

February 2, 2022



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



ON THE HORIZON:

Friday, February 4th

Minimum day- 12:00pm
dismissal
(SEP available)

Thursday, February 10th

Student of the Month Assembly
8:00am (outside, after morning
prayer)

Friday, February 11th

\$5 Free Dress Fundraiser
Valentine Themed
(moved from previous date)

Monday, February 14th

No School
Teacher Catechetical Formation

Dear Shamrock Family,

How blessed we were to get to celebrate Catholic Schools' Week together, in-person this year! After Sunday's kick-off to Catholic Schools' Week mass, on Monday our students played bingo together in their faith families. On Tuesday classes exercised their minds and competed amongst each other through Blooket and Kahoot trivia challenges. Today brought an opportunity for in-class movie time. Tomorrow students will share their artistic and creative gifts through classroom door decorating contests. Lastly on Friday, students are prepared to tap into their athletic abilities during school-wide Olympic Day. I am so proud of our school community, and it is a joy to witness our students sharing together in faith, family, friendship, and fun! Please enjoy various Catholic Schools' Week pictures included within this newsletter edition.

With Care,
Ms. Paige Child
pchild@csdo.org

HELP MARKET OUR SCHOOL:

We invite school families to help market our school by posting the flyer included below on your own social media platforms. We encourage you to include messages about your own positive experiences with our school, as well as invitations to your friends to visit our school's website and inquire about information or a tour. Let's grow our shamrock family!

STUDENT VACCINATION CARDS:

Parents, in order for us to properly follow Covid-19 isolation and quarantine protocols, we will need to be aware of which students are fully vaccinated or not. If and when your child is fully vaccinated, please send a copy of your child's vaccination card to Ms. Aimee- asire@csdo.org. You are welcome to stop by the office to have a copy made and placed on file for you as well.

COVID-19 UPDATE:

There are currently zero active Covid-19 cases to report.

SHAMROCK SHOUTOUT:

We offer a special shamrock shout out to **Joao Escorcio**. Thank you, Mr. Escorcio, for repairing our entryway ramp railing.

DINE-OUT EVENT HOSTED BY STRAW HAT PIZZA TODAY!

We'll have our annual Catholic Schools' Week "Dine Out" event TODAY at San Lorenzo Straw Hat Pizza located at 15922 Hesperian Blvd. San Lorenzo, CA 94580. Be sure to tell them that you are from St. John Catholic School when you place your order. 20% of all regular price purchases will be donated to our school. Thank you for your support!

PROTOCOL FOR SYMPTOMATIC STUDENTS:

If a student is experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19, you will need to keep your student home and notify the school office. There are 3 options to clear your student to return to school:

- 1.) Provide a doctor's note stating the symptoms are not related to COVID-19
- 2.) Provide a negative result from a PCR COVID-19 test
- 3.) [FDA approved antigen test](#) if the test comes back negative, a second test will need to be administered 24 to 48 hours later. Antigen tests may not detect infection in the early stages, so a confirmation test is required. To use an antigen test to return to school you must provide the following to the office: a picture of the test card results with the name of your student and the date both tests were administered.

FAITH FORMATION:

Forgiveness is Not the Same as Reconciliation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=im2hU2yg3Eo>

HEALTH & WELLNESS:

18 Wellness Tips for a Healthier You-

<https://www.centrum.com/learn/articles/18-wellness-tips-for-a-healthier-you/>



SCRIP FUNDRAISING:

Have you ever wondered what SCRIP is and how it benefits St. John Catholic School?

What? Scrip is Fundraising While You Shop®, it turns everyday shopping into cash for your organization 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. Be sure to pay attention to the percentage that each card earns to accurately calculate your contributions.

Please refer to www.shopwithscrip.com for a complete list of participating vendors. Orders can be placed through Shop with SCRIP's website or the attached paper form. SCRIP orders are due on February 10, 2022. Please contact Ms. Aimee at asire@csdo.org for more information on the SCRIP program or information on how to enroll online.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TUITION ASSISTANCE:

Applications are now available for FACE (Family Aid – Catholic Education) and The BASIC Fund financial aid.

The BASIC Fund is available for new students whose families meet all the application requirements. The deadline to apply is March 30, 2022. For more information, please go to www.basicfund.org or see the link on our website. Current families please expect your renewal information early to mid-February, due back in April. Please also note, new siblings for current BASIC Fund students must request a link to apply for a new student. Like last year, BASIC renewals will be processed online.

FACE (Family Aid-Catholic Education) applications are available online only at <https://online/factsmgmt.com/signin/3FV> YB or see the link on their website. This application requires documentation for income received in 2020. The deadline to apply is March 30, 2022. I

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ: All families wishing to be considered for SJCS tuition assistance through the school must first apply for FACE and complete this Google Form <https://tinyurl.com/2vzhubj4> before March 30, 2022. If you are currently receiving aid or wish to apply for the 2022-23 school year, you must first complete a FACTS application, apply for FACE, and complete the Google Form before consideration for SJCS tuition assistance. If you have any questions regarding FACE, BASIC, or SJCS tuition assistance, please contact us. Deadlines established by FACE and BASIC are firm; a missed deadline will mean a missed opportunity.



Prayer for Catholic Schools

Dear Lord,

Continue to bless our Catholic Schools. May our students share their faith with all those they meet.

May our classrooms be filled with learning, encouragement, and the gift of Your Holy Spirit.

May Catholic education grow, so Your good news can be taught to children around the world.

Amen





ENROLL NOW!

Now accepting TK-8th grade applications for the 2022-2023 school year



Find Faith, Love, Knowledge and Purpose through Jesus Christ.

