

January 05, 2022



# St. John Catholic School

*Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish*



## **ON THE HORIZON:**

**Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

\$5 Free Dress Day for  
Students & Staff

**Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

MLK Jr. Peace Prayer Service  
2:30pm

**Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

No School for Students  
Elementary Staff Day

**Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

No School  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Dear Shamrock Family,

Happy New Year! I do hope that each family was able to enjoy the holiday season with love and hope in their hearts. While, I would normally have included a sentiment about sharing Christmas with loved ones, I recognize that this Christmas season is not unlike last, as we continue to navigate through the new and ongoing developments of Covid-19. I will begin by expressing my sincere appreciation for families who have remained so cautious and transparent regarding family exposure and student illness. I acknowledge the current frustration with potential exposure and/or symptoms and the relation to that of lack of testing availability and incredibly long test result return time. I empathize with these incredible challenges!

While I may not currently be able to assist families whose students have Covid-19 symptoms, I do have promising news on the front of student testing. California Governor, Gavin Newsom made rapid, at-home testing available to all K-12 public school students last week. As this news broke, our Superintendent, Dr. Andrew Currier, worked with local public school superintendents to ensure that our private, Catholic school students were also included as recipients of this testing resource. The hope was to have obtained rapid, at-home tests for our students prior to our return to school on Monday, but this timeline dissolved. However, I have learned that as of tomorrow, rapid tests will be made available for our students.

**In the very near future St. John Catholic School will have access to and be able to distribute Covid-19 rapid tests for at home use for students.** This is an incredible resource for our school, most especially considering the current testing demand. It is necessary to emphasize that **at this time** negative rapid tests results will **not** be considered an acceptable negative test result for asymptomatic, exposed, etc. students or staff. I was notified today that positive changes are on the horizon regarding students abilities to return to school. This is our first win of this new year!

Christmas & New Year's Blessings,

Ms. Paige Child  
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## St. John Catholic School Newsletter

### **REGISTRATION 2022**

We have some great news to share regarding an upgrade in our registration process. Beginning in February, registration for the 2022-2023 school year will be done completely online. Not only will this streamline the registration process but it will also allow our administration team to more accurately obtain an enrollment count in order to more efficiently plan for and allocate resources and staff for the upcoming school year. Registration for returning families will now be conducted between February 7<sup>th</sup> through February 28<sup>th</sup>. Emails will be sent out with individual links for families to complete the necessary forms and pay registration online. (More information about the specifics of this process will be coming in the next month.)

#### **Registration for the 2022-2023 school year:**

<b>TK-4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	
Before March 1 <sup>st</sup>	After March 1 <sup>st</sup>
\$450	\$500
<b>5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	
Before March 1 <sup>st</sup>	After March 1 <sup>st</sup>
\$500	\$550

*Registration is due between February 7<sup>th</sup> through February 28<sup>th</sup>. Registration payments made after February 28<sup>th</sup> will be assessed a \$50 re-enrollment fee.*

As with any instance at St. John, if accommodations need to be made, we will try our best to provide them. Small changes like this upgrade to our registration process will not only assist with our planning for the 2022-2023 school year, but will help guide budgetary decisions in order to allow St. John Catholic School to be economically sustainable for years to come. We are grateful for your dedication and commitment to St. John Catholic School. We invite anyone who may know a family who may be interested in joining our shamrock family to welcome them to reach out to our school, as it is our aim to grow our school community!

### **\$5 FREE DRESS DAYS:**

**Look your best so our school can look it's best!**

Come in free dress to support the beautification of our school. All proceeds from these free dress fundraising events will go toward beautifying our school campus! Our first \$5 Free Dress Day will be on Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. With a minimum of \$5 donation per student, students may wear free dress on 1/12. Students and staff may even wear Crocs on these days to display the charms they've been collecting through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade charm sales. Donations on \$5 Free Dress Days will be collected by homeroom teachers and then sent to the school's front office. Subsequent \$5 Free Dress Days are as follows: 2/9, 3/23, 4/27, 5/25. Thank you for your support of our beautification and maintenance efforts!

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK & OPEN HOUSE:**

Catholic Schools' Week 2022 will begin on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> with an all-school mass at 9:30am. Thereafter, we will host an in-person School Open House from 10:30am-12:30pm. More details regarding Catholic Schools' Week activities and Open House will follow, but for now, please just mark your calendars and invite anyone you may know who might be interested in joining our shamrock family. \*All events are subject to move virtual, as needed.

