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St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



Dear Shamrock Family,

As I attempt to process the incredible heaviness of the circumstances surrounding our world, I can't help but feel my soul drop to my feet when I reflect upon the kind of world in which I desire to help raise our children and mostly how the state of our current one does not reflect it. For those of you who joined me, I was overcome with emotion during prayer on FB Live on Monday morning. I could hardly contain myself as I prayed with our school family about love, thinking to myself how desperately I wish all people led with love, most especially those with power. A world-wide pandemic makes me feel worried and concerned but pure hatred and racism makes me feel absolute anger and despair.

I am a Catholic school principal who believes with my whole being that we are to lead our students by the example of love, integrity, compassion, inclusiveness and with determination to instill the values associated with our Student Learning Expectations. May we adults live as examples to our children in the following ways:

We Live Our Faith- May we walk each day as living and breathing representations of God's greatest commandment:

Love your neighbor as yourself.

We Serve Others- May we strive each day to give back to others the grace we have been afforded, especially offering grace to those most in need. May we make greater efforts to involve our children in acts of selfless giving to others.

We Are Life Long Learners- May we continue to listen, reflect and learn not only things, but about people, perspectives, and challenges other's face, so that we can grow not only in intelligence but in faith and community.

We Are People of Integrity- May we try each day to do and advocate for what is right, honorable and just, even if no one is looking (because it is likely that our children are).

I pray for our world, I pray for our nation and I most tightly hold our shamrock family in my prayers. I love each and every one of our school children, and I have hope that they will do better and be better than many of those who have come before them.

With Love and Hope,
Ms. Paige Child

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

GRADUATION AWARDS CEREMONY PICTURES

Thank you to the Tison family for photographing our 8th grade Graduation Ceremony. Please visit the link below to view the picture.

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8th Grade Shamrock Shoutouts !



Jaron

I have been attending St. John since I was four and this year is my tenth year at St. John. In fifth grade I was a student council representative and in seventh and eighth I was the student council spirit officer. My favorite memory from St. John was eating lunch with the boys because of our conversations and how there would be a “bad boy” corner. I want everyone going to be in eighth grade to know that you should talk to your classmates as much as you can before you leave the school. Enjoy the time you have left with them. I want to be remembered as someone who made other people laugh.



Michael A.

My Name is Michael Aguirre I have been attending St. John for about 7 years now. I like to play video games with my friends. I participate in swimming and I'm a alter server here in St. John. my favorite memories at St. John was probably Caritas because our class got closer and we met a lot of new people. I will miss my class and everyone at St. John who made me the person I am today. The information I would give to the underclassmen is don't procrastinate and make sure you do your work right away so it doesn't put more stress on you. I want everyone to remember me as the person to make you laugh and would become friends with.



Vanessa

I have been attending St. John's for a total of eight years. A hobby of mine I love is basketball, which I showed by participating in CYO at St. John since second grade. I plan on continuing my passion for basketball in high school. Some of my favorite memories from St. John are going to the festival, seeing my classmates who I consider family, the dance party we had for the first time this year, Olympic Day cause our class would cheer each other on and it showed how we support each other, playing basketball and volleyball with my friends and getting to playoffs multiple times with my basketball team. I will definitely miss all of the staff, CYO memories, memories my class and I made, and especially my classmates. A piece of advice for underclassmen is, don't take for granted the time you have with your peers, focus on school, try new things, and never give up because you're capable of more than you know. I would like to be remembered to my peers by how I always tried to have a smile on my face no matter what I was going through, and how I would always try to be respectful to my teachers and listen to other people's problems when they needed someone to talk to.

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Elijah

My name is Elijah and I have been attending St. John for nine years. Throughout my time at St. John I had done band and basketball. My favorite memories at St. John were the times with my friends that I will miss. A piece of advice for my underclassmen is to do your work. I want to be remembered for being nice to people.



Brooke

My name is Brooke Brown and I have attended St. John for nine years. I am a part of student government and play basketball. My favorite memory at St. John has been spending time with the amazing friends I've made. They have truly made my time at St. John such a wonderful experience and I am so grateful to have them in my life. A message I would give to underclassmen is to strive to do your best in school and enjoy the time you get to spend at St. John. I want to be remembered for how hard I have worked these past few years and how I always focused on doing my best.



Michael B.

My name is Michael Burns, and I have been attending St. John for 4 years. In my free time, I like to play chess and sometimes golf. My favorite memories of St. John are when I first met the class. I will definitely miss all of the fun that we have had at this school. A piece of advice that I have for the younger students is that they shouldn't wish that they were in an older grade, enjoy your time here because it all flies by quickly. I would like to be remembered as the person that will listen to what you have to say.

