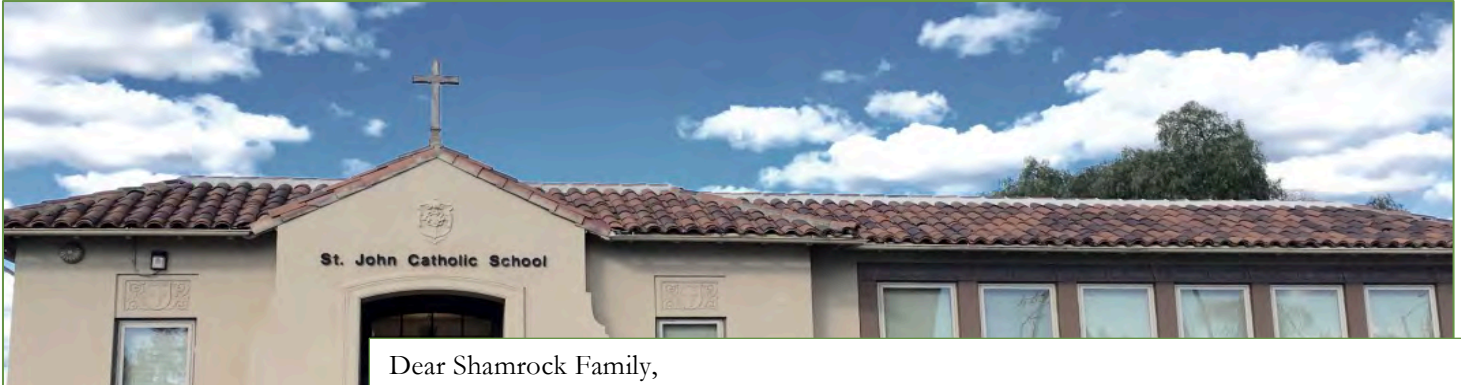


APRIL 1, 2020



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



Dear Shamrock Family,

DROPPING THINGS OFF/ACCESSING THE SCHOOL:

While the school is closed, due to mandate, items can be dropped off to the school by way of the drop-box slot, within the wall, to the right of the school's front door. Should you need access to the school, for any reason, an email may be sent to Ms. Marlene (magutierrez@cndo.org) or Ms. Aimee (asire@cndo.org) to make arrangements.

Interested in Joining the SJCS Facebook group for parents?

How to join:

1. Search "Parent/Teachers on your Facebook search bar
2. Request to join the group.
3. That's it! Within a few days, you will be added to the group.

If you have any questions please email info@sjcsedu.org

On Friday, in an extraordinary blessing to the entire world, Pope Francis encouraged the faithful to "...make room for the creativity that only the Spirit is capable of inspiring," and to find the courage to "...create spaces where everyone can recognize they are called, and to allow new forms of hospitality, fraternity and solidarity." During the past two weeks, our school community shifted from "brick and mortar" classrooms to remote learning, embracing new forms of "hospitality, fraternity and solidarity." We have remained in communion with students, families and our faithful God. Virtual morning prayer assemblies, daily announcements, and weekly masses have allowed us to be together, as one community of faith, even during this time of physical distance, and for this I am grateful.

The teachers, administrative team and I are working tirelessly to create and continuously evolve remote learning plans to provide relevant and meaningful instruction and learning support. We recognize this new format of instruction cannot completely replace learning experiences that take place within the normal school day or environment. However, our creative, talented and dedicated teachers continue to embrace the challenge! They are using technology and a wide variety of approaches and resources to engage, enrich and to meet the needs of our students. This work is not being done in isolation. Our teachers, instructional assistants, and learning support providers are working in collaboration and are providing virtual instructional coaching to each other, and of course to our students.

There have been challenges along the way, as this is new for everyone involved. That said, I am confident our Long Term Dismissal Plan for sustaining student learning will continue to improve with each passing week, especially as our collaborative efforts evolve. We appreciate your continued patience as we learn and grow together to meet the needs of our students and yours as parents. This has been a shift for all of us and we will evolve, with time, and meet needs as they come and as best we can.

