

January 20, 2021



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



ON THE HORIZON:

January 22nd

Coffee Chat

Topic: *Talking to kids about diversity*

8am

Link: meet.google.com/gsg-uhhu-gnb

Dear Shamrock Family,

I continue to follow the local health trends, as it relates to Covid-19. While it is still **not** my plan to reopen for onsite learning when in the widespread, purple tier, as cases drop and ICU capacity becomes more available within our county and nearby areas, it seems practical

for me to revisit and reconsider the opportunity to offer onsite instruction once Alameda county resides steadily in the red tier. We are preparing for the safe return of students to campus.

We have taken steps to make our campus safer/more health conscious for all. Along with investing in and acquiring necessary PPE, we have also had refillable water bottle stations installed, in place of inside drinking fountains (thanks to CYO for sponsoring this effort), as well as touchless faucets and paper towel dispensers installed in the bathrooms. Additionally, we have secured hand sanitizer stations for all school entrances/exits and hand washing stations to be used in addition to sinks in the bathrooms. These are just few examples of upgrades toward support of on campus health and safety.

I do plan to send another survey to parents in the coming week/s (once nearing or in the red tier), to learn of parent interest in having students attend school for in-person learning. From that data, more logistical planning will need to take place for us to determine how to best address the next phase of student learning. As we have throughout this entire process, your continued patience and support will be much appreciated. In the meantime, if you care to share your thoughts or opinions around the option of a return to onsite learning, please feel free to email our administration team @ info@sjcsedu.org. Once again, another parent survey will be shared with families in the near future.

Attentively,
Ms. Paige Child



O God, the Father of Nations, the Ruler of Heaven and Earth, I pray today for the government leaders. I pray for the leaders of the nation to know you first, to lead through your wise counsel and guidance. I pray for them to lay aside selfish desire and petty grievances, instead focusing always on the best interests of the people. May they lead through humility and love, leading us to peace and unity. Lord, keep our leaders grounded in what is good and true, protecting them from the temptations and distractions of power and influence. May they know and follow you, leading through faith, ever working for the good of the people they serve. Amen.

FAMILY TESTIMONIALS DUE TODAY:

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!

Create a 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 (you can also upload your video to our shared album if it's too large to email <https://photos.app.goo.gl/mMU1914WNL3d93d7>) Please ensure that videos are filmed horizontally/widescreen/landscape (not in vertically/portrait)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TUITION ASSISTANCE:

Applications are now available for FACE (Family Aid – Catholic Education) and BASIC financial aid.

The BASIC Fund is available for new students whose families meet all the application requirements. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2021. For more information, please go to www.basicfund.org or see the link on our website. Current families please expect your renewal information early to mid-February, due back in April. Please also note, new siblings for current BASIC Fund students must request a link to apply for a new student. Like last year, BASIC renewals will be processed online.

FACE applications are available online only at <https://online/factsmgmt.com/signin/3FVYB> or see the link on their website. This application requires documentation for income received in 2020. The deadline to apply is April 30, 2021.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ: All families wishing to be considered for SJCS tuition assistance through the school must first apply for FACE before April 30, 2021. If you are currently receiving aid or wish to apply for the 2021-22 school year, you must first complete a FACTS application and apply for FACE before consideration for SJCS tuition assistance. If you have any questions regarding FACE, BASIC, or SJCS tuition assistance, please contact us. Deadlines established by FACE and BASIC are firm; a missed deadline will mean a missed opportunity.

ATTENTION SHAMROCK FAMILIES! - REQUIRED INTENT TO RETURN FORMS.

Intent to Return Forms will be electronic this year. It is necessary for parents with students currently in TK-7th grade to complete the Intent to Return Google Form by February 5th. In addition to holding your child's spot, this form helps your Finance Committee prepare next year's projected budget by giving us an estimate for enrollment. Please use this link to let us know your intent for the 2021-2022 school year:

[2021-2022 Intent to Return](#)

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: February 11th, March 11th, April 22nd, May 13th