



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish

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February 18, 2026 Newsletter

Friday, February 27th
\$5 Shamrock Pride Friday

See's Candies Fundraiser Orders
Due before Noon!

2:15 Stations of the cross
TK & 6th Grade

Sunday, March 1st
9:30 Class Mass
TK & 3rd Grade



ST. JOHN COMMUNITY PRAYER CORNER:

Please continue to pray for those close to us, including Grandpa Hartley, The Mccaffrey-Pardee Family, Richard Russell, Salvador Contreras, Beth Stern, the Stern family, the entire St. Felicitas community, Lenora Carroll, Melody Round, the Bannister family, Jim Smith, Jim Fahey, Rudy Catimbang, Martha Lopez, Shanty Gupta, and Jennifer Bliss-Griffin.

If you have anyone you'd like to add to our prayer corner just email info@sjcsedu.org.



VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:

The Virtue of **Generosity**

Definition of **Generosity**:

Giving of oneself in a willing and cheerful manner for the good of others

Prayer for Generosity:

Dear Jesus, let me share myself with others as You share Your life with me.

Registration is Open

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR:

Registration emails for the 2026-2027 school year were already sent out. Parents should have received an email from Ms. Aimee with instructions on how to complete returning registration for each student. If you have not yet received your student specific email, please contact Ms. Aimee as soon as possible. Additionally, returning registration fees are due by April 30th, after April 30th a \$50 re-enrollment fee per student will be assessed. Please contact Ms. Aimee with any questions. **Any students registered before 2/20 will be invited to our "Registration Bash" on 2/20 (during school).**

Announcements

SCHOOL WISH LIST - WE NEED TISSUE:

Hopefully you noticed there were a lot fewer items on student supply lists this year. Missing from that list were essential items like tissues and copy paper. Rather than making it mandatory we're asking families that would like to do so to donate those (and other) items on an as needed basis. Our wish list can be found [HERE](#). Please include your name on any donations sent to the school so we can credit your service hours appropriately. Service hours will be awarded at \$25/hr. So every \$25 spent equals 1 service hour.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TUITION ASSISTANCE:

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

The BASIC Fund is available for new students whose families meet all the application requirements. The deadline to apply for current and new families is March 27, 2026. For more information, please go to www.basicfund.org or see the link on our website. Current families receiving The BASIC Fund can go to their website to access their renewal application. To apply for a sibling, you must fill out an application through the Existing Family Application Page on their website.

FACE (Family Aid-Catholic Education) applications are available online only at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3FVYB> or see the link on their website <https://www.oakdiocese.org/face-about/>. This application requires documentation for income received in 2024. Reminders: you must re-apply to F.A.C.E. each year and make sure you check the box for Family Aid-Catholic education under "Other Organizations". The deadline to apply is March 31, 2026.

School Tuition Assistance: If you are currently receiving aid from the school or wish to apply for the 2026-2027 school year, you must first complete a FACTS application and apply for FACE AND complete this application: [St. John Catholic School Tuition Assistance Application](#) before consideration for SJCS tuition assistance

Active Parishioner Scholarship: If you currently receive an Active Parishioner Scholarship (APS) you will be contacted in the coming weeks with instructions on how to reapply. If you are interested in applying for APS more information on how to do so and deadlines will be coming in the next couple weeks.

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.

Reminders

IN PARISH RATE REQUIREMENTS:

This is just a reminder that to qualify for the In Parish Rate next year (2026-2027 school year) you must have completed the following prior to February 2026:

- Registered with the parish and regularly attend mass
- All age appropriate student sacraments complete
- Contribute a minimum of \$200 to either the school's Annual Fund or the parish through the use of their weekly envelopes/EFT or a combination of both.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:

For real-time awesome stuff we do check out our Instagram page!

<https://www.instagram.com/stjohnshamrocks/>

If you're old we have Facebook too!

