



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Shamrock Families,

Happy New Year! I sincerely hope you were as blessed as I to have had the opportunity to spend time celebrating the holiday season with family and friends. After a few weeks away, it is good to be together again. In the new year, I have contemplated on not so much making resolutions, but rather setting and achieving goals for bettering myself and the world around me. My personal goals for 2018 include taking more walks, getting more fresh air, drinking more water, and most importantly, practicing the pause during life's moments and making an even stronger attempt to consider the perspective of others. I challenge you too in making goals that will help you live a more fulfilling life for yourself and others.

The upcoming weeks ahead provide us with many opportunities to celebrate who we are as a Catholic school at SJCS. We are special and our community is truly incredible. I appreciate all the people who work together to make our faith and learning community one that is welcoming, encouraging, supportive, and collaborative. I have listed the month's various school community events below.

Pennies for Patients

1/8-1/11

Our 4th grade class will be leading us in a school-wide service-learning project by raising money that benefits children with cancer. Ask your student about this service project and how your family can help.

MLK Jr. Peace Prayer Service

1/11 (tomorrow) @ 2:20pm in the gym

Our kindergarten and 5th grade classes will lead our school community in a very special prayer service that highlights Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy and his message of peace, equality, and hope. We invite you to join us for this service if you'd like.

Intent to Return Forms

1/17- 2/1

Intent to return forms will go home with students on 1/17 and are requested back with a response by 2/1 so that I can strategically plan and budget appropriately for the following school year. Specifically, this information assists me in making staffing, school program, and tuition decisions for the 2018-2019 school year. So please let us know that you are returning, and invite some new friends to join us while you are at it! ☺

Alumni Basketball Extravaganza

1/20 beginning @ 4:00pm in the gym

St. John Catholic School will be hosting our 3rd annual Alumni Basketball Extravaganza on Saturday, Jan. 20th, 2018 at 4pm. All school and CYO alumni as well as current school families are invited to attend. We will be hosting an alumni basketball game, cheer performances, 3-point contest, raffle, and a teachers vs. 8th grade basketball game. Please be on the lookout for information to sign up to play, cheer, or just come and watch.

Progress Reports

1/24

During trimesters 2 & 3 progress reports will ONLY go home with students who have a teacher determined need for academic or behavioral improvement.

Catholic Schools' Week

1/28-2/2

Catholic Schools' Week is a time to celebrate who we are as a Catholic School establishment and what it means to be a part of an educational structure that is truly Catholic. It is a fun week that encompasses spirituality, camaraderie, and celebration. This week begins on Sunday, January 28th with the CSW Kick-off Mass @ 11:30am, our school's annual Open House from 12:30-3:30pm, and with the Knights of Columbus hosting a pancake breakfast which benefits our school from 8:00-11:30am. The remainder of the week is filled with various school activities on designated themed days. Please look out for more information regarding CSW in the upcoming weekly newsletters.

Blessings on your month and year,

Ms. Paige Child

Calendar Reminders

MLK Jr. Peace Prayer Service

Thursday, Jan. 11th

SCRIP Orders Due

Thursday, Jan. 11th

PTG Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 11th

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Staff Development Day

Friday, Jan. 12th

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

NO SCHOOL

Monday, January 15th

Student Intent to Return Forms Go Home

Wednesday, Jan. 17th

8th Grade Group Picture

Thursday, January 18th

Science Fair

Thursday, Jan. 18th

CRAB FEED TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!

Please support our athletic program by attending our annual crab feed on **Saturday, February 3rd**!

Tickets are \$50.00 each and include all you can eat salad, garlic bread, pasta and crab! Raffle prizes and dancing following dinner. Doors open at 6pm for cocktails, dinner served at 7pm.

NO ONE UNDER 21 ALLOWED. Tickets are on sale after masses or please call

Emily Babcock at 510/331-4256 or Kristen Elliott at 510/331-1525.

Thank you!!

