



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish

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Letter from the Principal

From *Rediscover Jesus*, by Matthew Kelly

You are surrounded by miracles.

What are your favorite miracles of Jesus? If you could perform one of them, which would you choose, and why? [p. 90].

Miracles played a central role in Jesus' ministry. As radical as they were, the miracles were quite ordinary. His miracles were simple and practical, just like his teachings. "They were of real service to people, not just spectacular for the sake of being spectacular" [p. 90]. Jesus was the most humble of miracle workers; he never performed them for show.

There are miracles for us, too. They are not limited to faraway lands in a time before ours. It's a miracle that He forgives our sins even though he knows we will sin again. Part of Jesus' invitation is to bring the miracle of his love to others. The Gospels invite us to do small things with great love, and these small things will help God see how amazing we are.

"The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do, in fact, will do greater works than these." John 14:12

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.

Are You Up-to-Date?!

We will soon be distributing registration packets in March for the 2016-2017 school year. Packets will be available 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.



See's Candy School Fundraiser

It's time to order your See's Easter Candies for your family and friends! Profits from this all-school sale will be credited to your \$300 fundraising commitment; please note that profit margins vary by product (i.e. all Easter candy is 50% profit). Please make sure to turn in your order form and money by Thursday, March 3. Checks should be made payable to St. John Catholic School.

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.

FACE applications are now available in the school office or by applying on-line at 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.

Lenten Soup Night – TONIGHT

Join the St. John the Baptist Parish for Lenten Soup Night beginning at 5:30 p.m. tonight in the gym meeting room.

This is a free event sponsored by various parish ministries during the season of Lent. It is a time for us to share a simple meal together in community. All are welcome to come.

Sharing God's Mercy – 2016 Bishop's Appeal

We continue to support the annual Bishop's Appeal. Our parish goal is \$28,500. If you were unable to contribute and pledge, you can pick up a Bishop's Appeal envelope in the Rectory. You can mail your contribution directly to the address given – please make sure to mark your donation from St. John the Baptist San Lorenzo so it's credited to our parish. For more information, please visit: <http://www.oakdiocese.org/giving/bishop-s-appeal-2016>

Handbook Policy of the Week

This week we will provide a reminder about **Academic Information:**

Homework:

The purpose of homework is to reinforce concepts and lessons taught, and to foster habits of independent study and responsibility. Students should recognize the difference between homework and studying.

Even if a student does not have homework in a particular subject, he/she should always be studying and reading for enrichment and vocabulary development. Teachers may have independent reading programs to support this learning philosophy.

Students are expected to complete their homework daily and to prepare for class as needed. As partners in education, parents are asked to supervise daily homework and check completion of assignments on a regular basis.

The following is a guideline for the amount of time students should spend on homework each day. Most children should spend at least this amount of time completing homework:

Kindergarten = 15 minutes
Grades 1-2 = 20 minutes
Grades 3-4 = 30-45 minutes
Grade 5 = 45-60 minutes
Grades 6-8 = 60-90 minutes



Stations of the Cross, 2 p.m.

Friday, March 4 (PreK, 6th gr)

Friday, March 11 (1st, 5th gr)

Friday, March 18 (Kdg, 8th)

Lenten Soup Supper

Wednesdays: March 2, and **March 9***

Tuesday: March 15

Gym Meeting Room, 5:30 p.m.

*(*St. John Catholic School sponsored event)*

Scrip Orders due

Thursday, March 3

Report Cards Go Home

Friday, March 4

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, March 9 after 8:30 a.m. mass

No School – Teacher In-Service

Monday, March 14

SJCS Fun Run Day

Tuesday, March 22

MUSE Band Concert

Wednesday, March 23

Easter Break

March 24-April 1

School resumes April 4

Social Media

Don't forget to like us on Facebook,
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