



# St. John Catholic School

*Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish*

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## **Letter from the Principal**

Last week I challenged our community to DO something for Lent. What am I doing? I am reading the book, *Rediscover Jesus*, by NY Times Best Selling Author Matthew Kelly. This Lent I will share with you some of the thought-provoking reflections he challenges us to consider this Lent.

### *An Invitation*

A good invitation fills us with joy. It gives us the sense of belonging. We are invited to share in a celebration with others.

We are invited now to rediscover Jesus – not just for our own sake, but also for our children and their children, for the sake of our local church communities, for society at large, and for all humanity [p. 25].

It's time to stop looking for something and start looking to someone – Jesus. For more than 2,000 years he has been performing miracles in the lives of ordinary men and women. Now he wants to perform miracles in you and through you. Are you ready? [p. 26]

It's time to stop everything, pause a little, and consider God's invitation.

*"I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly." –John 10:10*

Blessings,  
Mrs. Rachel Gonsalves



## **Now Accepting Applications for the 2016-2017 School Year**

Please share the good news about St. John Catholic School with your friends and family!

We are accepting applications now for grades PreK-7 for the 2016-2017 school year. Applications are available in the school office, and new student testing begins the week of February 22.

## **Registration Packets Coming Soon!**

We will be distributing registration packets in March for the 2016-2017 school year. Packets will be distributed to those families who are up-to-date with their tuition and fee payments. Please make sure that you are in good financial standing with the school. If you have any questions about your status, please contact Mrs. McClintock, our school bookkeeper, M-F 8 a.m.-3p.m. at 510-276-6632.

We thank you for helping St. John Catholic School run efficiently and meet our financial obligations.

## **Intent to Return Forms Now (Over)Due**

Thank you to the 76% of our families who returned the *Intent to Return* forms! – but that means 24% haven't! This information is important to SJCS for planning and budgeting purposes for the upcoming school year. Please let us know if you will return to SJCS in the fall. We want to plan that you will continue to be a member of our school family community!

### FACE and BASIC Financial Aid Applications Now Available

FACE (Family Aid - Catholic Education) and BASIC financial aid applications are now available.

**BASIC** is available for new students whose families meet all the application requirements.

**The deadline to apply is March 11, 2016.**

For more information, please pick up an application in our school office or go to [www.basicfund.org](http://www.basicfund.org).

\*Current families please expect your renewal paperwork mid-March, due back April 22.

**FACE** applications are now available in the school office or by applying on-line at [www.my.psas.org](http://www.my.psas.org). This application requires documentation for income received in 2015.

**The deadline to apply is March 16, 2016.**

**NEW! Please read:**

**All families wishing to be considered for in-house tuition assistance through the school *must* first apply for FACE before the March 16, 2016 deadline. If you are currently receiving aid or wish to apply for the 2016-2017 school year, you must first complete a PSAS application and apply for FACE before consideration for in-house tuition assistance.**

If you have any questions regarding FACE, BASIC, or in-house tuition assistance, please contact us. Deadlines established by FACE and BASIC are firm; a missed deadline will mean a missed opportunity.

### Handbook Policy of the Week

This week we will provide a reminder from **IX. Medical; D. Medications; 2.**

#### **Responsibility of Parents/ Guardians:**

- Students may bring no medications to school.
- Parent/guardian will assume full responsibility for supplying all medications.
- Parent/guardian shall deliver or cause to deliver by an adult or an authorized employee of a pharmaceutical supplier any medication to be administered.
- The medication must be delivered to the office in the original containers and

labeled with the name of the medication, dosage, name of the child, and frequency of administration.

- Over-the-counter medications should be in original sealed packages with directions for administration.
- Parents should notify the school immediately if their child has come into contact with or has any contagious disease or condition, such as but not limited to chicken pox, pink eye, severe flu, head lice, etc.
- Parents should not send sick children to school.
- A child must be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school.



**Assembly, Catholic Relief Services-Thomas Awiapo**

Thursday, February 18, 2 p.m.

**6<sup>th</sup> gr. Bake Sale**

Thursday, February 18

**Stations of the Cross, 2 p.m.**

Friday, February 19 (2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> gr)

Friday, February 26 (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> gr)

Friday, March 4 (PreK, 6<sup>th</sup> gr)

Friday, March 11 (1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> gr)

Friday, March 18 (Kdg, 8<sup>th</sup>)

**Lenten Reconciliation for SJCS Students and Staff**

February 23-24

**Lenten Soup Supper**

Wednesdays: February 17, February 24, March 2, and **March 9\***

Tuesday: March 15

Gym Meeting Room, 5:30 p.m.

(\*St. John Catholic School sponsored event)

**End of Trimester 2**

Friday, February 26

**Lillian Black Arts Festival**

Bishop O'Dowd High School

Sunday, February 28