Catholic Schools' Week Mass and Open House: TIME CHANGE

Hello Shamrock Families,

I wanted to share information regarding our new Kick-off to Catholic Schools' Week Mass and annual Open House **times**. This school year, our Catholic Schools' Week Kick Off Mass will be held on Sunday, January 28th at **11:30am**. Our annual Open House will be an English/Spanish bilingual event and will last from **12:30-3:30pm**, also on January 28th. This time for the mass and Open House will be a change for returning families from how it was in the past, but is in response to an effort to allow more prospective families a better opportunity to visit and learn more about our school community. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to celebrating our school in a very special way at the end of the month. So spread the word about our great shamrock family!

Parent Faith Formation Opportunity

Hello Shamrock Families,

I have heard your feedback regarding your desire to have more opportunities to build on your own faith formation and Fr. Thi is helping to make your request possible. Beginning on January 22nd, we will host (within the school) adult bible study on Mondays for eight consecutive sessions from 7:00-8:30pm. You need not rsvp or sign up, but rather just show up with an open heart and a willingness to listen and share. Please consider this opportunity as a way to deepen your own faith with others in our school and parish communities.

Blessings,

Ms. Paige Child



SAVE THE DATE!
St. John Alumni
 3rd Annual Basketball Extravaganza
 January 20th, 2018



More information coming soon!

SJCS will NOT be hosting summer school this summer...

Hello Shamrock Families,

After careful consideration and weighing many contributing factors, I have decided that we will not host summer school at our school this upcoming summer. Rather, the aim is to continue the focus on ensuring student safety and promote proper facility maintenance. The plan is to resurface the play structure foundation over the summer, among a few other projects that are still in the works. Please know that I appreciate and value the feedback many of you have provided regarding your desires for additional curricular and extracurricular activities for your children. I assure you that these requests have not fallen on deaf ears.

Although we will not host summer school, please know that your shared interest regarding various activities will not go to waste. I am entertaining the idea of teacher led after school ‘camps’ for the 2018-2019 school year. More information regarding this potential program will be shared with you in the upcoming months, as a plan becomes well refined and confirmed. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in Catholic education at St. John Catholic School.

Blessings,

Ms. Paige Child

THANKS SCHOOL FAMILIES FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS

The Golden Age Dinner was a festive occasion where we served 180 guests a Christmas dinner, entertained them with great music and vocalists and had Santa come to give them each a gift. You were so great in helping us provide some of the gifts.

So, we thank you for being so generous and also for the student council who wrapped them so nicely.

May God bless you for your generosity and spirit of giving to others!

- From Louie and Mary Barranco, coordinators of the Golden Age Dinner Event

SCRIP

Don't forget that a percentage of your SCRIP 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, January 11th!

Did you know there are over 700 retailers to choose from? Visit www.shopwithscrip.com for a complete list of participating vendors!

Catholic Schools Week

Opening of Catholic Schools Week on **Sunday, January 28**

with our annual Pancake Breakfast, Mass at 11:30 a.m.,

Don't FORGET!

followed by Open House.

See you there!

Don't FORGET!



CYO News:

Girls Basketball sign ups are this Thursday (1/11) and Friday (1/12) from 6:30-8:30pm in room 15. Please bring \$150 registration and \$40 service hour deposit. Checks should be made out to SJAA and the deposit check, (\$40) needs to be post dated to May 1, 2018. There will be a uniform pick up date announced at sign ups at which time you will need to bring a \$65 deposit to receive a uniform.

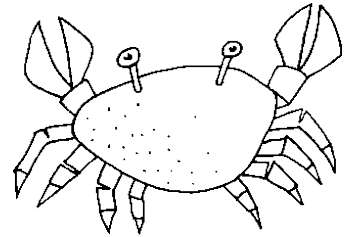
ST. JOHN CYO CRAB FEED 2018

Saturday, February 3rd

6-7 ^{PM} No Host Cocktails

7-9 ^{PM} Dinner & Raffle

9 ^{PM} -12 Midnight Dancing



\$50 PER PERSON INCLUDES:

All you can eat crab, pasta, salad, and garlic bread

No Outside Alcohol ~ No one Under 21 Allowed

Order your tickets today!

Name: _____

Phone Number : _____

Child's Name _____ Grade _____

_____ tickets @ \$50 = _____

Checks made out to SJAA

Group you would like to sit with _____

Tickets will be distributed on a first come first serve basis. Tickets will be delivered to the student listed on this form.