Staffing Needs in this New Sustaining Learning Platform

After making the shift to our Long Term Dismissal Plan for sustaining student learning, I have evaluated work responsibilities impacted by this new platform. In consultation with Fr. Sergio, I am making difficult decisions in order to address the personnel needs of this platform for the remainder of April, and possibly the rest of our school year (yet to be determined). We continue to work in consultation and collaboration with the Department of Catholic Schools to identify the appropriate content, methodology and staffing needed for administering this new platform for sustaining student learning.

**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. We have already shared this opportunity in the March 4th and March 11th newsletter communication, with only one nomination submitted, so we are running this communication one more time. Submissions were originally due by March 31st, but due to lack of feedback, we are extending nomination submission through this Friday, April 3rd.

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 Friday, April 3rd.

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

Attentively,
Ms. Paige Child

Honoring 2019-2020 Tuition Contracts and the Registration Process for the 2020-2021

I do recognize that families are making difficult financial decisions across our nation in this unprecedented time. As your family resets your household budget priorities, please remember the value you place in your child (ren)'s Catholic education. The spiritual, academic and moral grounding your child receives through the educational experience at St. John Catholic School will outlast any virus. Consequently, the continuation of education remains dependent upon the collection of tuition. For our school to remain financially stable, and viable into the future, it is vital that our families please honor their tuition contracts and payments for the remainder of this school year. Your tuition supports faculty/staff salaries, in addition to maintaining general operations, and academic programming, including integrated faith formation. In the event of significantly less income to the school, staffing and school programs have to be re-evaluated.

Please know of my sincerest gratitude for your flexibility and patience with us, as we know these are unprecedented times and each of us has been impacted differently. To that end, it matters to me and to Father Sergio that we work with each of you, now more than ever. I ask that you please contact Ms. Aimee and me directly, via email, if your current financial situation has changed significantly due to loss of employment or other extraordinary circumstances. My finance team and I want to make sure we exhaust all of our efforts, collectively, to support your family's continued enrollment in our school. I remain truly appreciative of your understanding, continued care for one another, and dedication to the mission of Catholic education here at St. John Catholic School.

We are planning to resume our normal school operations in August 2020. Consequently, we need to make decisions regarding next year's school budget. Your registration for the 2020-2021 school year is critical in order for us to authentically prepare in this way, now more than ever. I appreciate you following through with the registration process, as outlined in the registration letter included with this newsletter communication.

Moving Forward with Hope and Shared Purpose

In the midst of this new reality, we remain steadfast in our mission to partner with you, our dedicated parents, to educate and form the whole child. I continue to pray for the health of you and your families, and an end to this pandemic. As a community of faith, and as a global family, we are in this together. While we all acknowledge this is an incredibly difficult time, we also must acknowledge this is a time when our school community of faith, family and love will persevere as one! We are companions on the journey!

May the peace of Christ be with you now and always.

Attentively,
Ms. Paige Child



Most holy and Immaculate Virgin, Help of Christians, we place ourselves under your motherly protection. Throughout the Church's history you have helped Christians in times of trial, temptation and danger. Time and time again, you have proven to be the Refuge of sinners, the Hope of the hopeless, the Consoler of the afflicted, and the Comforter of the dying. We promise to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, to proclaim His Good News of God's love for all people, and to work for peace and justice in our world. With faith in your intercession, we pray for the Church, for our family and friends, for the poor and abandoned, and all the dying.

Grant, O Mary, Help of Christians, the graces of which we stand in need. (Mention your intentions.) May we serve Jesus with fidelity and love until death. Help us and our loved ones to attain the boundless joy of being forever with our Father in heaven. Amen.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us!

2020-2021 School Year Calendar Dates

Dear Parents,

The following is a **projected** list of our 2020-2021 school year dates, including start and ending dates, noon dismissal days, days off and holiday breaks. Please know that dates indicated below ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. The official 2020-2021 school calendar will be uploaded and ready for view on our school website in July. Please note that the school calendar *may* be updated with amendments, even during the upcoming school year, so monthly reference is advised.

