

May 05, 2021



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



ON THE HORIZON:

May 10th
STAR Assessment window
opens

May 11th
State of The School Address
provided

LOOKING AHEAD: **Significant dates for the 2021 – 2022 School Year**

August 18th
First day of school

November 22nd – 26th
Thanksgiving break

December 20th – December
31st
Christmas break

April 15th – April 22nd
Easter break

June 7th
Last day of school

Dear Shamrock Family,

On Saturday our 2nd graders made their First Holy Communion. This was a beautiful Eucharistic celebration in which our children were able to receive Jesus for the first time and deepen their connection with God. Yesterday, representatives from our 8th grade class honored our Blessed Mother Mary, as members of this year's May Crowning Court. Like with last year, while we were not able to share in this prayer service as an entire school community due to social distancing protocols, Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Babcock collaborated in order to offer students the opportunity to still honor Mary and keep our May Crowning tradition alive. Below I have linked our May Crowning prayer service for you to access and to watch with your family. Our 8th grade leaders have demonstrated such grace and reverence through this project! I remain grateful to be a part of a parish community that is growing in faith. God bless our school and St. John Catholic parish!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=npVu0FEEpOc>

Blessings,
Ms. Paige Child

Honoring Our Class of 2021 (April – May)



Ryan Nguyen

My name is Ryan and I have been a student at St. John Catholic School for 10 years. Over the years at SJCS, I have played basketball through CYO and served my parish as an altar server. I will mostly miss my friends and the staff from St. John. The advice that I choose to share with underclassmen is to always try your very best! I want to be remembered as a CYO basketball player at St. John.



Momo Okubo

Hello, I am Momo and I have attended SJCS since the 6th grade. My hobbies include drawing pictures by ibis paint, playing piano and watching Anime and YouTube videos. My favorite SJCS events were the Fun Runs, and what I will miss the most about my school are the teachers.

Advice I have to share with others is to never give up, even if you face some difficulties, because you can do it! After I leave St. John, I want to be remembered as the best Commissioner of Religious Affairs and for the prayers I have shared with all students, every single school day.



Syerra Parker

Hello, my name is Syerra Parker. I have attended St. John for nine years, and I have loved and cherished every part of it. Some activities that I have participated in during my time at St. John include Little Shamrocks from kindergarten to 2nd grade and third grade basketball. I also cheered for 7 years. While playing basketball and cheering, I was able to have so many opportunities and it gave me the chance to spend more time with those in my class and others outside my class. Outside of school, I dance for Castro Valley Performing Arts, and I have also played softball. I have danced for 10 years and played softball for 6 years. My hobbies that I enjoy are drawing and watching Netflix.

What I'll miss most after graduating from St. John is being a part of a very special community that has always been so loving, welcoming and one that has helped me grow into the young lady I am today. One of my favorite memories at St. John is going to Caritas with my friends. During my time at Caritas, I was able to meet new people, but most importantly, I was able to grow closer to my classmates and create a better and stronger bond with them. At Caritas we were able to make the best memories as a whole, and it was the best experience ever and the best way to start off our years in junior high. Another memory that I will truly, truly miss would have to be the good old days at lunch time. You would never believe how many memories lunch tables and lunch time in general would hold! Lunch time would be the time where we would talk, laugh, yell, shout and sometimes

even cry. This was one part of the day my classmates and I enjoyed very, very much. Each of those lunch memories will be held close to my heart and is something I will cherish forever.

Some advice that I would like to give my underclassmen is to always stay on top of your work no matter what, reach out to teachers if you are struggling, and to ALWAYS TRY YOUR BEST and PUSH THROUGH AT YOUR TOUGHEST TIMES. I realize that the older you get the more work there will be, but at those times where you have a lot to get done, try and get all of it done because those missing assignments will come back at you and you don't want bad grades. When it comes to reaching out to your teachers, don't ever be afraid to ask for help. The teachers at St. John are always willing to help you and will do everything they can to help you understand the material. No matter what, even when you graduate St. John, try your best in everything you do and don't ever back out. Backing out is never the answer. You want to continue pushing forward and put in all your effort into what you do.