### **P.E. UNIFORMS:**

P.E. Uniforms are available to order online only. Visit <https://shamrockshop.store>

**HEALTH & WELLNESS:**

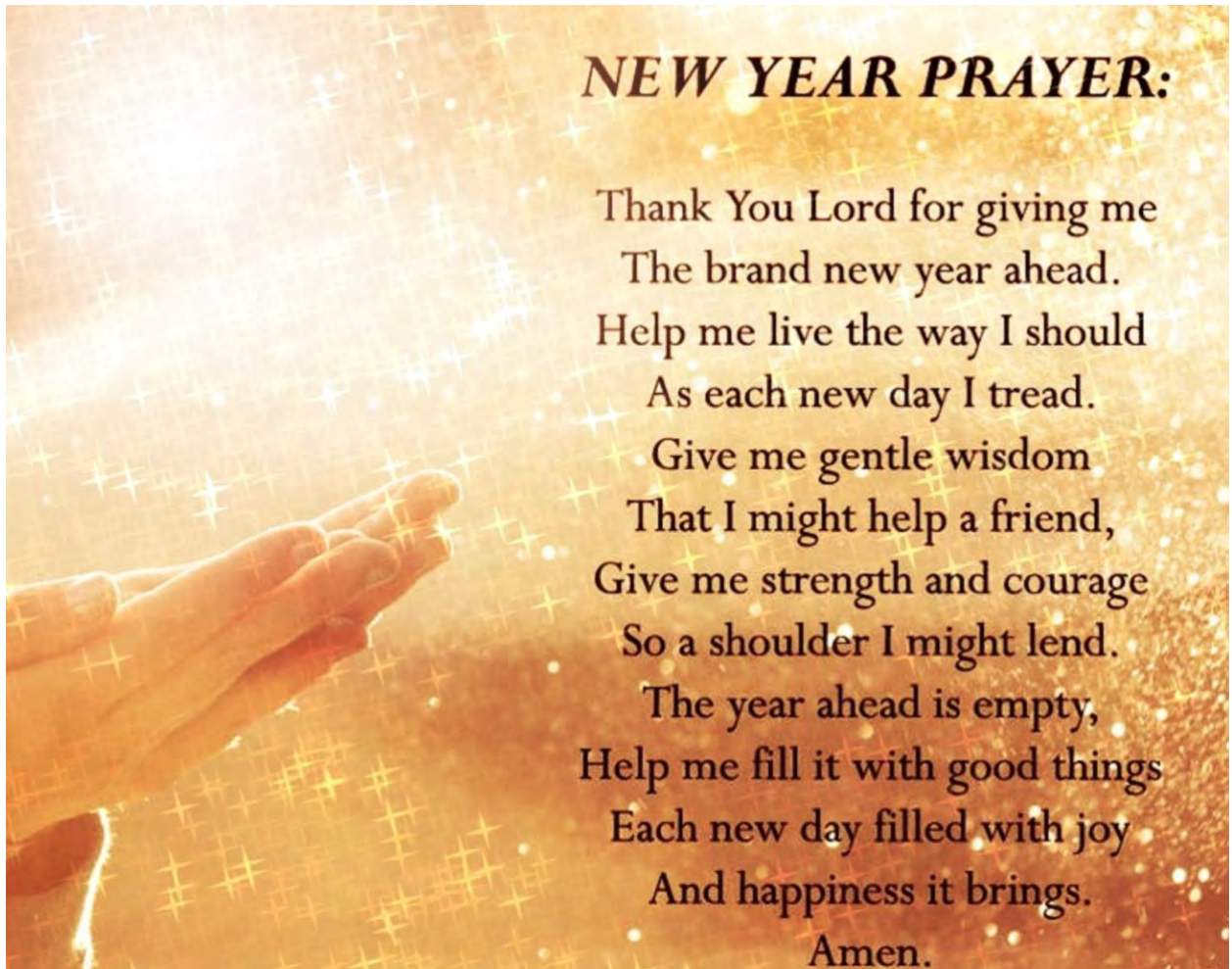
*Omicron Variant: What You Need to Know*

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/omicron-variant.html>

**FAITH FORMATION:**

*The Bible in a Year Podcast (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)*

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-bible-in-a-year-with-fr-mike-schmitz/id1539568321>



***NEW YEAR PRAYER:***

Thank You Lord for giving me  
The brand new year ahead.  
Help me live the way I should  
As each new day I tread.  
Give me gentle wisdom  
That I might help a friend,  
Give me strength and courage  
So a shoulder I might lend.  
The year ahead is empty,  
Help me fill it with good things  
Each new day filled with joy  
And happiness it brings.  
Amen.



# CYO Girls' Basketball Signups!



We will be welcoming back CYO sports by having a Girls' Basketball season!!

Please visit the St. John's Athletic Association website at <https://stjohncyo.weebly.com/> to pay online and to download the forms to participate. Once you have completed ALL of the forms, you can email them to [shamrockcyo@gmail.com](mailto:shamrockcyo@gmail.com) . If you have any questions, please address them to this email address, as well.

\*\*\*We need to know how many girls will be participating in order to ensure that there are enough to make up teams. Please, complete the needed information and make the payments necessary for us to consider serious participants. If, for any reason, it is cancelled, your money will be refunded.