270 E. Levelling Blvd. San Lorenzo, CA

(510) 276-6632 ~ www.stjohncatholicsschool.org ~ info@sjcsedu.org

Call or email for more information or to schedule a tour.



Academic Excellence, Faith Formation, and Service to the Community Since 1952

♡ VALENTINE CANDY GRAMS ♡

Proceeds go to Student Council

Celebrate Valentine's Day by purchasing candy grams for your family and friends.

Each Candy Gram comes with your valentine message and a lollipop.

Cost: \$1 each

Checks made out to St. John Catholic School

How to Order:

- Fill out the Candy Gram order form
- Return the order form and payment to the office by Wednesday, February 9th

Candy Grams will be delivered on Friday, February 11th



Valentine Candy Gram Order Form

Student's Name: _____ Grade _____

Number of Candy Grams _____ X \$1 = Total _____

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MICHAEL C. BARBER, S.J.
BISHOP OF OAKLAND



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January 31, 2022
Saint John Bosco, Priest

Dear Catholic School Families and Staff Members,

Please accept my greetings and best wishes on the beginning of a new year and my appreciation for your partnership in Catholic education. Our Catholic schools play a vital role in our ministry to the people of the Diocese of Oakland.

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2022 is "Faith. Excellence. Service," which highlights guiding principles that animate the Diocese of Oakland's Catholic Schools. Our schools primarily exist to promote a strong and enduring bond among students and Our Lord Jesus Christ. Your sacrifices and your role as the primary educators of your children are meant to be strengthened and validated in our Catholic schools. Below are some ways we can affirm the theme of this year's Catholic Schools Week.

Faith

Catholic schools are vibrant places where faith comes to life in our students. I invite you to bring your children to Mass at your parishes and partake in and celebrate the most essential relationship in our partnership - the relationship between our students and Jesus Christ. In the celebration of Mass, our students enter into a sacramental relationship with Jesus in Word and in Eucharist. I ask that you please make your family's participation in Mass a priority as our faith communities, parish in partnership with school, are strengthened with active involvement in the sacramental life of the Church.

Excellence

We are extremely proud of the great work our teachers, principals, and staff are accomplishing during the pandemic. So many challenges have been met and continue to be overcome. Our schools are conducting their educational programs safely and effectively and continuing to provide the standard of excellence for which our schools are known. I ask you to continue to show strong support for our teachers, principals, and staff who are doing their very best and succeeding amidst a multitude of challenges presented by the pandemic.

Service

Our students are being formed with a sense of discipleship, to be followers of Jesus Christ. In growing in their understanding of discipleship, our students gain a deeper sense of what it means to be of service to others: proclaimers of truth and doers of good in the world. I ask that you support this discipleship by leading family prayer with your children and asking for Our Lord Jesus Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary's intercession in persevering through present and future challenges. Your family bond will be increased through prayer and our emphasis on discipleship will be reinforced.

I thank you, our parents, and our teachers, principals, staff members, and volunteers for ensuring that our schools are beacons of Faith, Excellence, and Service and for partnering with us to ensure that your sacrifices are affirmed and validated in the best possible ways - through Faith, Excellence, and Service.

With the assurance of my continued prayers and blessing, I am

Yours sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Barber S.J." with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J.
Bishop of Oakland

For the greater glory of God

SCRIP ORDER 2021 - 2022

Family Name _____
 Name & Grade of oldest child _____

****Orders Due by February 10, 2022.

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, February 10, 2022 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 _____



GROWING UP ASIAN IN AMERICA

ART | ESSAY | VIDEO CONTEST

CONTEST OVERVIEW:

AACI's Growing Up Asian In America (GUAA) art, essay and video contest is for K-12th graders. In partnership with NBC Bay Area, GUAA gives a unique platform for young people to creatively explore and celebrate their cultural identity through the lens of civic engagement.

2022 CONTEST THEME: A HOME FOR YOU AND ME

Entry Deadline: Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Immigrants and refugees shape history. Today, thousands of Afghan refugees are forced to leave their home country and many immigrate to the San Francisco Bay Area, just like Southeast Asian families did in the 1970s. For some of us, home is the place and people we return to at the end of the day. For others, home can also be a group of close friends, a favorite reading spot at the local library, or a community where we feel a sense of belonging and care for one another. *Please reflect and share what home means to you and how you can help others to feel at home.*

Use the questions below to help spark ideas. You do not have to answer any/all of these specific questions.

- What does home mean to you? When you think of home, what do you see, touch, hear, smell and taste?
- How has your idea of home changed over time and why?
- If you and/or your family have ever moved or relocated, either across town or even across the globe, how did you find a sense of home or a community in a new place?
- How would you welcome someone who is new to your home and include them in your community?
- Engage Your Family: Ask a family member like a grandparent, parent, or elder what home means to them. How is their concept of home different or similar to yours?

Please note: Participants must live and/or attend a school within the following counties: Santa Clara, San Francisco, Contra Costa, Marin, Sonoma, Solano, Napa, Alameda, or San Mateo County.



PRIZE INFORMATION

- One (1) \$1,000 Lance Lew Grand Prize winner, nine (9) \$500 Best in Class winners and ten (10) honorable mentions winners will be selected.
- All winners will have their entries showcased on the AOCI website and have a chance to be featured on NBC Bay Area.

CONTEST TIMELINE

Contest Theme Announced	February 1
Online Submissions Open	March 1
Online Submissions Close	March 15
Winners Announced	May 1

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

- All submissions must be made through the contest website www.aaci.org/guaa
- Remember to click the correct age and category. Please ensure that your art, essay or video submission fits the specifications listed on the website.

