

MAY 20, 2020



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



Dear Shamrock Family,

As we begin to round out the end of this, most interesting school year, there is such a push and pull between wanting more time and wanting time to move more quickly. There is an intense sense of energy felt or needed as we approach the final planning and preparations to close our year. I share with you now that it is our (the SJCS faculty and staff) every desire and intention to make sure the last days, moments, and experiences had by our school family this school year are special and joyful.

We celebrate our **Student Council Officer candidates** who have been preparing their posters and speeches with the hope to be elected to serve as student leaders of our school for the 2020-2021 school year. These candidates shared their speeches and classes (3rd-7th) were able to cast their votes today. It is a source of great pride to be able to still offer these leadership opportunities for our students, as well as to provide a voice and a sense of choice in leadership to our student body.

We are excited to honor our **8th grade graduates** with a Baccalaureate Mass and Awards Ceremony, as well as during our Drive-in Graduation Awards Ceremony, scheduled for May 30th. The Baccalaureate Mass and Awards Ceremony will be live-streamed for all to view, beginning at 9:00am on May 30th. While our Drive-in Graduation Awards Ceremony is for 8th grade families only, I anticipate that some of the content from that event will be made available to our school community.

Lastly, we will round out our year and celebrate our **TK-7th grade students** for their achievements and service to others at our End of the Year Prayer Service and Awards Ceremony on June 5th. This event will be live-streamed for all to view. There will be no class meetings on this day, but rather, we hope for all to tune in and join together to celebrate our End of the Year Prayer Service and Awards Ceremony at 10:00am on this day.

Recognizing that this time, in this unprecedented year, brings about a greater effort, energy, and determination than any other year we can all recall, I ask that we continue to turn to prayer and remember to offer each other grace as we work to navigate through the remainder of the current school year and look toward the upcoming one. May we all approach these final weeks as one school community and with hearts filled with courage and hope in the Lord.

Attentively,
Ms. Paige Child

IMPORTANT REGISTRAION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION PACKETS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration packets will be sent home digitally for the 2020-2021 school year. Emailed registration packets will be sent starting this week to families that have paid registration for the 2020-2021 school year. Please be sure to follow the instructions in the email and return necessary items to ensure proper registration. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Aimee at asire@csdo.org

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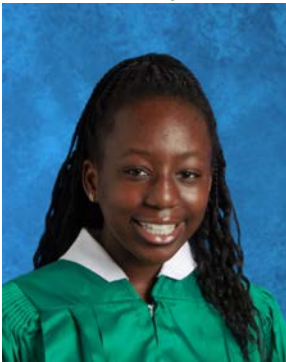
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8th Grade Shamrock Shoutouts !

Stay tuned to help us recognize & honor our soon-to-be graduates



My name is **Ire Ogunkanmi**. I've been going to St. John for about three years. My favorite hobbies are singing and dancing. One of my favorite memories is going to Caritas and making new friends. A piece of advice would be to not let people get to your head and don't change for anyone just because you want to fit in. I want to be remembered for being completely honest with people and for sticking up for what I think is right no matter what.



My name is **Tiffany Nguyen** and I have been attending St. John Catholic School since Pre-K, making it ten years. Over the years, I have taken part in a few after school activities such as student council, basketball, coaching for little shamrocks and scorekeeping at basketball games. Through all the experiences I have gotten from St. John I would advise everyone to cherish all the memorable moments you have together as a class because they won't last forever. I hope to be memorized through all the hard work and dedication I have put into becoming the person I am today.



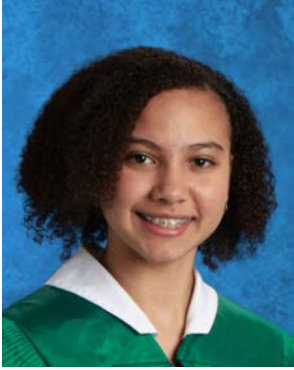
My name is **Mia Martins**, and I go to St. John Catholic school. I've been going here for nine years, starting in kindergarten, this being my final year. The hobbies and activities I've participated in over the years are cheerleading, basketball and more. For an act of service, I helped with the can food drive that the school runs and in middle school I got to play a bigger part. To pick a favorite memory would be extremely hard, because I experienced many. I will miss my classmates a lot and other students at St. John, especially my friends in the lower grades. A piece of advice I have for you is to try and not worry, the years will go extremely quick, don't spend your time worrying about stuff. Well, except if it's homework. I want to be remembered as someone who was nice, and artistic. And to say, "I will miss this school" would be an understatement.



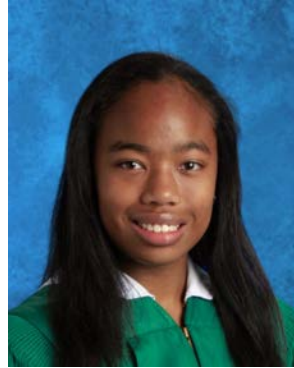
My name is **Kenneth** and I've attended St. John for two years. I enjoy playing basketball and videogames with my friends. I've donated to churches in the Philippines. I'll always miss just spending the day with all my friends in and out of school. One thing I'll always remember is our eighth grade trip to Caritas, because not only did I have a good time, it brought the whole class closer together. A piece of advice would be to always try your best and to work as hard as you can. I want to be remembered by always preserving no matter how difficult things get.



