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St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



Dear Shamrock Family,

Please know that I continue to keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Thank you to the families who have sent various staff members and me positive email messages of appreciation. While we, nor the distance learning model are perfect, our staff remains devoted to pursuing most effective ways of organizing and promulgating instruction and assessment within our remote learning model. Parent messages of praise and appreciation are so encouraging and much needed during these long, virtual school days!

The SJCS staff has been in multiple meetings with each other, and with the Department of Catholic Schools for intentional collaboration on items surrounding formal reporting of student performance. Similarly, we have discussed ways to honor our students with various end of the school year celebrations. The junior high team and I are working out many logistics pertaining to ways to honor our soon-to-be 8th grade graduates. We are also coordinating with our 7th grade class/families to help us with these efforts. The administration is planning for a way to close out our school year and honor the remainder of our Tk-7th grade students as well. We still plan to host both graduation and award ceremonial events, virtually, at the very least. More information regarding end of the school year “events” and procedures will be shared next week. More information about Trimester 3 report cards and the manner in which we will plan for the upcoming school year will be shared in the upcoming weeks as well. May God continue to hold and protect you.

Blessings,
Ms. Paige Child
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Tell Me Something Good!

This section will be dedicated to content that brightens spirits.

This week, TK has been learning all about bees! Even though we are away from each other and our classroom, TK managed to learn about how important bees are to our environment and we even used our math skills to create a Hexagon Honeycombs!

Love, Ms. Emily



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8th Grade Shamrock Shoutouts !

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



My name is **Natalia**. I have been attending Saint John Catholic School for three years. I enjoy helping my classmates, participating in CYO sports, and being the best person I can be. One of my most favorite memories during my time at Saint John's was when I went to Caritas Creek in CYO Camp in the sixth grade. It was my first weeklong trip away without my family, and I made many fun memories and friends. What I will miss most from Saint John's is the tight knit community because when you are in that type of environment for so long, you grow closer to the school and your classmates as a whole. For me personally, that will be hard to let go and move on from. A piece of advice that I would give to the underclassmen is to not procrastinate, and try to get your work done as soon as possible so then you can have time for yourself. Also, always try your best in everything you do because it is better to be an overachiever than an underachiever. If I am being honest, I am not completely sure what I want to be remembered for. But I hope that people remember me for being kind, intelligent, and a good person. I am very grateful for the experiences I have been able to have during my time here at SJS, and I am excited to move on to the next chapter in my life.



My name is **Maria Vidrio**. I have been attending this amazing school for two years. I have fun playing soccer, watching movies, photoshopping, painting, journaling, and photographing. I really enjoy serving others, spreading positivity, cheering people up, and doing as much as possible for my community and those around me. My favorite memory at St. John is getting closer with my classmates. More specifically, after our trip to Caritas Creek. I think I opened up to the class and felt closer to them. Something that I will miss most is my class and the teachers. Even though I wasn't close with everyone, I care about every single person in this school and I will sure miss everyone. The best advice that I would give the other students is that no matter what others say, you can accomplish anything you want, and to put as much effort into your work as you can. Also time flies. I remember my first day and I can't believe it's time for me to leave, so enjoy your time here. I want to be remembered as the person who wants to set an example for others.



My name is **Travis Round**. I have attended St. John Catholic School for 10 years. I like to play basketball and video games as hobbies, and I also serve as an act of service. I will miss playing CYO basketball with my friends, as well as all the time at recess where we played together and made memories. Enjoy every moment you can and make memories. Also, turn in your work and get good grades. I would like to be remembered for my ability to make people laugh, as well as a basketball player in the class.



Hello, my name is **Mia Toscano** and I have been going to St. John Catholic School for nine years. One of my favorite activities that I enjoy is soccer. I have been playing soccer since I was 5 years old and hope to play for my high school. A hobby that I enjoy is reading. I like a wide selection of books, from mystery to nonfiction. Throughout my time at St. John I have been able to help the community in ways that I would have not been able to do before, such as helping with food drives during the winter for those in need, or raising money for the rice bowls. I have had many enjoyable memories at St. John that I could never only pick one to be my favorite. One memory that I have made during this time is during Catholic Schools' Week. Ever since kindergarten we have celebrated this week to embrace our school pride. I enjoy it because it always allows everybody to express themselves and have a good time with one another. Another experience that I have enjoyed throughout these years is Caritas. Caritas is an amazing camp that we are able to go to for one week and when we get there it is as if you are at peace with yourself. During this time we are able to connect with ourselves, others, and nature. I enjoyed spending time with my peers, and I feel that we have all reconnected, even though many of us have known each other since Kindergarten. My advice for underclassmen is to not be afraid to express yourself. You may feel nervous for the future, but you will soon find your way and during that time you find yourselves. Also, make sure to stay on top of your work because in the long run it will help you a lot. After I leave this school and move on to my high school career I would like to be remembered as a good person, a person who not only played soccer and enjoyed reading, but someone who helped others. I will miss this school very much, once a shamrock, always a shamrock.



Hello my name is **Miguel Tomas**. I have attended St. John Catholic School since first grade. I have played basketball for St. John since first grade. My favorite memories of St. John's is raising my own caterpillar to turn into a butterfly. I also very much enjoyed and still remember Caritas. My advice for underclassmen is not to stress a lot about your grades, just get study enough to get a least a B on most tests. I would like to be remembered as a great mathematician who gets into trouble a lot.