pm in the parish gym! We are excited to watch and listen to our students' performances. I ask that students are dropped off at the school at 6:00pm on this evening. From there, parents are welcomed to head to the gym to obtain a seat for the event. Teachers will bring classes over to the gym before the concert begins. Please know how important your child's/ren's attendance is at the concert. Teachers will take attendance and any student who does not attend the Christmas concert will not earn free dress the next day. Student attire for the Christmas concert is Christmas-best. Free dress is earned on Thursday for all those who attend and participate nicely on Wednesday evening. Many thanks to Mr. U for preparing our students for this St. John holiday tradition.

Advent Blessings
Ms. Paige Child
Principal
pchild@csdo.org

BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
– Proverbs 3:5

STUDENT LEARNING EXPECTATIONS:

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

FAITH FORMATION:

Inspiration During Advent-

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/inspiration/>

GRATITUDE:

I want to express my absolute deepest gratitude for all of the love, support, well-wishes and generosity shared toward my engagement and very near wedding & marriage. I truly appreciate everyone who has provided a friendly check-in, words of encouragement, or advice. I am beyond honored by your incredibly generous cards, gifts and monetary contributions! With the help of staff, students even showered me with a bridal parade on Tuesday! Thankful doesn't begin to express my feelings toward this loving, supportive and familial St. John Catholic School, shamrock community. I am very excited for Friday (wedding day)! I was out today and will be again tomorrow for wedding events, and on Monday, I look forward to greeting you at school as Mrs. Villalobos!

With Love, Ms. Child (for now😊)

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS PARTICIPATION:

Our parish faith formation program is welcoming school children to participate in this year's Christmas eve mass. For more information, please refer to the flyer included below.

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

After morning prayer on Wednesday, December 20th, we will need the help of some strong parents to assist in putting together a stage in the gym for the Christmas concert. We will also appreciate any parent help with putting out rows of chairs. This support is needed on 12/20 from approximately 8:00am – 8:45am. Please email Ms. Child (pchild@cndo.org) if you can help. Service hours will be offered! Thank you in advance.

Donations to our woodshop:

We are really in need of [6 sets of casters for our student work benches](#). [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.

SEP PROTOCOL:

- 1.) Students attending after school SEP who are signed out by a coach for CYO practice MAY return to SEP for supervision after practice has ended, before 6:00pm
- 2.) Parents whose children will leave AND also return to SEP after practice should, out of courtesy, inform SEP staff (mreed@cndo.org) if their child is/is not returning for SEP supervision after CYO practice on any given day.
- 3.) Parents of students who plan for their child to return to SEP for supervision after CYO practice are also billed through practice, until picked up, in order to reserve their SEP spot.

WHAT'S LOST CAN BE FOUND! /SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITY

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. 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. Parents/students are requested to check the lost and found before December 21st. After the 21st, all remaining clothes will be washed and placed in uniform exchange. Thank you for your cooperation in returning items to the rightful owner!

SHAMROCK SHOUT-OUT:

We offer special thanks to Mrs. Elliott, her mom and the 8th graders for keeping the tradition of Santa Shop alive again this year. Santa Shop takes a lot of time and coordination and I know how grateful our school families are for the opportunity. Thanks again to Mrs. Elliott and for the school families who participated in this fun, nostalgic event!

COME JOIN US FOR OUR

SJCS Tree Lighting!



Everyone is invited to join us for our Tree Lighting Ceremony!
Please bring an ornament that represents your family to help decorate our tree. Once the tree is decorated we will light it up and enjoy some Christmas carols.



Hot Chocolate will be available for sale!

DEC 19 / 2023 • St. John Playground • 5:30PM



St. John Parish Christmas Eve Family Mass

Our Christmas Eve Family Mass will again be celebrated at 4:30 pm on Sunday, December 24, 2023. 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 16, in the church, 12:30-1:30 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 4:30 pm. All actors, readers and choir members must be in church by 3:00 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.

Contact info: Jessica Jandres 510-351-5050

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



GIRLS' BASKETBALL

REGISTRATION

OPEN NOW

Register on our website:
<https://stjohncyo.weebly.com/>

Save the Date!



**CYO Crab Feed Tickets
go on sale**

**Saturday, January 6th at 8am
(in the gym trophy room)**

Event Date: February 3, 2024

This is a 21+ event

Tickets are \$65 each

Cash, Check, Venmo, Credit Card Accepted

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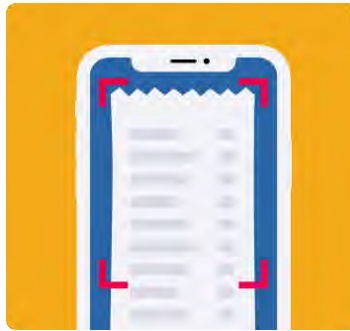


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Washington Manor Junior League

Boys and Girls Ages 4-18

**SPRING SEASON
STARTS IN MARCH 2024**

Charter	Division	Age	Regular Price
Cal Ripken	T-Ball (Joe Morgan)	4-6	\$160
	Rookies (Lou Gehrig)	7-8	\$175
	Minors (Ty Cobb)	9-10	\$190
	Majors (Mel Ott)	11-12	\$205
Babe Ruth	Bip Roberts Division (Begins March into Jr. Babe Ruth season)	13-15	\$220
	Jr. Babe Ruth (Begins in MAY 2024) *after High School Season	13-15	\$200
	Sr. Babe Ruth (Begins in MAY 2024) *after High School Season	16-18	\$200


USE CODE - DEC5OFF for \$5 OFF your registration until the end of the month.
Siblings will automatically receive \$15 OFF when registering in the same account.

Signup online at: www.WMJL.org anytime or
come to one of our in person signups:
Monday January 8th at Porky's Pizza
1221 Manor Blvd, San Leandro CA from 5:30-7:30 pm
Saturday February 3rd at Brewjas
1432 Via Lacqua, San Lorenzo CA from 10am-12pm

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Two lit candles are positioned on the left side of the image. The candle on the left is taller and has a larger flame, while the one on the right is shorter and has a smaller flame. Both flames are bright yellow and orange, casting a warm glow. The background is solid black.

**A voice of one
crying out
in the desert,
Prepare the way
of the Lord**

Matthew 3:3

Peace