



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish

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From the Principal's Desk



Dear Shamrock Families,

During this second week of Advent, I gift you a prayer and offer you some time to be still, to reflect, and to pray. Please know that I hold each of you in my heart this Advent season. I am praying for you and asking God provide each of our shamrock families peace during this holiday season and always.

Lord, in a season when every heart should be happy and light, many of us are struggling with the heaviness of life—burdens that steal the joy right out of our stockings. Tragedy arrives as innocent victims suffer, and an inner voice whispers, “Be afraid!” We need your peace, Jesus. We confess that our hearts are too often filled with wonder of a different kind: wondering when the bills will be paid, when the terror will stop, when rest will come. Will it ever? Is the message still true?

In a world where worry, not peace, prevails, stir up that good news again. This Advent, make it real in our hearts. Never have we needed Your joy and peace more than now. Thank You for the gift of Jesus, our Emmanuel, the Word made flesh. We not only need Your peace and joy; Lord, we crave it. You’ve promised rest for the weary, victory for the battle-scarred, peace for the anxious, and acceptance for the broken hearted—not just at Advent, but every day of every year. Your name is still called “Wonderful,” “Counselor,” “The Mighty God,” “The Everlasting Father,” and “The Prince of Peace.”

We know that peace on earth can only come when heart find peace with You. You are still our Joy. You are still our Peace. You are no longer a babe in the manger. You are Lord of lords and Kings of kings. And we still celebrate You as Lord—this Christmas and always.

~ Edited from Rebecca Barlow Jordan’s “A Prayer for Peace & Joy at Christmas”

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

Calendar Reminders

PTG Meeting

Thursday, Dec. 14th

Last Shamrock Shop Due

Friday, Dec. 15th

Christmas Eve Mass Participation

Permission Slip Due

Friday, Dec. 15th

Santa Shop

Monday, Dec. 18th – Wednesday, Dec. 20th

Christmas Program

Wednesday, Dec. 20th

Noon Dismissal

Thursday, Dec. 21

**No SEP afterschool

Christmas Break

Friday, Dec. 22nd – Monday, Jan. 8th

Cookie Dough Orders will be arriving tomorrow, December 14th. If you have a large order, please come by the science lab at 2:15pm. If you have any questions please email Mr. Enos at denos@csdo.org. Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts!

Congratulations Scholars!

Congratulations to our 21 students in Grades 6-8 who earned School Honor Roll:

Jaron Abello, Elijah Borowsky, Caitlyn Colantuono, Gannon Cosio, Anastacia Hill, Fermina Ignacio, Isabelle Lens, Alexys Martinez, Isabela Martinez, Mia Martins, Aleiyah Prim, Miguel Tomas, Mechelle Goulart, Natalia Gutierrez, Kyle Ha, Cristian Lopez, Ana Paredes, Jacob DeLeon, Angel Perez, Charles Reed, Kyle Sagun Gomez

And special congratulations to the 11 students in Grades 6-8 who earned
Principal's Honor Roll:

Brooke Brown, Tiffany Nguyen, Ireayomide Ogunkanmi, Natalia Villanueva-Hernandez, Emiliano Carbajal, Joshua Hoffmann, Jacob Hupke, Sean Rey Elope, Arshpreet Kaur, Issac Li, Henry Pacheco

Deadline Extended: 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 15th at 10:30 am**. The office will also have copies of the permission slip.

Save the Date!

The Christmas Program will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 20th at 6:30pm in the church. Please note: Teachers will open classrooms to students at 6pm so that families can be seated in the church. Students are asked to come in formal, Christmas attire.

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.

Bancroft Uniforms

590 Dutton Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577

"20% OFF" Christmas Sale

November 24 – December 31

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**

Santa Shop Coming to SJCS

The annual SJCS Santa Shop is coming next week. Students will have the opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts for friends and families on December 18-20. Envelopes will be sent home with your students this week. We thank the St. John Catholic School Parent Club for coordinating this special event for our students!

Santa Shop Schedule 2017

Monday, December 18th

8:15 - 8:50 6th grade

9:00 - 9:40 7th grade

10:45 - 11:25 Pre-K

11:35 - 12:15 4th grade

1:15 - 1:55 Kinder

2:00 - 2:40 1st grade

Tuesday, December 19th

9:00 - 9:40 3rd grade

9:50 - 10:30 5th grade

10:45 - 11:25 2nd grade

11:35 - 12:15 8th grade

12:30-1:10 Make-ups for classes that were scheduled on MONDAY

Wednesday, December 20th

12:30-1:10 Make-ups for classes scheduled on TUESDAY

SHOUT OUT!

**Dad's Club &
PTG**

for hosting the
delicious and fun
Pancake Breakfast on
Sunday! Thank you
also for our wonderful
pictures with Santa!

THANK YOU!

**PTG Meeting
Tomorrow, Thursday
December 14!**



Support your
school by
turning in
Box Tops!

SJCS Christmas Program

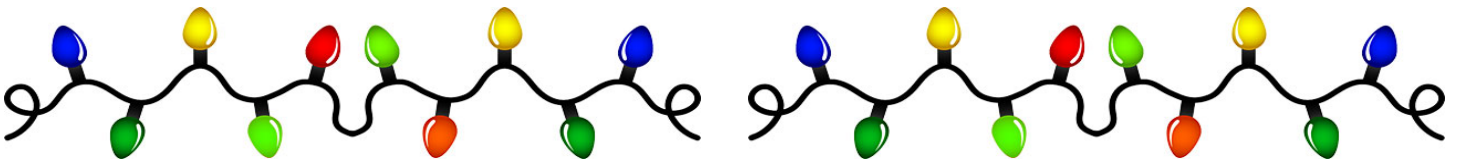
When: Wednesday, Dec. 20th at 6:30pm
Students meet in the classroom at 6:00pm.

Where: St. John Church

Seating is first come first serve. Parking will be limited so please allow extra time to find parking.

Attire: Christmas formal attire. Avoid jeans and sweatpants. Students will not return to the classroom after the Christmas Program. Any jackets, sweaters, gloves, scarves, etc. that you do not want your child to wear during their performance should be brought to the church by parents.

Dismissal: Following the conclusion of the Christmas Program, Level 1 students will stay in their class spots. Parents should come forward to the altar to pick up their students. Level 2 and 3 students will be excused to meet their families.



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 15 at 10 am.

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

8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER

SUPPORT A GOOD CAUSE ORDER

TAMALES

FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Order by: Friday, December 15, 2017

Tamales: Pork or Chicken

Cost: \$25.00 a dozen / \$15.00 ½ a dozen

Pick up/delivery Date: December 17, 2017

Pick up/delivery Time: 5:30 pm

To place an order contact:

Gaby Perez (510) 331-7590 or Patty Martinez (510) 750-8532

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



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





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Mission Statement: The mission of the St. John Catholic School Parent-Teacher Group is to enhance the school environment by supporting the educational, spiritual, and social experiences of students, staff, and families of SJCS; encouraging communication, volunteering, fundraising, and fellowship.

Opening Prayer- 12-14-17

Officer Role Call

1. Officer Reports
 - a. Financials

2. Father Daughter Dance
 - a. Theme
 - b. Budget
 - c. Volunteers

3. Grandparents Day
 - a. Recap

4. Santa's Shop
 - a. Event leads
 - b. Volunteers

5. Pancake Breakfast
 - a. Recap

6. Catholic Schools Week
 - a. Event
 - b. Table and PE Uniform Sales

7. End of Year Auction

8. New Business