



# St. John Catholic School

*Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish*

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## From the Principal's Desk



Dear SJCS Families,

I invite you to make time for quiet reflection during this **third** week of Advent. The word "Advent" is originated from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming." It is during this next week and a half that we are invited by God to prepare our hearts, minds, and homes to make room for the love of Jesus. We are called to give of ourselves more fully and to be truly present to those who need us most. The anticipation of Christmas is an exciting time for many, but can also cause some stress within in us. May we not forget what the Advent season is really about, and for whom the preparation and anticipation is intended, for Christ is within us always! I invite you to click the link below to enjoy a mini- Advent devotional and scripture reading.  
<http://www.lifeway.com/Article/devotions-christmas-advent-week-three-joy>

Blessings,  
Ms. Paige Child  
Principal  
[pchild@csdo.org](mailto:pchild@csdo.org)

### **St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Baskets**

St. Vincent de Paul is looking for donations of boxed mashed potatoes, gravy, canned cranberries, canned yams, and canned fruit for their Christmas Baskets. Donations are requested to be turned into St. Vincent de Paul by December 16<sup>th</sup>. Donations can be dropped with St. Vincent de Paul or in the school office.

***St. Vincent de Paul is also looking for volunteers to help hand out the baskets on December 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 12:00pm.***

## **Calendar Reminders**

### **Christmas Program**

Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

### **Noon Dismissal**

**NO SEP**

Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

### **Christmas Break**

Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> –

Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

### **School Resumes**

Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

### **Student of the Month Breakfast & Assembly**

Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

### **Nacho Sale**

Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

### **MLK Peace Prayer**

Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

### **No School**

### **Staff Development Day**

Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

## **Cookie Dough Pick-up**

Cookie Dough orders will come in tomorrow, **December 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Smaller orders will be given to the students before dismissal. Larger orders will require a parent to come pick it up from the science lab after school.

## St. John Annual Christmas Program

The SJCS Christmas program will take place on **Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** in the church. Teachers will open their classroom doors at 6:00pm to invite students in so that parents may find seats and get settled in the church. Teachers will escort students to they gym for the performance. Ms. Tripp is asking for formal Christmas attire to be worn by students at the Christmas program -- dress slacks and nice shirts (preferably button ups) for the boys, and dresses/skirts or nice pants for the girls. She also is specifically requesting that no sneakers or jeans be worn to the event.

## Speaking at Masses on Behalf of the School

St. John Catholic School is an incredible place to learn and grow, so let's spread the news! Ms. Child is seeking volunteers to speak about our school at the conclusion of upcoming masses at St. John Catholic Church. She is inviting parents, alumni, parents of alumni, and parishioners to share what they love most about St. John with the greater parish community. It is Ms. Child's goal to welcome many familiar and prospective families at the SJCS annual Open House on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. If you are interested in sharing your sentiments regarding St. John at any of the masses listed below, please email Ms. Child ([pchild@csdo.org](mailto:pchild@csdo.org)).

**Saturday's @ 4:30pm & 6:30pm (6:30pm-Spanish Mass: need Spanish speaking volunteers)**

- January 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday's @ 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am & 2:00pm (2:00pm-Spanish Mass: need Spanish speaking volunteers)**

- January 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>

## Student Emergency Kits

Schools customarily ask families to provide an emergency pack for each child at the beginning of the school year, and then the packs are sent home at the end of each school year to be restocked with non-expired products.

Families will be asked to provide an emergency pack for their child(ren) by January 6, 2017. Required supplies will include two 16oz. bottles of water, six high protein bars or one 2400 calorie Datrix food ration bar, and one pair of underwear. All consumable items should not expire before June 2017.

More information regarding these kits will be sent home before Christmas Break. Your child's safety and comfort are our first priority, and your cooperation is much appreciated.

## SHOUT OUT!

Carleen Gonzalez

Jacqui Costa

Peggy Fitzgerald

Irene Fuller

Diana Ignacio

Johanna LaFarlette

Catherine Barnes

Michelle Stewart

Annabelle Abea

Jenny Bodas

Ernestina Torres  
for running the Santa Shop

## THANK YOU!



# SAN FRANCISCO BOYS CHORUS

# EAST BAY AUDITIONS



## JANUARY 7, 2016

**EAST BAY CAMPUS**

**Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison Street, Oakland**

**SIGN UP FOR THE JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUDITIONS OR FOR MORE DETAILS: [www.sfbc.org/auditions](http://www.sfbc.org/auditions) or 415-861-7464**

**Our Mission:** The San Francisco Boys Chorus exists to develop and encourage all boys with unchanged voices through music education, vocal training and performance experience at the highest standards. Since 1948, the Boys Chorus has provided trained boy singers to the San Francisco Opera, and offered performance opportunities throughout the world.

**Who Should Apply?** Boys between the ages of 5 and 12 years old should sign up online for an audition. 5-7 year-old boys do not need to have music experience. Boys older than 7 should be able to read basic music and have some music experience (instrument or singing).

**Boys Chorus Winter Concert - San Francisco: Saturday, December 10 - Oakland: Saturday, December 17.  
San Francisco Symphony "Deck the Halls" – Monday, December 5.  
Tickets on sale online at [sfbc.org](http://sfbc.org) or at [EventBrite.com](http://EventBrite.com)**