

MARCH 4, 2020



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 9th

Report Cards Go Home

Tuesday, March 10th

Fun Run 9:30am

Wednesday, March 11th

Noon Dismissal

Thursday, March 12th

Hearing Retest

Scoliosis Screening for Students

PTG Meeting 6:30pm

Friday, March 13th

Student of the Month Breakfast
& Awards Assembly 7:30am

Stations of the Cross

(2nd & 4th)

Tuesday, March 17th

Lenten Reconciliation for
Students 11:00am

Thursday, March 19th

Lenten Reconciliation for
Students 11:00am

Friday, March 20th

Stations of the Cross 2:00pm
(1st & 7th)

Dear Shamrock Family,

As I spend time in reflection so far this Lenten season, my mind is drawn to those less fortunate than I. I first find myself thinking about and actively sharing appreciation with God for all the graces in my own life. I consider my loving family, loyal friends, my comfortable home, reliable car, the opportunities I have been afforded and the honor of the responsibility to lead our St. John Catholic School. It is in sharing gratitude for these and so many other gifts, that I pray for those who feel unloved, live in fear, feel hopeless, hungry, cold or lonely. One of my Lenten goals is to include people who are burdened and those who go without in my daily prayers. I am also making a promise to not just pray for, but to assist and offer hope to individuals who are in need of God's love and my support, whether that be through kind acts or financial assistance.

Our school is participating in Operation Rice Bowl, which is an organization that raises money to provide food and resources to students abroad who otherwise would go hungry. I am committed to making weekly contributions to my CRS Rice Bowl donation and I invite you and your families to do the same. **Rather than hosting a nacho sale over the course of the next few weeks of Lent, I invite you to have your child offer \$1.00 to be included in a school-wide Rice Bowl donation each Friday. Mr. Enos or I will be set up where nachos are regularly sold at morning recess time and will be accepting donations to be sent in with our individual student Rice Bowl contributions. If for the next five Fridays, each student could offer \$1.00 to our school-wide Rice Bowl collection, as they would normally spend on nachos, then we could send at minimum \$5,375 to support students less fortunate across world.** Let's be part of an active change for the betterment of the lives of those who often go without. Let our efforts through both prayer and donation be our way of being Christ and sharing Christ with others.

Lenten Blessings,
Ms. Child

Announcements

BELL SCHEDULE

10:05 -10:25 K-2 Recess

10:40 -10:55 3-8 Recess

11:50 - 12:30 K-2 Recess

12:10-12:30 K-2 Lunch

12:15- 12:30 3-8 Lunch

12:30 – 12:55 3-8 Recess

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please visit our school website to access the school calendar.

<http://www.stjohncatholicshool.org/calendar.html>

If you would like to subscribe to/ add our calendar to a device just add this link

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/ch3o3n0fpm4v0tpth3ntm38lq4%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics>

WHAT'S LOST CAN BE FOUND!

Our lost and found bin, located just outside the school's science lab, is overflowing with jackets and sweatshirts, lunch pails, notebooks, and more. If you have any items "missing" please check the bin. Thank you for your cooperation in returning items to the rightful owner.

St.Pat's Corned Beef Dinner & Dance

The Knights of Columbus is hosting its annual St. Pat's Corned Beef Dinner and Dance on **Saturday, March 14th**. Build community by sharing good food, fellowship and fun. The Knights will be at the rear of the church to sell tickets during the weeks of February 23rd – March 8th. Tickets are \$30 if purchased by March 9th and \$35 at the door.

After School Tennis Club at St. John

Beginning in the Spring, SJCS will be offering the opportunity of tennis lessons to interested students. Please see the details below. If you are interested in helping moderate, please contact Mrs. Silvia Bielser @ duenas-bielser@norcal.usta.com

Tennis Club 2020

- Thursdays, 3:45-4:45pm
- April 23-May 28 (6 week club)
- Available to students in grades 3rd-5th (up to 20 students welcome)
- Registration **for students is free** and students receive a goody bag & t-shirt

To register your child for free go to: USTANORCAL.COM/REGISTER and enter keyword "JOHN"

Parent Faith Formation Group

Shamrock Parents,

With the hustle and bustle of daily life, do you ever feel detached from your faith or so concerned with supporting your child's faith, that nurturing your own connection to God sometimes gets pushed to the wayside? Do you crave an opportunity for dedicated time to pray, reflect, and share in the Gospel message with others? If this feels true for you, then perhaps joining a casual parent prayer group might be the perfect spiritual fuel in this new year?

The idea proposed is this: an evening a month from February to May when parents/grandparents are welcomed to the school for an hour of prayer, reflection, and sharing the meaning of the Gospel message. If this sounds like an opportunity in which you would appreciate taking part, please email Ms. Paige Child or Daisy Visitacion @ dbmorales@gmail.com.