Something that I want you to be remembered for when I say farewell to St. John is not only for being a great role model and student, but for also being a very well-rounded person and warm-hearted young lady. I want to be remembered as a student who always put their best foot forward and never gave up on anything that I did. I would like to thank all of my teachers and staff at SJCS on top of all of this, and I would like to say farewell to all my underclassmen, and I wish you luck in the years ahead!

Alexis Prim



My name is Alexis and I have been attending Saint John Catholic School since Pre-K. My hobbies include cooking, shopping and playing basketball. Other activities I enjoy are running and biking. I choose to serve my school and parish community by altar serving. My favorite memory of St. John is having lunch with my friends and the many Fall Festivals. What I will miss most are the teachers, the school community, my classmates and the lunch table that I sat at with my friends. A piece of advice that I have for the underclassmen is to make sure that you always stay on task and respect your teachers. How I would like to be remembered is the person with the most heart in the eighth-grade class!

TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION:

It's Teacher Appreciation week! If there is a quote that rings true regarding the incredible effort and dedication of our staff, especially during the past 14 months, it is this one. God bless our teachers and staff for their selfless commitment to teaching and modeling for students that we CAN do hard things.

I WASN'T BORN TO
"JUST TEACH."

I WAS BORN TO INSPIRE OTHERS,
TO CHANGE PEOPLE,
AND TO NEVER GIVE UP;
EVEN WHEN FACED WITH
CHALLENGES THAT
SEEM IMPOSSIBLE.

WE ARE
TEACHERS

Staff Gift Card Preferences

Ms. Emily	Target	Amazon
Ms. O'Neill	Target	Amazon
Ms. DeVost	Target	Safeway
Mrs. Ramirez	Amazon	Target
Ms. Pires	Target	Safeway
Mrs. Able	Target	
Mr. Sherman	Amazon	
Ms. Pasion		
Mrs. Vidal	Amazon	
Ms. Thomasson	Target	Amazon
Mrs. Babcock		
Mrs. Green	Target	
Coach Joe	Amazon	Target
Mr. Rathje		
Mrs. Elliott	Target	Amazon
Mr. Enos	Amazon	Home Depot
Ms. Aimee	Target	Amazon
Ms. Devony		
Mr. Lara		
Ms. Child	Target	Amazon

PREPARING FOR THE END OF THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR:

Last day of School-

Students will keep technology and supplies through the last day of school, which is on **June 4th**. Class calls will continue through the last day of school. The final two days of the school year (June 3rd & June 4th) are minimum days, with no classes after onsite student dismissal.

Technology & Supply Drop Off/Report Card Retrieval-

Families are requested to drop off supplies (including school issued technology) and obtain report cards on **Monday, June 7th** between the hours of **8am-11am and 12pm-4pm**. Teachers will be available to conduct this drop off process during the times indicated above. Teachers are responsible for informing parents of what items need to be returned and ensuring they are obtained (including school issued technology). If teachers would like to schedule supply drop off times per family, they may. Families will be given report cards by homeroom teachers only AFTER ALL supplies/technology have been returned. Should any school-issued supplies not be returned, or be returned in poor condition, reimbursement may be requested of families.

*** Masks and social distancing required of all while on campus.*

End of Year Class Celebrations-

End of the year class celebrations and/or promotions will be conducted at the discretion of individual homeroom teachers, with the exception of 8th grade. The administration and middle school teams are working toward planning and facilitating 8th grade graduation events. Parents, please be aware that due to county restrictions due to Covid-19, there are many logistical and timing challenges with providing promotion/celebration opportunities at this time.

REFER A NEW SHAMROCK FAMILY AND SAVE \$\$\$

St. John Catholic School administration is interested in YOUR referrals of new shamrock families for the 2021-2022 school year. Current school families who refer a new family that is accepted and begins the 2021-2022 school year will receive \$400 OFF a tuition payment during the upcoming school year!

Here's how it works:

- A currently enrolled school family refers a new, unassociated, non-family member to St. John Catholic School (Meaning someone new to the school community; No siblings of current students; no former students, etc.**)
- The prospective family contacts St. John to enquire about enrolling and tells us that you referred them.*

*(*New families must indicate the name of the current school family that referred them upon INITIAL CONTACT with the SJCS.)*

- After the new school family is accepted and starts school at SJCS in the 2021-2022 school year, your family will earn \$400 off a tuition payment during the 2021-2022 school year.

