



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish

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From the Principal's Desk



Dear SJCS Families,

Today is Ash Wednesday and is the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent. At school we honored this very holy day of our year by attending mass as a school community and receiving and proudly wearing the sign of the cross on our foreheads, marked in ashes. We wear these ashes as a sign of our commitment to repent for our sins and as a reminder of our mission to remember Jesus, recognize His sacrifice for us, and to acknowledge our desire to live more closely to His example. Lent is a time to omit habits that draw us away from our relationship with Jesus and to better develop behaviors that allow us to enhance our relationship with our Holy Father.

I encourage each family to take some time this Lenten season to reflect on sacrifices you can make for others, as a representation of the sacrifice Jesus made for us. Perhaps your family slows down and makes a more concentrated effort to pray together? Maybe you carve out time to give of your time to others through volunteering as a family? I do realize how challenging it can be to dedicate one more hour toward one more thing, but Lent would be a good time to reprioritize what really needs to be done and what possibly can wait, to allow additional time to focus on God. Below are some resources you can use at home to honor and fully commit yourselves to the season of Lent.

<https://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/2017/02/explaining-ash-wednesday-to-children/>

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/2018-family-study-for-lent>

Blessings,
Ms. Child

Calling All Parents!!

Are you interested in sharing ideas about school wide events for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year? If so, please attend tomorrow's PTG Meeting. Tomorrow, Thursday, February 15th @ 7pm. We are calling all interested parents to meet at the school to offer input regarding the initial scheduling and chairing of fun school events for the upcoming school year. We hope to see you there!

Now Accepting Applications for the 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 school year.

Applications are available in the school office, and new student testing begins the week of **February 20.**

Calendar Reminders

PTG Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 15th

Stations of the Cross (1st and 7th grade)

Friday, Feb. 16th

NO SCHOOL- President's Day

Monday, Feb. 19th

Nacho Sales

Wednesday, Feb. 21st

SCRIP Orders Due

Thursday, Feb. 22nd

Coffee Chat

Friday, Feb. 23rd

SCRIP

Did you know there are over 700 retailers to choose from? Visit www.shopwithscrip.com for a complete list of participating vendors!

Order forms are attached to this week's newsletter and are due back to the school office by **10:00am on Thursday, February 22nd!**

Come join us for our Basketball Diocese Playoffs!

8th grade plays on February 23rd at Bede @ 5:30pm

4th grade plays on February 25th at St. Elizabeth @ 2pm

5th grade plays on February 25th at St. Joachim @1pm

Come support your fellow Shamrocks!!

Applications Now Available

FACE (Family Aid - Catholic Education) and BASIC financial aid applications are now available.

BASIC is available for new students whose families meet all the application requirements. **The deadline to apply is March 16, 2018.** For more information, please go to www.basicfund.org or see the link on our website. Current families please expect your renewal paperwork mid-March, due back in April.

FACE applications are now available in the school office, on-line at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3FVYB> or see the link on our website. This application requires documentation for income received in 2017. **The deadline to apply is March 19, 2018.**

IMPORTANT INFO PLEASE READ: *All families wishing to be considered for SJCS tuition assistance through the school must first apply for FACE before March 19, 2018.*

If you are currently receiving aid or wish to apply for the 2018-19 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.

What's Lost Can Be Found!

Our lost and found bin is overflowing with sweatshirts, lunch pails, notebooks, and more. If you have any items "missing" please check the bin. Thank you for your cooperation in returning items to the rightful owner!

Science Fair 2018:

The Science Fair is the culmination of months of hard work and commitment in which, traditionally, the sixth through eighth grades participate. It is the end of a long and arduous process that follows the scientific method. Last month many people joined us to see all of the wonderful projects on display. The students beamed with pride and knowledge, waiting to share their findings with all. The students put so much effort into their projects. Although all participants did a phenomenal job, we would like to congratulate these students for an outstanding performance:

6th grade:

1st Place: Isabella D. and Natalia V.

2nd Place: Caitlyn C.

3rd Place: Travis R.

Honorable Mention: Gannon C. and Jason S.

7th Grade:

1st Place: Sophia T.

2nd Place: Joshua H. and Jacob H.

3rd Place: Emiliano C. and Kyle H.

Honorable Mention: Christian A. and Waileia L.

8th Grade:

1st Place: Veraneice M.

2nd Place: Charlie R.

3rd Place: Henry P.

Honorable Mention: Emma B.

We are also very proud of our young scientists that represented St. John at the Diocese of Oakland Science Fair at St. Joseph of Notre Dame! The science fair was filled with brilliant minds and amazing science fair projects.

Among these were **Isabella DeRosa, Natalia Villanueva-Hernandez, Emiliano Carbajal, Kyle Ha, Joshua Hoffmann, and Jacob Hupke**. These students did an excellent job competing against students from the schools within our diocese. Isabella and Natalia received third place scores while **Emiliano, Kyle, Jacob and Josh** placed second. Excellent job Shamrocks!!

