

FEBRUARY 8, 2023



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



ON THE HORIZON:

Saturday, February 11th
CYO Cheer Competition
10:00am in gym

Monday, February 13th
No School- WCEA staff work
day

Tuesday, February 14th
Valentine's Day
Regular dismissal
Optional class parties after lunch

Dear Shamrock Family,

We have rescheduled St. John Catholic School Open House for **Sunday, March 5th from 10:30am – 12:30pm**. All current, past and prospective families are welcome to school on this day to roam the halls, visit classrooms, meet with staff and share in fellowship with school families. Our first and eighth grade classes will also host **class mass** that day at **9:30am**. All families are welcome to mass that morning! Any and all students who attend both 9:30am mass and Open House in their school uniform on 3/5 will earn **free dress** on 3/6.

Parents, I encourage you to welcome and bring friends and family with you to Open House. Please share about what you love about SJCS with those whom you love! Any family to bring a prospective family (who schedules new student testing) with them to Open House will be entered into a drawing to win **free registration** (for one student) for the 2023- 2024 school year. Please email Ms. Aimee with the name of the family who you are referring to be entered into the drawing. Let's share our shamrock pride!

With Love,
Ms. Paige Child
pchild@cndo.org

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENT LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

Shamrocks are students who learn about and actively live the Catholic Faith.

Shamrocks are students who understand and value the importance of serving others and participate in service activities as stewards of God's creation.

Shamrocks are students who are life-long learners and work diligently to grow and achieve academically, spiritually, and socially in order to improve themselves and the world around them.

Student Mantra-

*We live our faith, we serve others, and we are life-long learners.
We are people of integrity, we are Shamrocks!*

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 school year. Applications are now online ([St. John Catholic School 2023-2024 Application](#)). New student testing can be scheduled once the application is submitted. Please contact Ms. Aimee with any questions.

[St. John Catholic School 2023-2024 Application English](#)

[St. John Catholic School 2023-2024 Application Spanish](#)

DIOCESAN SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS:

Congratulations to our middle school students on their success at the diocesan wide science fair. Much gratitude for Mrs. Vidal and her love and support of our students.

Liam 6th grade- 2nd place, Paulo 6th grade-2nd place, Gabby 7th grade-2nd place, Rafael 7th grade- 3rd place, Calvin 8th grade- 3rd place, Michael m 8th grade- Honorable Mention.



WELCOMING A NEW STAFF MEMBER:

We welcome Long-Term Kindergarten Substitute Madelyn Babcock to the SJCS Staff. Please see picture and professional biography below.

In 2021, Madelyn Babcock graduated from Cal State East Bay with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in English with a Concentration in Creative Writing. She is a St. John's alumni, graduating class of 2013, and has been coaching cheer at St. John's since 2017. She was the Assistant Director of the Kid's Club department at Sequoyah Country Club. In her personal time, she enjoys reading, writing, and going to concerts. Madelyn is excited to join St. John's Catholic School staff because St. John's is like a second home to her and she would love to help guide kids on their learning and spiritual journey.



FAITH FORMATION:

February is Black History Month and we honor the triumphs and struggles of African American people throughout the history of the United States. Recently the Catholic Voice published an article with a reflection by Maurice Harper, longtime Catholic school educator, former star athlete, and a faith leader who serves on the Diocese of Oakland's Racial Task Force Sub-committee on Education. Here is a reflection contributed by Maurice in the latest issue of the Catholic Voice: [Being Black and Catholic](#).



GIRL'S BASKETBALL SIGN UPS. LAST CHANCE!!!

We need more 1st/2nd graders or that team won't be able to play.

<https://stjohncyo.weebly.com/>

Email: shamrockcyo@gmail.com for more information.



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, 2023. 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.factsmgt.com/signin/3FVYB> or see the link on their website. This application requires documentation for income received in 2022. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2023.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ: All families wishing to be considered for SJCS tuition assistance through the school must first apply for FACE before March 31, 2023. If you are currently receiving aid or wish to apply for the 2022-23 school year, you must first complete a FACTS application and apply for FACE 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

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 9th! Did you know there are over 700 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.

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITY

Service hour and fundraising statements were sent home earlier this week. If you did not receive your statement, please email Ms. Aimee and she can provide you with your current service hour and fundraising totals.

If you are looking for opportunities for service hours, the office/nurse room is in need of some supplies. Service hours will be awarded at \$25/hr. So every \$25 spent equals 1 service hour.

Our wish list can be found here:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2IT9B0VZNB0X6?ref=wl_share

Please include your name on any donations sent to the school so we can credit your service hours appropriately. Please email Ms. Aimee at asire@csdo.org with any questions.

2023 YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!

It's never too early to [order your yearbook!](#) You can also start uploading your pictures from different events to the shared folders on the TreeRing website.



**We Know You Have Spirit,
So Bring IT!**

to

St. John's Spirit Exhibition

On

Saturday, February 11, 2023

To be held at

St. John's Gym- 270 E Lewelling Blvd
San Lorenzo, CA

Admission Fees:

Adults \$5

Students \$3

Children under 5yrs old are free

Boys in their basketball uniform are free

****NO OUTSIDE FOOD ALLOWED IN THE GYM****

Doors Open at 9:00am

Snack-Bar Opens at 9:30am

Exhibition begins at 10:00am

*Festivities should conclude by 2pm**

**based on the number of entries*

♡ VALENTINE'S DAY PICTURES ♡

Tuesday, February 14th

Support our Student Council and get your picture taken with your friends on Valentine's Day.

Cost: \$100 per pose for access to the digital link

Student Name _____ Grade _____

I would like to take my photo with the following students

Pose 1. _____

Pose 2. _____

Pose 3. _____

Pose 4. _____

Pose 5. _____

Pose 6. _____

(list any additional students on the back)

Complete the order form above and return it to your homeroom teacher with payment. Checks or cash accepted. Please make check payable to SJCS.



♡ 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 Friday, February 10th

Candy Grams will be delivered on Tuesday, February 14th



Valentine Candy Gram Order Form

Student's Name: _____ Grade _____

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

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Lord, lift me up for Your blessings today. I pray that you will anoint me with strength and self care today, tomorrow, and always.

I pray that You will grace me with patience and wisdom.

I pray that You will encourage me throughout the day to take the correct steps to walk proudly, and behave well.

I pray all of these things in Your name. Amen.”

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