- 8/17 First Day of School- Noon Dismissal
- 8/18 Noon Dismissal- Teacher Planning & Collaboration
- 8/19 Noon Dismissal- Teacher Professional Development
- 9/7 No School- Labor Day Observed
- 9/9 Noon Dismissal- Teacher Professional Development
- 9/24 Noon Dismissal- Disaster Drill
- 9/25 No School- Elementary Staff Day (Diocesan-wide)
- 10/7, 10/8, 10/9 Noon Dismissals- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 10/12 No School- Columbus Day Observed
- 10/30 Noon Dismissal- Halloween Observed at School
- 11/9 No School- Veterans' Day Observed
- 11/18 Noon Dismissal- Teacher Professional Development
- 11/23 - 11/27 No School- Thanksgiving Break
- 12/18 Noon Dismissal- Christmas Break begins at 12pm (No afterschool SEP)
- 12/21 – 1/1 No School- Christmas Break
- 1/15 No School- Elementary Staff Day (Diocesan-wide)
- 1/18 No School- MLK Jr. Day Observed
- 2/5 Noon Dismissal- Olympic Day (End of CSW)
- 2/8 No School- Teacher Planning & Faith Formation
- 2/15 No School- Presidents' Day Observed
- 3/3 Noon Dismissal- Teacher Professional Development
- 4/1 Noon Dismissal- Holy Thursday
- 4/2 – 4/11 Easter Break
- 5/5 Noon Dismissal- EOY Staff Planning
- 5/31 No School- Memorial Day Observed
- 6/3 Noon Dismissal- Field Day (Tk-7)
- 6/4 Last Day of School- Noon Dismissal (No afterschool SEP)

Last updated 3/31/2020; Provided to parents 4/1/2020

Dates are subject to change, as needed.

*** Please also note that each Diocesan elementary school is afforded a total of 20 noon dismissal days, and only 17 are currently scheduled for the upcoming school year, in an effort to maximize both instructional time and ongoing professional development among staff.*

St. John Catholic School Newsletter

WEEKLY UPDATES:

Weekly communication in the form of our school's digital newsletter will continue. Additionally, updates pertaining to all items surrounding our mandated COVID-19 Sustained Learning routine will be made on our school's website and can be accessed using the tab, directly under "Welcome to St. John Catholic School" on the homepage. A direct link to these updates is provided below and all other necessary and immediate communication will be made using School Messenger.

<https://www.stjohncatholicsschool.org/important-information.html>

CATHOLIC IDENTITY:

During this Sustained Learning period, the administration is making many efforts to remain connected in faith to our school and parish community. As with this week, weekly Sunday mass will continue to be either recorded and uploaded or live streamed in both English and Spanish. Additionally, starting this week, we will be adding the recording and uploading or live streaming of a school mass, geared toward students. This will take place at our regular school mass time- Wednesdays at 10am starting next week April 1st. Please refer to our school website's homepage, using the tab "Remaining Connected with Our School Family" for access to recorded Sunday and Wednesday masses. A direct link to currently uploaded content is provided below:

<https://www.stjohncatholicsschool.org/remaining-connected.html>

In accordance with two weekly mass opportunities is the opportunity to join Ms. Child, live, for morning prayer via our Parent/Teacher Facebook page on Mondays and Fridays at 8am.

CRS RICE BOWL LENTEN RESOURCES:

1) **Families Page:** Go to www.crsricebowl.org/families to find

- **Rice Bowl Lenten Calendar** with daily reflections, suggestions for activities and ideas for donating;
- **Activity Sheets** for grades 1st - 3rd; For activities and lessons for grades 4th - 8th and higher, go to the Educators page at www.crsricebowl.org/schools;
- **Lenten Stories of Hope**, for each week of Lent, can be read and the videos viewed;
- **Meatless Recipes** for Fridays during Lent; Families are forced to cook more at home now, so it's a good opportunity to try these recipes.

2) **Spiritual Practices for the Entire Family:**

- **Stations of the Cross** (virtual) at www.crsricebowl.org/stations-of-the-cross
- **Novena for Times of Unraveling** at abbeyofthearts.com/programs/online-classes/novena-for-times-of-unraveling/

Please remember that all these Rice Bowl resources are also available in Spanish. Simply click on the box "ESPANOL" at the top of the page.

3) **The Catholic Talk Show – Podcast**

<https://catholictalkshow.com/managing-faith-and-fear-during-the-quarantine/>

Kindergarten Celebrating Community Helper Heroes





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April 1, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is that time of year to start thinking about the 2020-2021 school year. We are excited to share that over 93% of our current families stated that they are returning next school year!

Accompanying this letter is your registration form. This form is extremely important as we need to know exactly how many seats we have available to offer to new families looking to attend St. John Catholic School for the 2020 – 2021 school year. With the current state of our world, we have decided to extend the registration window for the 2020-2021 school year. Your registration form is due back by **May 15, 2020** accompanied by your registration fee of \$400 per student. Please note that families of students in grades 5-8 are required to pay an additional \$50 for the 1-1 Chromebook program that began in the 2018-2019 school year. At this time, registration fees may be mailed to the school or dropped off at the school, via the drop box within the wall, to the right of the school's front doors.

The attached registration form and payment are due by **May 15, 2020**. A \$50 re-enrollment fee will be assessed if your registration is received on or after May 16, 2020. Once the form and payment are received, we will begin to prepare your enrollment packet. Each packet will include your tuition contract, class supply list(s) and several forms required by the diocese. Completed packages are due back to the school office by **June 4, 2020**. Depending upon our circumstances over the course of the next few months, a protocol for obtaining and returning registration packets will be decided upon and communicated to parents at a later date.

After consulting with the Pastor, School Administration Team and Department of Catholic Schools at the Diocese of Oakland, the attached tuition rates for the 2020-2021 school year have been established. Again, we are pleased to announce we are using FACTS as our tuition partner. The payment dates will remain the same: 5th, 15th and 20th of the month. Please mark your choice on your registration form. If you would like to pay your tuition in full, the due date is August 10, 2020. You will receive a \$100 discount for one child, \$150 for two children, and \$200 for 3 children when paying the yearly tuition up front.

If you applied for financial aid for the school year 2020 – 2021, letters will be sent out over the summer, once we have heard from the respective third party charities and made our school tuition assistance decisions. If you have any concerns, please contact the school office.

Sincerely,

Ms. Paige Child
Principal



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Tuition Rates & Fees

St. John Catholic School's tuition rates are well within the diocesan average to ensure accessibility to families who wish to provide their children with an excellent Catholic education. The following tuition plan is effective for the 2020-2021 school year. Tuition rates increase annually, in line with projected increase in operational and administrative costs.

Receive a \$100 (1 child), \$150 (2 children), or \$200 (3 children) per family discount if tuition is paid in full by **August 10**.

TK-8 Number of Students in Family	Tuition Rate for 2020-2021	= 10 monthly payments of
In-Parish Tuition Rate*		
1 Child	\$7,972	\$797.20
2 Children	\$13,369	\$1,336.90
3 Children	\$17,459	\$1,745.90
4 or more	\$20,531	\$2,053.10
Out-of-Parish Tuition Rate**		
1 Child	\$8,778	\$877.80
2 Children	\$14,388	\$1,438.80
3 Children	\$18,727	\$1,872.70
4 or more	\$22,268	\$2,226.80
New Student Testing Fee: \$50 Registration Fee: \$400 Chromebook Fee (5 th -8 th): \$50		

Families must use FACTS management for monthly debits or may pre-pay full tuition in cash.

*In-Parish Tuition Rate applies to families who are registered in our St. John the Baptist Parish, regularly attend weekend mass, whose students have completed all age appropriate sacraments, contribute financial support to the school or parish through the use of weekly envelopes or EFT (minimum of \$200) and participate in liturgy. Additionally, families must complete 20 hours of service to benefit the school or parish. *All requirements must be met before April 30, 2020 to qualify for this rate for the upcoming school year.* (More information will be available in your registration packet.)

**Out-of-Parish Tuition Rate applies to all families who do not qualify for the Active Parishioner/In-Parish Tuition Rate. Families are not required to complete twenty (20) hours of service, but will be required to complete a minimum two (2) hours of service at the Fall Festival and participate in at least one (1) classroom activity during the 2020-2021 school year. (More information will be available in your registration packet.)



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Please return by May 15, 2020

2020 — 2021 Registration Form

Please fill out the form below and **attach** a check for \$400 per child for grades TK-4 and/or \$450 per child for grades 5-8 to reserve your child(ren)'s spot for the 2020 – 2021 school year.

Family Name: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade in 2020-2021: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade in 2020-2021: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade in 2020-2021: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade in 2020-2021: _____

Please check the one that applies:

- 1 payment due August 10, 2020
- 5th of each month beginning August 2020
- 15th of each month beginning August 2020
- 20th of each month beginning August 2020