

February 21, 2024



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



ON THE HORIZON:

Wednesday, February 21st

Shamrock Pride Meeting
(online)

6:00pm

Meeting link:

meet.google.com/oxe-kwjm-gcc

Friday, February 23rd

Stations of the Cross @

2:00pm

(Led by 3rd & 5th grades)

*All are welcome

SJCS Ladies' Bunco Night

@ 6:30pm (SJCS)

*Must have already rsvp'd to attend

Tuesday, February 27th

STAR Math Assessments

2nd – 8th grades

Wednesday, February 28th

School Mass @ 8:30am

Dear Shamrock Family,

A WCEA accreditation committee will visit our school between March 13 – March 15. Our SJCS school staff is very grateful for parent participation in WCEA survey data. We look forward to sharing our past efforts to improve student learning, and, likewise are joyous in showcasing our academic and Catholic Identity aims for the next six years!

Lenten Blessings,
Mrs. Paige Villalobos
Principal

pvillalobos@csdo.org

STUDENT LEARNING EXPECTATIONS:

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

BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.. – Psalm 136:1

FAITH FORMATION:

Perspectives on Lent:

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/perspectives-on-lent/>

STUDENT EMERGENCY/RELEASE FORM:

Parents/guardians, this is just a reminder to contact the school office if you are in need of updating your child's student emergency or release form information. Has your approved pick-up list or contact information changed? Please consider this and make adjustments as necessary.

SCHOOL UNIFORM CHANGE:

Our school uniform provider, Bancroft, has informed me that the current plaid for the jumpers and skirts is no longer being made. Another, VERY similar plaid is however. We will be making the minor shift to the new, updated green plaid that will be available through Bancroft going forward. The new price sheet for Bancroft uniform sales for the 2024 – 2025 school year is attached below.

RAISE RIGHT

Don't forget that a percentage of your Raise Right amount goes toward your family's \$300 fundraising obligation! Order forms are attached to this week's newsletter and are due back to the school office by 10:00am on Thursday, February 1! Did you know there are over 500 retailers to choose from? Visit www.RaiseRight.com for a complete list of participating vendors. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Aimee at asire@csdo.org.

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 31, 2024. 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/3FVYB> or see the link on their [website](#). This application requires documentation for income received in 2022. Reminders: you must re-apply to F.A.C.E. each year and make sure you check the box for Family Aid- Catholic education under “Other Organizations”. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2024.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ: If you are currently receiving aid from the school or wish to apply for the 2024-2025 school year, we ask that you please complete this application: [St. John Catholic School Tuition Assistance Application](#)

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.

SLE AWARD WINNER:

Laila in 7th grade and Bell in 2nd grade



NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR!

Please share the good news about St. John Catholic School with your friends and family! We are accepting applications now for grades TK-7 for the 2024-2025 school year. Applications can be completed here:

[St. John Catholic School Application 2024-2024 English](#)

[St. John Catholic School Application 2024-2025 Spanish](#)

AUCTION DONATION IDEAS

All SJCS families are encouraged to establish donations for our annual Margaritas and Must Haves Auction on May 18th.

Please email Mrs. Villalobos if you have a donation connection. Thank you!

- Theme park tickets
 - Great America
 - Ardenwood
- Museum tickets
- Zoo tickets
- Movie tickets
- Mini golf tickets
- Local sport teams sway/memorabilia
- Themed baskets
 - Picnic
 - Spa
 - Book club
 - Movie night
 - Alcohol
 - Food/wine and cheese
- Spa packages
- Restaurant gift cards
- Concert tickets
- Professional sporting event tickets
- Staycation
 - Hotel, spa, restaurant
- Wine tasting/wine train tickets/vouchers
- Jewelry
- Airbnb/ Vacation rental
 - House/cabin donation for vacation

IN PARISH RATE REQUIREMENTS

This is just a reminder that to qualify for the In Parish Rate next year (2024-2025 school year) you must have completed the following prior to May 2024:

- Registered with the parish and regularly attend mass
- All age appropriate student sacraments complete
- Contribute a minimum of \$200 to either the school's Annual Fund or the parish through the use of their weekly envelopes/EFT or a combination of both.



CONGRATULATIONS!

**4TH GRADE - 2ND PLACE
SAC LEAGUE PLAYOFFS**

**5TH GRADE - 1ST PLACE
SAC LEAGUE PLAYOFFS**

**BOTH TEAMS HAVE ADVANCED TO
OAKLAND DIOCESE PLAYOFFS**

**4th grade - Saturday 2/24 @ 12:45pm
St Elizabeth Oliver Lynch Gym
1530 34th Ave, Oakland**

**5th grade - Saturday 2/24 @ 12:45pm
Tice Valley Community Gym
2055 Tice Valley Blvd, Walnut Creek**

**Admission Charge
Cash Only**

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Yummy, crunchy and chewy.
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An irresistible treat. 3
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Creamy and delicious.
3 oz \$8.50 #509500
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Bordeaux Egg
A tasty classic.
3 oz \$8.50 #509501
Raises: \$4.25



Easter Friends Box
An array of adorable bites.
7.5 oz \$12.50 #508694
Raises: \$2.50



Happy Chick Assortment
Full of See's favorites.
3.5 oz \$11.00 #507951
Raises: \$5.50



Marshmallow & Scotchmallow Eggs
One box, four yummy eggs.
3.4 oz \$9.25 #503321
Raises: \$4.63



Bunny & Chick Box
Beloved See's Classics.
4.8 oz \$12.50 #507952
Raises: \$2.50

RAISERIGHT ORDER 2023 - 2024

Family Name _____
 Name & Grade of oldest child _____

****Orders Due by February 29, 2024.

Entertainment	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Cinemark/Century Theaters	4%	\$25		
AMC Theaters	8%	\$25		
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	1.7%	\$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.raiseright.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 29, 2024 10:00 AM.

TOTAL \$ _____

- I will pick up my RaiseRight Order at the school office I will pick up my RaiseRight Order at SEP
 Please send home RaiseRight Order with eldest child

Purchased By (please print) _____ Phone # _____

I understand that RaiseRight is like cash and St. John Catholic School is not responsible if your RaiseRight order is lost or stolen.

Signature _____ Date _____

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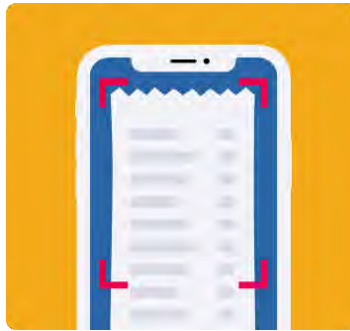


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DON'T HAVE THE BOX TOPS APP YET? DOWNLOAD IT NOW:



A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,

During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul, remind me of the grace and simplicity.

May this season be grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.

Amen.