2018 St. John Spirit Exhibition All Stars

1st Grade: Teralani V. and Francesca I.

2nd Grade Alina P.

3rd Grade Marissa O. and Liliana S.

4th Grade Eleni P.

5th Grade Lily M.

6th Grade Caitlyn C.

7th Grade Waileia L.

Go Shamrocks!

Last week we celebrated our Student of the Month:

“Shamrocks are students who are life-long learners and work diligently to grow and achieve academically, spiritually, and socially in order to improve themselves and the world around them.”

We Celebrate:

Ian N., Pre-Kindergarten

Augustine G., Kindergarten

Paulo R., 1st grade

Marina B., 2nd grade

Michael O., 3rd grade

Gericho C., 4th grade

Ryan N., 5th grade

Ireayomide O., 6th grade

Joshua H., 7th grade

Issac L., 8th grade

SCRIP ORDER 2017 - 2018

Family Name _____
 Name & Grade of oldest child _____

****Orders Due by February 22, 2018.

Entertainment	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Century Theaters	4%	\$25		
Century Theaters Single Admit	10%	\$9.50		
Gas	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Arco	1.5%	\$50		
	2.5%	\$250		
76	1.5%	\$25		
		\$100		
Shell	2%	\$50		
		\$100		
Grocery	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Lucky/Savemart	2%	\$25		
		\$100		
Safeway	4%	\$25		
		\$100		
Smart & Final	3%	\$25		
		\$100		
Target	2.5%	\$25		
		\$100		
Whole Foods	3%	\$25		
		\$100		

Fast Food/Restaurant	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Applebee's	8%	\$25		
Chipotle	10%	\$10		
IHOP	8%	\$25		
Olive Garden	8%	\$25		
Starbucks Coffee	7%	\$10		
		\$25		
Retail	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Amazon.com	2.5%	\$25		
		\$100		
Old Navy	14%	\$25		
		\$100		
Macy's	10%	\$25		
		\$100		
Marshall's/TJ Maxx	7%	\$25		
Ross	8%	\$25		
Dick's Sporting Goods	8%	\$25		
		\$100		
Walgreens	6%	\$25		
		\$100		

Please refer to www.shopwithscrip.com for a complete list of participating vendors.

Write In Orders** (use back side of form if needed)	%	\$	QTY	Net \$

*Payment must be included with this form. Make checks payable to St. John Catholic School
 Turn completed forms to School Office or send back in Wednesday envelope.
 Orders will be ready in about 1 week.*

Cash Check # _____

**Orders Due by THURSDAY, February 22,
 2018 10:00 AM.**

TOTAL \$ _____

- I will pick up my Scrip Order at the school office I will pick up my Scrip Order at SEP
 Please send home Scrip Order with eldest child

Purchased By (please print) _____ Phone # _____

I understand that Scrip is like cash and St. John Catholic School is not responsible if your Scrip order is lost or stolen.

Signature _____ Date _____

Dear Shamrock Families,

We ask that you complete the follow steps if you wish to enter and volunteer with our school community. **We ask you complete both safe environment and fingerprinting before our next school celebration which will be on February 13th for Valentine's Day.** Fingerprinting can take about 48 hours to a week to clear with the Diocese, and we ask this be done with this time frame in mind. Below is some additional information regarding how and where both fingerprinting and Safe Environment training can be done.

Fingerprinting:

- You must pick up a form from the school office and pay the \$34 fee to SJCS. Sites near us:
 - Fremont: Live Scan Identity 510-795-8885. John Miller, 4075 Papazian Way Suite 104, Fremont
 - Hayward: Fingerprint Service of America 510-293-8744. Marshall Mitzman. 225 W. Winton Ave Suite 124, Hayward
 - San Lorenzo: Village Post and Parcel 510-278-8744. Angelica Garrison. 15934 Hesperian Blvd, San Lorenzo
- Note: Once the fee is paid to SJCS, no additional fees need be paid at the sites above.

Safe Environment:

- Can be completed online at www.virtusonline.org
- Register and create new account
- Take course titled "Protecting God's Children for Adults"
- Select online course
- Once course is completed, print certificate
- Must be completed every three years. (As long as those 3 years fall within the school's 3 year cycle, 2017-18 is the start of a new cycle for our school so all volunteers must complete safe environment)
- There is a \$5 fee payable to SJCS

If you have any questions, please contact the office (510) 276-6632 or email jurdaneta@cndo.org.

Sincerely,

Paige Child
Principal
pchild@cndo.org

SAVE THE DATE

BOOTS

— and —

BLING

JOIN US FOR A DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

HOSTED BY PTG

St. John Catholic School

SATURDAY, APRIL 21st

MORE INFO TO COME



SAVE THE DATE

MOTHER AND SON

**SUPERHERO
TAKEOVER**

13TH APRIL 2018

JOHN'S INCREDIBLE PIZZA COMPANY



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The Jr. NBA presented by Under Armour is the NBA's youth basketball participation program for boys and girls ages 6-14 that teaches the fundamentals and values of the game at the grassroots level to help grow and improve the youth basketball experience for all.