Gannon

My name is Gannon Cosio, and I have attended Saint John Catholic School for the last three years. Activities that I enjoy are playing sports, hanging out with my friends, and spending time with my family. What I'll miss most after graduating from Saint John is being a part of the school's community that has welcomed me from the very beginning. Saint John has been my home away from home since 2017, and what I will really miss will be seeing my Kindergarten buddy, Julian Silva, as well as my classmates, friends, and all of the teachers and staff. Saint John has never really felt like a "school" to me, but a happy place where I could be with my friends and peers while they just happened to teach us about Math, History, English, Spanish, Music, how to stay active and take care of our bodies in PE, and most importantly, Religion. One piece of advice I would offer to the underclassmen is to enjoy your time at Saint John: enjoy your class, enjoy your friends, enjoy your teachers, enjoy all of the fun activities that Mrs. Elliott, the PTG and the student council plan for you because they all genuinely want you to have a good balance of hard work and lots of fun. I'd also like to tell them to work hard in their studies. Good grades can be achieved, but you need to commit your time to studying, reviewing, and making the effort to sometimes do more than just what is asked of you. And if you find yourself struggling in any one of your classes, don't be afraid to talk to your teachers to ask for help. I have found myself emailing my teachers multiple times throughout my time here at Saint John and they were always there to reply and help me with any questions I had or in areas that I needed additional help with. Lastly, always remember to be patient, because, with patience, your hard work will show in your grades. You will also have the great feeling of your effort in achieving your goals once you see in your grades. From that, you'll only want to continue to do well and study even harder. But as I mentioned before, always balance your life and always make time for fun once your schoolwork is done. After my time is over here and after I graduate from Saint John, I'd like to be remembered as one of my teachers' best students, a great and loyal classmate and friend, and someone who always had a smile on their face. Thank you, Ms. Child, for everything you have done for me and my family and thank you, Saint John, for the great memories!





Isabella D.

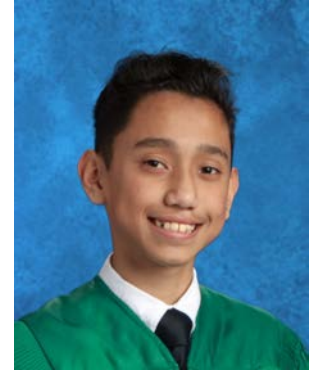
My name is Isabella De Rosa and this is my 5th year attending St. John Catholic School. A few of the activities I've participated in throughout the years are cheerleading, basketball, and cross country. I am also an 8th grade student council representative for my class, and I enjoyed the meetings and reporting to my class every week. One of my favorite memories is when my friends and I played football and the boys in our class tried to teach us how to throw the ball properly. I will also miss helping TK and waking them up from nap time. A piece of advice I have for the underclassmen is to enjoy the time you have with your classmates and not to take the time you have with them for granted, because high school will come before you know it.

Lastly, I would like to be remembered for always being happy, funny, energetic, and always being there for my friends.



Caitlyn

My name is Caitlyn Colantuono and I am one of this year's graduating eighth graders at St. John Catholic School. This is my fifth and final year at St. John and I can surely tell you I will miss it with all my heart. I will also miss my teachers and of course my classmates. Throughout the years I have participated in Cheerleading, Basketball, and Altar Serving with the school community. One of my favorite memories at St. John was all the fun games my friends and I played whether it was human ring toss with the hula hoops, volleyball with some of the class outside, "tag", having races with the TK class in the playground and both our Caritas trips. One piece of advice I would give to the underclassmen is cherish the time you have with your classmates because time really goes by fast and you will be in high school before you know it; and in addition to this, when you get to Caritas don't rush the week. I want to be remembered as a kind, caring person. Also I want you all to remember where to get your Girl Scout cookies in the years coming.



Jacob

I've attended St. John for 9 years now and my experience in life has now changed. I went through some tough situations that helped me be more positive. The teachers don't bring you down, they help you up. The staff members are very welcoming and polite. When you walk into the school, the first thing they do is greet you. One of my favorite hobbies is playing basketball and going out with friends. Being able to have fun and go out with your friends is very enjoyable. My favorite memory was when our class went to Caritas for the very first time. We all did not know what to expect which was the exciting part. It was overall a great experience to share with my classmates. I have a lot of things that I'll miss, but being around my class as a whole will be number one. A piece of advice I have is to try your best and cherish the time you have with them. I want to be remembered as one of the most helpful students at St. John.