Attentively,
Paige Child
pchild@csdo.org

Announcements

Fun Run Fun- SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

The parish ministries are banding together for some friendly competition in an effort to raise money for St. John Catholic School! On **Tuesday, March 10, 2020**, our St. John students as well as **Our Pastor, Principal, and Parish Music Director** will be running 40 laps on our small track to raise money for our school at our annual FUN RUN. You have the opportunity to sponsor Fr. Sergio, Ms. Child, and Helena Dietrich for this event. Each runner has a specific code you can enter on the website in order to make a pledge. We hope we can count on your generous support.

Visit <https://stjohn20.pledge-drive.net/> and enter the Participant's Code

Fr. Sergio's Participant Code 392549

Ms. Child's Participant Code 384840

Helena's Participant Code 402315

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TUITION ASSISTANCE:

Applications are now available for FACE (Family Aid – Catholic Education) and BASIC financial aid. The BASIC Fund is available for new students whose families meet all the application requirements. The deadline to apply is March 18, 2020. For more information, please go to www.basicfund.org or see the link on our website. Current families please expect your renewal information mid-March, due back in April. New this year, BASIC renewals will be processed online. FACE applications are available online only at <https://online/factsmgt.com/signin/3FYB> or see the link on their website. This application requires documentation for income received in 2019. The deadline to apply is March 15, 2020. **IMPORTANT INFO PLEASE READ:** All families wishing to be considered for SJCS tuition assistance through the school must first apply for FACE before March 15, 2020. If you are currently receiving aid or wish to apply for the 2020-21 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.

Now Accepting Applications for the 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 school year. Applications are available in the school.

Returning Registration Letters Coming Soon!

Parents please keep a look out for returning registration letters for the 2020-2021 school year which will be going out in mid-March. This letter will include updated tuition rates and a form to be turned in with your registration payment. In May, enrollment packets will be distributed to those families who have paid registration for the 2020-2021 school year and are up-to-date with their tuition and fee payments. If you have any questions about your status, please contact Ms. Aimee, our school bookkeeper, M-F 8am - 3:30pm at 510-276- 6632 or asire@csdo.org. We thank you for helping St. John Catholic School run efficiently and meeting our financial obligations.

Out of the mouths of babes

New to our newsletter editions, student writing will be included each week. Below is a poem written by one of our own students.

That One Step

We all want a life of succession.
But in order to do that we must climb
the tallest mountain
Sure it may be rugged, unsafe

Broken, and dangerous, but life is not
good if
You keep staying out on the ground.
For it all
Began with that one step, that one tug
onto the rope, and that one prayer.

So in order to climb that mountain
and reach
It's highest point; concentrate on the
Little steps and if you don't want to,
think of
What it feels like to be at the top of
the world.

A world, a mountain, and once you
are at that
Highest point, on the tallest mountain,
You will have a great sensation of
accomplishment.
It all starts on that one, tiny step

Just one step.

-Rylan (7th grader)

Parent-Teacher Group (PTG) 2020-2021:

All are welcome to nominate themselves or others for the following PTG board roles for the 2020-2021 school year. Regardless of previous involvement in PTG, all are welcomed to join to support the PTG mission for the upcoming school year.

The mission of the St. John Catholic School Parent-Teacher Group is to enhance the school environment by supporting the educational, spiritual, and social experiences of students, staff, and families of SJCS; encouraging communication, volunteering, fundraising, and fellowship.

If you are interested in nominating someone who is willing to support and fulfill the mission of the SJCS Parent-Teacher Group for any of the following roles, please do so by emailing the following account (info@sjcsedu.org) with the name of the individual you care to nominate and the role for which you care to nominate that individual.

PTG Chairperson

PTG Secretary

PTG Treasurer

Please send nomination information to info@sjcsedu.org

All nominations must be entered by March 31, 2020.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to lead and give back to our great school community!

Attentively,

Ms. Paige Child

SEP ENRICHMENT FRIDAYS

Dear shamrock families,
We are delighted to announce our new SEP Enrichment Friday Program. Every Friday SEP will be hosting monthly themed activities during which students in all grades will have the opportunity to further enrich their academics! We truly believe afterschool enrichment provides building blocks students need to succeed in school and in life, so please join us every Friday, to kick off this New Year with some fun and learning!

If you have any questions regarding the program please contact our SEP Director Ms. Marlene magutierrez@csdo.org

Friday Schedule:

3:00 – 3:45 sign in / snack
* snack not provided

3:45- 4:00 settle
in/ icebreaker

4:00 – 5:00
Enrichment activity

5:00 – 6:00 Free choice

Monthly Themes

January

Arts & Crafts

- Join us for a month full of imagination, creativity, glitter and glue!

February

STEAM

- Bring your inner engineer or scientist, as this month we will become innovators who discover new concepts.

March

All Around The World

- Ever wonder what the rest of the world looks like? Be a part of our travel adventures around the world, as we dive into different countries and cultures.

April

Healthy Eating

- Can eating healthy be delicious? Sure it can! Join us as we discover alternate healthy snack options that are yummy and easy to make.

May

Go Green

- Want to be a part of making the earth greener? Learn and practice how we can build a better tomorrow by being environmentally conscious citizens of today.

A LETTER FROM SEP

Dear Shamrock Families,

Are you looking to complete your service hours?

Or are just feeling a bit generous? Well.....

SEP needs your help! With our efforts to improve SEP to be a more fun and enrichment after school program, we have launched our New Friday Enrichment Program where students of all ages are able to participate in monthly theme projects and activities. Galileo Camps was generous enough to donate many supplies to our program but we are still in need of materials. If you would like to help by donating any materials we have created a Amazon SEP Wish List please click on this link to find it

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2NWL8F79Z0OCQ?ref=wl_share. For every \$25 worth of materials you purchase you can redeem for 1 service hour.

If you are also someone who uses SCRIP, and purchases \$25 Amazon gift card for SEP, you can redeem for service hours. 1 service hour for every \$25 gift card you purchase for SEP.

SEP SCAN CARDS

All students will be receiving their new SEP Scan cards. In efforts to encourage students to not loose their SEP cards, every month students keep their card they will be able to earn a prize, in addition we have a new reward system where students are able to earn SEP bucks for positive behavior. At the end of each month SEP will host a SEP shop, any prizes donations are welcome.

Please contact our SEP Director, Ms.Marlene Gutierrez magutierrez@csdo.org if you have any questions or would like to make any donations.

Sincerely, SEP



LET'S!
GLOW

CRAZY!

ST. JOHN

FAMILY GLOW PARTY!

FOOD, GAMES, DJ, AND PHOTOBOOTH

SATURDAY

MARCH

21

FROM 5:00PM - 9:00PM

ST. JOHN GYM

THIS IS A FREE FAMILY EVENT
RSVP BY MARCH 13TH IS REQUIRED

SCRIP ORDER 2019 - 2020

Family Name _____
 Name & Grade of oldest child _____

******Orders Due by March, 12 2020.**

Entertainment	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Century Theaters	4%	\$25		
Century Theaters Single Admit	8.5%	\$11		
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	7%	\$10		
		\$25		
Retail	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Amazon.com	2.25%	\$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.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 with your student.
 Orders will be ready in about 1 week.*

Cash Check # _____

Orders Due by THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020 10:00 AM.
Get a head start on 2019-2020 fundraising!

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 _____

Join Girl Scouts

A Program Just For Girls

Girl Scouts of Northern California and Troop 31197 are hosting a Parent Information Meeting at our Lemon Up Event where you can learn how to start new troops in your area and share about the power of Girl

You're Invited

What: Join us for a Lemon Up Event where we will sample and celebrate the newest Girl Scout cookie: Lemon Ups! Learn more about how the Girl Scout organization works and how you can help form troops in your school or community.

Who: Parents and their girls in K- 5th grade.

When: Friday, March 13th, 2020

Where: St. John's School, 264 E. Lewelling Blvd, San Lorenzo, CA 94580

Time: 6:00 PM—7:30 PM

RSVP and questions: Georgia Kopel at gkopel@gsnorcal.org or (800) 447-4475 ext. 3013

Empieza con las Girl Scouts

Un programa solo para las niñas

Girl Scouts del Northern California y troop 31197 están organizando un evento para iniciar nuevas tropas en su área y compartir sobre el poder del Girl Scouts!

Estás Invitado

Qué: Acompáñenos en una Noche de Información por los Padres para aprender todo sobre la formación de nuevas tropas en su escuela o en la comunidad local de Redwood City

Quién: Padres y la niñas en grados K-5.

Cuándo: viernes el 13 de marzo de 2020

Dónde: St. John's School, 264 E. Lewelling Blvd, San Lorenzo, CA 94580

Hora: 6:00 PM—7:30 PM

RSVP and preguntas: Georgia Kopel a gkopel@gsnorcal.org or (800) 447-4475 ext. 3013

THE OLD BOX TOPS CLIPS



Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store.

You can still clip and send them to school.

Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for your school. Make sure each one has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.

** All valid Box Tops clips submitted per the Program Rules by a Coordinator(s) of (an) eligible, enrolled school(s) will be honored.*

THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS



Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Top label.

If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. **Box Tops are still worth 10¢ each for your school.** The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.