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Please Join us for
Dining for Dollars
at

PORKY'S PIZZA PALACE

Date: Tuesday, January 30th 2018

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Place: 1221 Manor Boulevard, San Leandro

Come have fun with us at this Dine-in Only event, and
PORKY'S PIZZA PALACE

will DONATE 20% of each food order to

St. John's Catholic School Fundraiser

Please present this flyer to the cashier to participate in this fundraiser.

Don't miss out!

This is for one evening only!

Enjoy an evening of great Porky's Pizza
Also a great selection of Appetizers, Pasta,
Chicken, Salad and 15 Craft Brews on Tap!

Remember to Invite your Friends and Family!

For Directions & Menu go to:

WWW.PORKYSPIZZAPALACE.COM

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SCRIP ORDER 2017 - 2018

Family Name _____
 Name & Grade of oldest child _____

****Orders Due by January 11, 2018.

Entertainment	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Century Theaters	4%	\$25		
Century Theaters Single Admit	10%	\$9.50		
Gas	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Arco	1.5%	\$50		
	2.5%	\$250		
76	1.5%	\$25		
		\$100		
Shell	2%	\$50		
		\$100		
Grocery	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Lucky/Savemart	2%	\$25		
		\$100		
Safeway	4%	\$25		
		\$100		
Smart & Final	3%	\$25		
		\$100		
Target	2.5%	\$25		
		\$100		
Whole Foods	3%	\$25		
		\$100		

Fast Food/Restaurant	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Applebee's	8%	\$25		
Chipotle	10%	\$10		
IHOP	8%	\$25		
Olive Garden	8%	\$25		
Starbucks Coffee	7%	\$10		
		\$25		
Retail	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Amazon.com	2.5%	\$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	6%	\$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 Wednesday envelope.
 Orders will be ready in about 1 week.*

Cash Check # _____

Orders Due by THURSDAY, January, 11 2018 10:00 AM.

TOTAL \$ _____

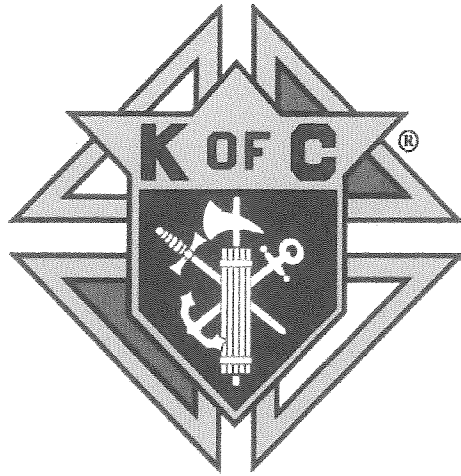
- I will pick up my Scrip Order at the school office I will pick up my Scrip Order at SEP
 Please send home Scrip Order with eldest child

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.

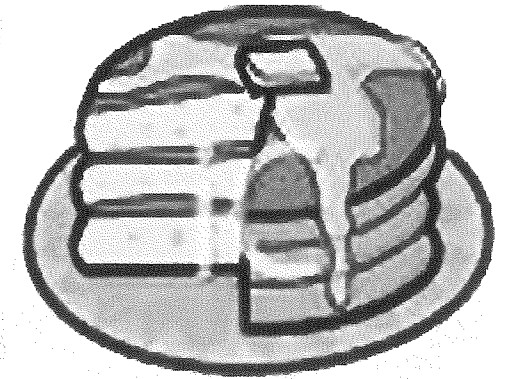
Signature _____ Date _____

Come One, Come All !!! Catholic Schools Week PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Sunday – January 28

**St. John's Gymnasium
264 E. Lewelling Blvd. in San Lorenzo**



Serving 8:30 am to Noon

ALL YOU CAN EAT

**Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs/Southwest Eggs, Link Sausages
Fresh Fruits Orange Juice Milk Coffee**

ADULTS \$ 8.00

CHILDREN \$ 5.00 5 thru 12 years old

Benefiting the kids at St. John School

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Fr. Walter O'Brien Council # 3518

YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED