



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish

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Letter from the Principal

*A joyful heart is life itself, and
rejoicing lengthens one's life span.
Sirach 30:22*

As I continue reflective readings in Matthew Kelly's book, *Rediscover Jesus*, I think about Holy Week and what we have been preparing for all Lent long – the joyful resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ.

We look for complete joy in our lives, a joy that is lasting and forever. The interesting thing is that God wants us to have complete joy, and he created us for this.

But is your joy complete? If not, why? What is standing in your way of the complete joy that Jesus wants for you? How hard are you willing to work and what are you willing to sacrifice in order to have that great joy? [p. 166].

Start by embracing and intentionally living the Gospel more each day. Pay attention to the clarity you have about what matters and what doesn't. The Gospel is an invitation to and a blueprint for that complete joy that God wants for us.

Blessings,
Mrs. Rachel Gonsalves

Congratulations Scholars!

Congratulations to our 28 students in Grades 5-8 who earned School Honor Roll: *Perseas Gionkarris, Mechelle Goulart, Natalia Gutierrez, Waileia Lee, Caitlyn Nguyen, Angelina Ornelas, Ana Paredes, Jacob De Leon, Sean Rey Elope, Arshpreet Kaur, Henry Pacheco, Charlie Reed, Lucas Bega, Anina Ferreira, Stephanie Gamble, Jake Hoffman, Sebastian Lopez, Gabby Martinez, Sade Nguyen, Ysabelle Abello, Josephine Babcock, Isabella Fitzgerald, Angelica Galleta, Mariele Garcia, Daniela Hupke, Kainoa Lee, Ericka Soliman, Christine Villanueva*

And special congratulations to the 8 students in Grades 5-8 who earned Principal's Honor Roll: *Joshua Hoffman, Jacob Hupke, Christine Lai, Justin Lai, Issac Li, Jai Dhawan, Hillary Avelino, Rubi Kumar.*



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 under the admissions tab on our school website.

Easter Children's Mass – Volunteer and Sign Up NOW!

All children and families are invited to participate in the St. John the Baptist Easter Children's Mass. This is a great way for our active parishioners to get involved, and a special way to reinforce the importance of Sunday and holiday liturgy to our children.

Sign ups are due on Friday, March 18. If you need extra sign up forms, please go to the school's website and print one from the Wednesday Newsletter file from March 9.

Parent volunteers are also needed, and adults can earn SJCS parent hours for supporting this special liturgy for our children. Sign up and attend the required rehearsal on Saturday, March 26 at 11 a.m. in the gym for more information.

Lenten Soup Success

What an incredible Lenten Soup Night we hosted last Wednesday! Many thanks to our school families and friends who donated soups, salads, desserts, and more! The parish staff who coordinate this annual event say this was the largest turnout for a soup night in many years! Thank you ALL for supporting our parish and being active members of our community. Most importantly, thank you for showing our parish what a vibrant, spiritual, and committed family we are at St. John Catholic School.

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.



Are you read for the FUN RUN!

We continue the excitement leading to the St. John Catholic School Fun Run next Tuesday!

The more pledges you get, the greater our profits! You can expect to receive 40-60% to count toward your annual fundraising commitment amounts. (Actual % will be determined by the amount of pledges received by the deadline.)

What's this for? Tuition alone does not cover the full cost of providing a quality Catholic education for your children. To keep tuition increases as low as possible, families are asked to participate in fundraising events each year to help offset the school's operating expenses.

Remember that you can get pledges by forwarding our website link to your family and friends! Email the link www.StJohnFunRun.com to your contacts with your child's name and grade.

If you have any questions about this fundraiser, please contact Mr. Enos at 510-276-6632 or at denos@csdo.org.

FACE Financial Aid due TODAY

FACE (Family Aid - Catholic Education) financial aid applications are due today.

You can apply on-line at www.my.psas.org. This application requires documentation for income received in 2015. **The deadline to apply is TODAY, 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.

Policy – Toys at School - Kendamas

It is school policy that toys be kept at home and not brought to school; however, we do recognize the fun and numerous benefits that come with the current Kendama craze.

At this time, we will allow Kendamas to be brought to school and they may be used *only* during morning recess and lunch recess. Kendamas may not be used in the mornings in the yard before assembly and prayer, in the hallways or classrooms at any time, or during dismissal. Kendamas must be stored in backpacks and must not be out and visible during these times.

This policy is for the safety of our students as well as to ensure their focus and attention. If Kendamas are out during non-authorized times, staff may collect them and will make arrangements to return the item at their discretion. Students may lose the privilege of bringing Kendamas to school if issues persist. The school is not responsible for loss or theft of personal items brought from home, including Kendamas.

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>

Service Hour and Fundraising Statements

This week, each family has received their service hour and fundraising statements for the 2015-2016 school year. Per tuition contracts, each family is expected to complete 20 service hours and raise \$300 in fundraising through eScrip, fall fundraiser, See's Easter Candy Sale, and the FunRun. Remember that all service hours must be completed by May 1, 2016 for this school year. Hours completed after this time are credited to the 2016-2017 school year.

Kelly Moore Paint Announcement

Parishioners, families, employees and members of the Catholic Diocese of Oakland looking to purchase paint for the protection and beautification of your home? Did you know that by purchasing paint through the Kelly Moore Paint Company a portion of your purchase will be gifted back to our Catholic Diocese?

The Kelly Moore Paint Company, manufacturing and selling paint in the Bay Area since 1946 is excited to offer a special KM Club Discount for your purchases of quality Kelly Moore Paint at any of our Kelly Moore stores (go to www.kellymoore.com and click on the store locator).

A unique Kelly Moore Account # 605-DI4711 has been set up to allow you to take advantage of our wholesale pricing on paint and paint related products, saving you time and money. We invite you to visit any of our stores and ask to use the Diocese of Oakland Parishioners KM Club Account 605-DI4711. Paint and supplies must be purchased through this special account to obtain both the discount and the gift back to the Diocese. This year our gift back to the Diocese was \$1000. We are committed to providing you quality products and excellent service at a fair price. When you use the unique KM Club Account # 605-DI4711 for your purchases we at Kelly Moore will track the

net sales dollars before tax annually and award a percentage of the sales back to the Diocese in the form of a rebate check.

Your home, parish and school improvement projects can in this way to contribute to the mission of the Church in Oakland. Thank you for your support!



Last Day for Bunny Raffle to support SJCS Student Council

Friday March 18; drawing will be made at afternoon announcements

Scrip Orders due

Thursday, March 17, 8 a.m.

5th gr. Bake Sale

Thursday, March 17

Stations of the Cross, 2 p.m.

Friday, March 18 (Kdg, 8th)

Father Mike's Birthday

Saturday, March 19

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 20

Vision Screening

Grades K, 2, 4, and all new students

Monday, March 21

SJCS Fun Run Day

Tuesday, March 22

Cesar Chavez Prayer Service

Wednesday, March 23, 2:10 p.m.

MUSE Band Concert

Wednesday, March 23, 4 p.m.

Easter Break

March 24-April 1

School resumes April 4

6th Grade to Caritas Creek

April 4-8, 2016

Social Media

Don't forget to like us on Facebook, follow us on twitter, and tag us in your Instagram photos.



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