

January 06, 2021



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



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.

ON THE HORIZON:

January 7th - PTG Meeting - 6pm - Link: <https://meet.google.com/ttb-kaxp-gug>

January 13th - Student Intent to Return form - (link to be included in next week's newsletter)

St. John Catholic School Newsletter

Dear Shamrock Family,

As we begin this new year with a sense of great hope, I also find myself reflecting on the past year. The constant outpouring of support and kindness from our school families during these trying times has filled me with such joy. Every single positive message I've received from many of you has truly touched me and honestly, kept me going.

With the coming of the new year, we start our preparation for Catholic Schools' Week (CSW). This is always a time of the year I look forward to, as it gives prospective families the opportunity to experience what we experience daily at St. John- community! As with everything during this current time in our lives, CSW will look a little different this year. We will be hosting a virtual open house through which both current and prospective families will be given the opportunity to explore the great work students and teachers have been doing in the 2020-2021 school year thus far. More information on how this will look will be communicated in the coming weeks.

Typically the lead up to CSW is filled with opportunities for staff and school families to work together to show our shamrock spirit. In keeping with this tradition, I have a request from you, our school families. I would love to be able to share your SJCS experiences with prospective families. This year, **in lieu of working service hours on campus or through field trips**, we are asking each family to record a testimonial about their experience at St. John. This would be just a short 1-2 minute video of either you or your student/s expressing sentiments about our school and our school community. Why you choose St. John, what makes us special and what a prospective parent/student may want to know about St. John are all areas in which we would appreciate that you reflect upon and share within your video. These testimonial talking points can also include something that you appreciate about SJCS, a favorite memory or tradition or something positive that happened when you joined the St. John, shamrock family. Some of these testimonial videos may be shared on the open house portion of our website, as well as shared with our existing students in class as part of our CSW festivities. It will take all of us to make this a success, so I appreciate your dedication and support. Below is a summary of my request:

Family testimonials:

- 1-2 minute video
- Parent/guardian, student, or family member
- Why St. John Catholic School?
 - What makes our school special to your family?
 - Something you appreciate about SJCS
 - A favorite SJCS memory or tradition
- What is something a prospective parent/student should know about SJCS?
- Videos emailed to info@sjcsedu.org no later than **1/20/2021**
- Please ensure that videos are filmed horizontally/widescreen/landscape (not in vertically/portrait)

I hope that each family will take the time to participate in this project. **Once again, each family's participation in this video request will complete their service hour requirement for the 2020-2021 school year.** Thank you for your continued support and love!

Appreciatively,
Ms. Paige Child

SCRIP FUNDRAISING:

What is SCRIP? SCRIP is Fundraising While You Shop®, it turns everyday shopping into cash for SJCS when families use retail gift cards to pay for everyday purchases (like gas and groceries) instead of the usual credit/debit card or other money.

How? Profits from your purchases count toward your family's annual \$300 fundraising obligation.

Did you know there are over 700 retailers to choose from? Visit www.shopwithscrip.com for a complete list of participating vendors! Please email Ms. Aimee at asire@cndo.org with any questions.

SCRIP order due dates for 2021:

January 14th

February 11th

March 11th

April 22nd

May 13th