<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnslz/>

We even have a private group of Facebook. If you're not already a member you can click the link below to join

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/119972304755849/>

"The Shamrock Swap"

WELCOME TO THE SHAMROCK SWAP:

Thanks to Mitchell's mom (Jen) we have name for SJCS' version of Marketplace. Welcome to The Shamrock Swap. If you have a business to promote, items to sell, if you're in need of something just let us know and we can post it here in The Shamrock Swap section of our newsletter. Just email Mr. Enos with whatever it is you want or need and we'll post it here! denos@csdo.org

SERVICES OFFERED:

Tutoring:

If you have a child (or know of one) that could benefit from a Tutor here is a great recommendation! Former SJCS teacher <https://www.trailmarkerteaching.com>

Commercial cleaning business:

Top Tier Office Clean

"The New Standard of Workspace Clean,"

patrickfassino@top-tierclean.net www.top-tierclean.net

Electrician:

Lee Electric corp



The 40-Day “Words of Hope” Challenge

For the next 40 days, our school community commits to using words that build up, not tear down.

Every student is invited to take part in this challenge to create a culture of kindness, respect, and peace.

1. Disarm Your Language

Pause before you speak.

Ask yourself: Is it true? Is it kind? Is it necessary?

Avoid harsh, sarcastic, or insulting comments — even as a joke.

2. No Gossip Zone

Do not speak negatively about someone who isn't present.

Refuse to spread rumors.

If a conversation turns into gossip, change the subject or walk away.

3. Replace Criticism with Encouragement

Give at least one genuine compliment each day.

Thank classmates, teachers, and staff for what they do.

Use words that build confidence rather than destroy it.

4. Kindness Online

Post, chat and comment with respect.

Do not engage in online arguments, name-calling, or hurtful memes.

If you wouldn't say it face-to-face, don't type it.

5. Avoid Rash Judgments

Don't assume the worst about someone's intentions.

Take time to understand before reacting.

Remember: everyone is fighting battles you may not see.

6. Practice Peace in Every Space

In classrooms, hallways, sports, group projects, and social events:

Speak calmly during disagreements.

Listen without interrupting.

Choose words that solve problems rather than escalate them.

7. Daily Reflection

At the end of each day, ask yourself:

Did my words today bring hope or hurt?

Did I stand up against unkind speech?

How can I do better tomorrow?

The Goal

By the end of 40 days, we aim to:

Reduce gossip and negative talk.

Strengthen friendships.

Create a school culture of respect and belonging.

Replace words of anger with words of hope and peace.

Consequences:

Week 1: Gentle Reminder

For minor slips (sarcasm, blurting something unkind, etc.)

Verbal reminder: "Was that building up or tearing down?"

Student restates their comment in a kind way.

Quick reflection question: "How could you say that differently?"

Starting 2/25: Reflection & Repair

Complete the "Word of Hope" reflection sheet:

40-Day Words of Hope Pledge

I choose to use my words to build up, not tear down.

I will speak with kindness and respect.

I will pause before I speak and think about how my words affect those around me.

I will choose peace over conflict and encouragement over criticism.

For the next 40 days, I commit to being a voice of hope in my school community.

See's CANDIES.

2026 Spring Fundraising



Nuts & Chews
Yummy, crunchy and chewy.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$33.00 #540334

Profit= \$6.60



Assorted Chocolates
Milk and dark decadence.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$33.00 #540318

Profit= \$6.60



Peanut Brittle
Buttery, crunchy and irresistible.
1 lb 8 oz \$33.00 #500355

Profit= \$6.60



Assorted Lollypops
Vanilla, Butterscotch, Café Laté and Chocolate.
Naturally & artificially flavored. Approximately 30 lollypops.
1 lb 5 oz \$34.50 #506545

Profit= \$6.90



Toffee-ettes®
Crunchy toffee, milk chocolate
and almonds.
1 lb \$33.00 #500316

Profit= \$6.60



Peanut Butter Egg
An irresistible treat.
3 oz \$9.00 #509499

Profit= \$4.50



Chocolate Butter Egg
Creamy and delicious.
3 oz \$9.00 #509500

Profit= \$4.50



Bordeaux™ Egg
A tasty classic.
3 oz \$9.00 #509501

Profit= \$4.50



Hoppy Bunny Box
An array of adorable bites.
8.6 oz \$15.00 #510779

Profit= \$3.00



Cheery Chick Box
Full of See's favorites.
3.8 oz \$11.50 #511211

Profit= \$5.75



Marshmallow & Scotchmallow® Eggs
One box, four yummy eggs.
3.4 oz \$11.00 #503321

Profit= \$5.50



Hoppy Days Box
Beloved See's Classics.
5.3 oz \$13.75 #511218

Profit= \$2.75

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KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

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Name: _____

Organization: _____

Team or Room #: _____

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Total Quantity of Each Item													\$

TOTAL



FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR

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Please fill out form completely.