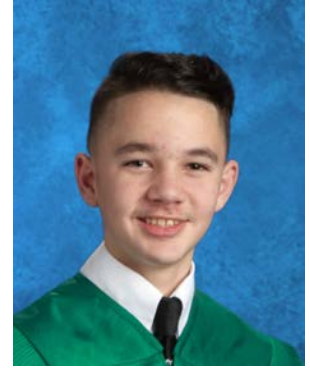
My name is **David Perez**. I have attended St. Johns for 9 years. My hobbies are playing sports, especially basketball and soccer which I have played for 9 years. My favorite memory from St. John is when I went to the Caritas field trip in 6th grade and 8th grade where I got to hang out with my friends and I was able to meet kids from other schools. I miss a lot of things from St. John, like hanging out with my classmates, going to mass with the whole school, my teachers, and especially playing basketball with Coach Derek every recess and lunchtime. One of the advice that I will like to give to the underclass mates is that you should get out of your comfort zone and enjoy every single moment, events, dances, festivals, sports, field trips, teachers, and especially your friends. This is the time for you to get ready to go to high school where you are going to have to take more responsibilities. I would like to be remembered at St. John Catholic School as a friendly person with good attitude, athletic, caring, respectful, and a good Christian person. I am taking good memories from nine years of being at a school that treats you not only as a student, but also as a family. I would like to take a moment to thank Mrs. Elliott, Ms. Thomson, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Pasion, Mr. Hay, Mr. Lara, Mrs. Viviana, Mr. Rathje, Mrs. Babcock, Coach Joe, Coach Ray, and Coach Derek.



Hello, my name is **Aleiyah Prim**. I have attended St. John for nine years and I've loved each and every second of it. I know this school is not like any other school and I'm so sad just thinking about leaving. I've made many memories signing up for CYO sports such as cheerleading and basketball. This school gave me many opportunities to interact with people from other schools and make new friends there. I don't have a favorite memory because I've made so many, but I know all those special moments were made with my classmates. We all hold a special bond and I'm glad I spent those nine years at St. John with them. I will definitely miss the teachers and my class. Yet, I will also miss the dances, festivals, socials, and all other school events and the memories made there. I would advise underclassmen to live in the moment and cherish all your memories at St. John because before you know it, you're going to be graduating and no longer be an SJCS student. Respect your teachers but at the same time have a little fun. Be yourself and have an open mind and you'll be able to accomplish so much. I want to be remembered as a shamrock, not just someone who just attended St. John. Once a shamrock always a shamrock.



My name is **Nia Rogers**, and I have attended St. John Catholic School in San Lorenzo for 10 years. My favorite activities were playing CYO basketball and, outside of school, going to volunteer events with my mom and brother. CYO basketball was fun. I got to learn about teamwork and being supportive to my fellow teammates. Volunteering will always be fun for me because I like to give back to the community. One of the events that I have volunteered in was cleaning up the Oakland Zoo. We helped pull weeds from the areas outside of the zoo, which later would feed some of the animals in the zoo. We actually got to spend the afternoon after volunteering there and we even got to feed the giraffes. My favorite memories at St. John Catholic School would be all of the friendships I have formed with my classmates. I will always remember each one of them because in my 10 years at this school, there is a special memory associated with each of them. I will forever remember all of my teachers and especially Ms. Child has been in my school life.



Hello, my name is **Jason Strawn**. I have been attending St. John for the past four years. Transferring to St. John when I was in the fifth grade was one of the best decisions my family and I have ever made. This school welcomed me with open arms and St. John Catholic School has become a second home to me. My hobbies/acts of service I participate in include playing for St. John's C.Y.O. basketball team, playing AAU basketball year round, and helping coach my nephews youth sports teams. I will miss St. John very much and all the memories I have made here. It is impossible to choose one specific memory because everyday was a new adventure with my classmates. As we part ways I would like everyone to know that we have grown our bond closer than friendship, we have become a family. If I was to give advice to younger grades it would be to

Congratulations
to our
2020-2021 Student Council Officers!

President:

Rylan

Vice President:

Marissa

Secretary/Treasurer:

Claire

Commissioner of Religious Affairs:

Momo

Commissioner of Publicity:

Rikyla

Commissioner of Safety and Ecology:

Arianna

Commissioner of Athletics:

Diego

YOU'RE INVITED TO:

**COACH RAY'S 80TH BIRTHDAY
(SURPRISE) PARADE!**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3RD

Details:

- Meet in the Arroyo Swim Center* Parking lot by 5:30pm with your car decorated, signs made and voices ready to celebrate!
- We will start the parade at 5:45pm
- From the Swim Center Lot, turn right on Lorenzo Ave.
- Right on Grant Ave.
- Left on Nielson Ave.
- Right on Via Faisan
- Via Faisan turns into Via Anade and Coach Rays house is on the corner.

*Arroyo Swim Center 15701 Lorenzo Ave, San Lorenzo, CA 94580

PLEASE SHARE WITH ANYONE THAT WOULD WANT TO CELEBRATE!