PARENTS WILL RECEIVE:

- Jr. NBA Welcome Letter & Sticker
- Newsletters and information about national network of Jr. NBA programs and events
- Discount on NBAStore.com
- Access to the Jr. NBA's online curriculum and instructional resources

**REGISTER YOUR CHILD
TODAY at [JrNBA.com!](http://JrNBA.com)**





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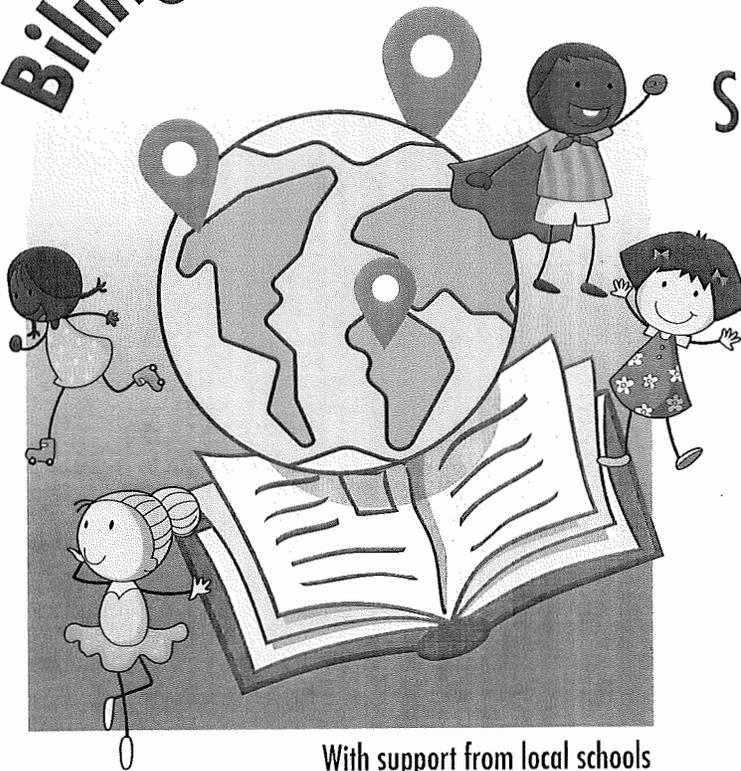
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LANGUAGE JOURNEY

Bilingual Story Time

SUNDAYS 3-4 pm



Japanese
Korean
Vietnamese
Portuguese
Thai
& MORE!*

*as availability permits

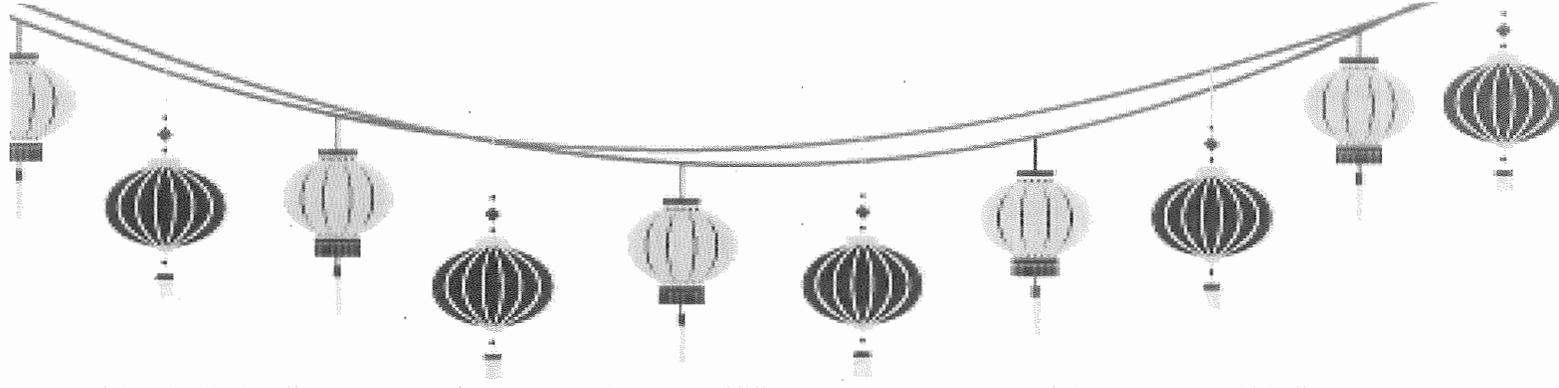
CRAFT ACTIVITIES

With support from local schools

Fun & learning for kids of all ages!



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Celebrate the Lunar New Year!

2018 - THE YEAR OF THE DOG

**Join us for an afternoon
of celebration!**

**We will have
a noise-maker craft,
a live puppet show,
and a parade for the
entire family to enjoy!**



The Celebration starts at 12PM,

February 17th



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