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Total Quantity of Each Item													
Amount Due													\$



SHAMROCK — PRIDE — FRIDAYS

Dress up to cool down!

Want to donate toward our electrical upgrade to install air conditioners in each classroom?

The last Friday of each month students will have the opportunity to donate \$5 and wear their St. John Shamrock clothing rather than their uniform.



\$5.00 Donation



It's not too late to purchase the

ST JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL yearbook!

To purchase your yearbook go to [Treering.com](https://www.treering.com) →

Customize your 2 free pages

- Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Google Drive and more
- Answer fun memory questions to help remember the year
- The 2 custom pages are **free** and are printed **only** in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages are just \$1.99.

To purchase and customize your yearbook, use the QR code or:

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older

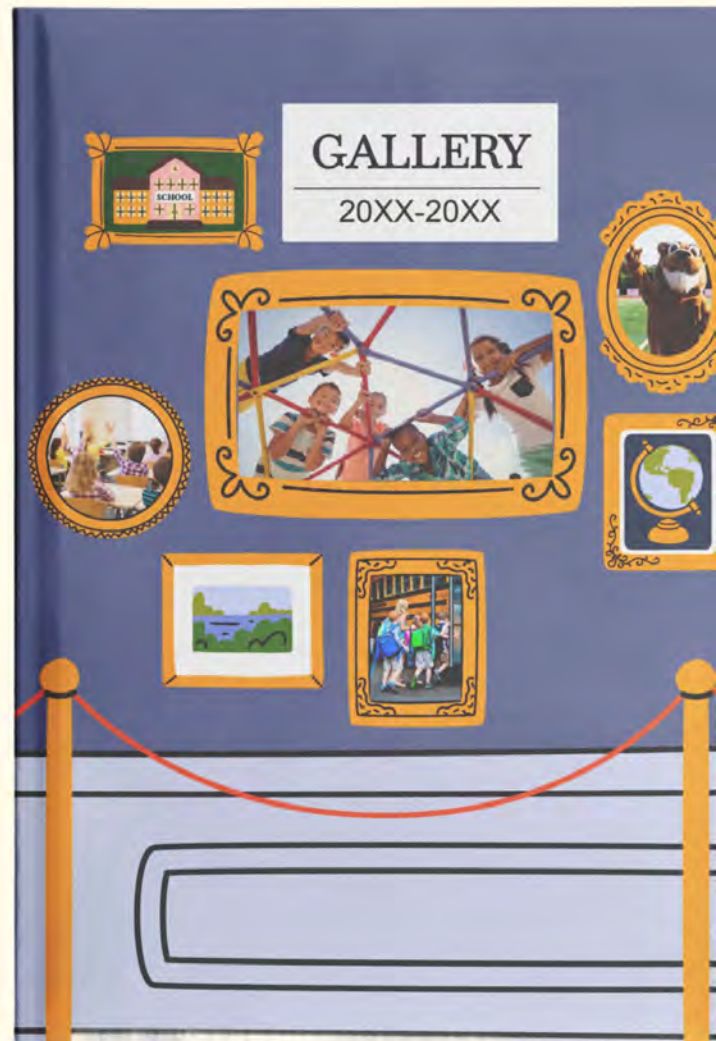
1. Go to: [treering.com/validate](https://www.treering.com/validate)
2. Enter your school's passcode:

1015901096024880

Regular price: **\$21.44**

*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

Deadline: **Apr 15**





Week 1
6/15-6/18 (\$240)
NOTE: 4 days; no school Friday
6/19

Week 2 :
6/22-6/26 (\$300)

Week 3:
6/29-7/3 (\$300)

One time \$50 registration fee



SUMMER *School* **AT ST. JOHN**

270 E LEWELLING BLVD, SAN LORENZO

**INCOMING TK-8TH
GRADE STUDENTS**

9am-3pm
Daily

Aftercare
from 3pm-6pm
(for an additional
fee)



Math
and
Reading

Electives:

- **Crocheting**
- **Board Games**
- **Art**
- **Cooking/Baking**
- **Sports**

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