Just advise the new** family to reach out to Ms. Aimee at (510) 276 -6632 or asire@csdo.org. Remember, tell the new family that they must mention that they have been referred by you! We encourage you to share our school website with prospective families you may know. <http://www.stjohncatholicsschool.org>

***Family members, extended family, previous SJCS families/ students, legacy families do not qualify.*

Referral is non-transferable. The St. John Catholic School administration will notify current families of earned tuition incentives. The \$400 tuition incentive will be given to current school families for each new family they refer (not per each new student). There is no limit to the amount of referral incentives a current family can receive. This referral incentive program is only valid until 8/5/2021 and only for families enrolling for the 2021-2022 school year.

Capture Your Memories in This Year's St John Catholic School Yearbook



Customize Your 2 Free Pages

- Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & 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 is just \$0.99.

To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

- 1 Go to www.treering.com/validate
- 2 Enter your school's passcode:
1015901096024880

Regular Price: **\$19.49**

*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

Deadline: Apr 30

Orders placed after 4/30 can be shipped to your home for a \$4.99 shipping fee

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Join us for a StoryWalk®!

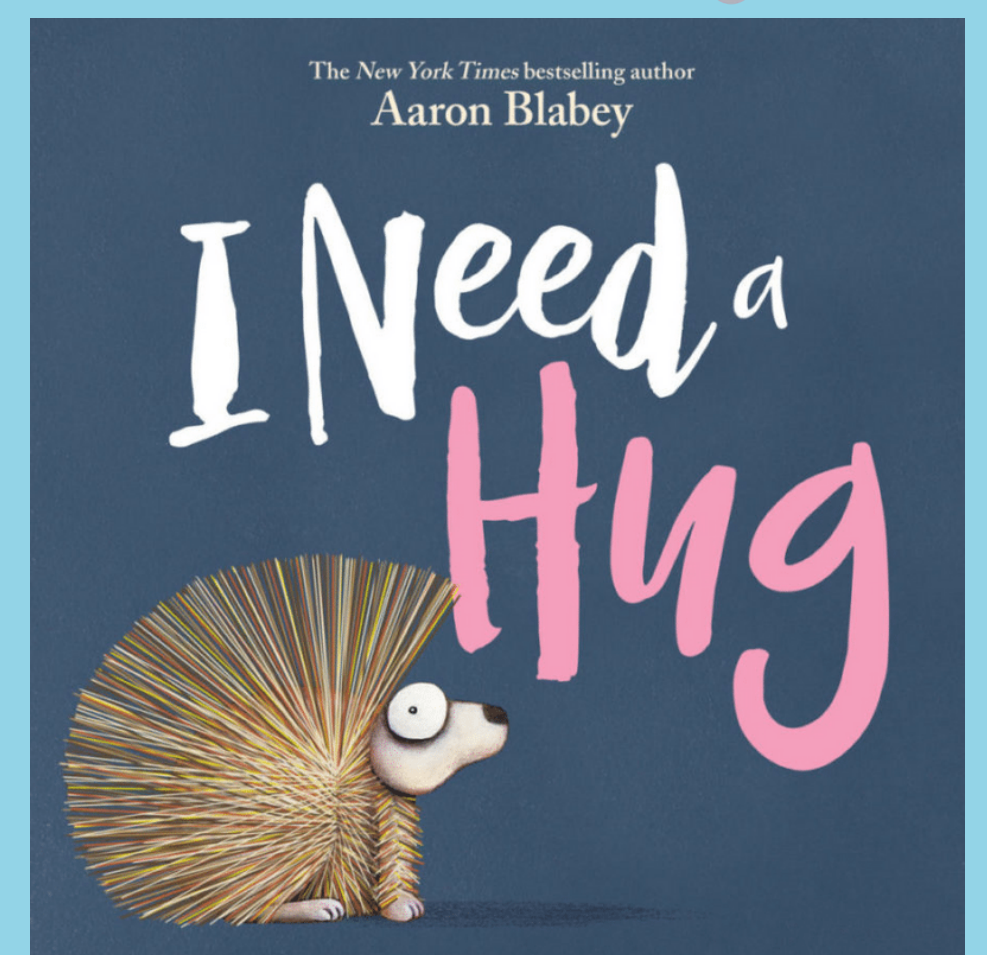
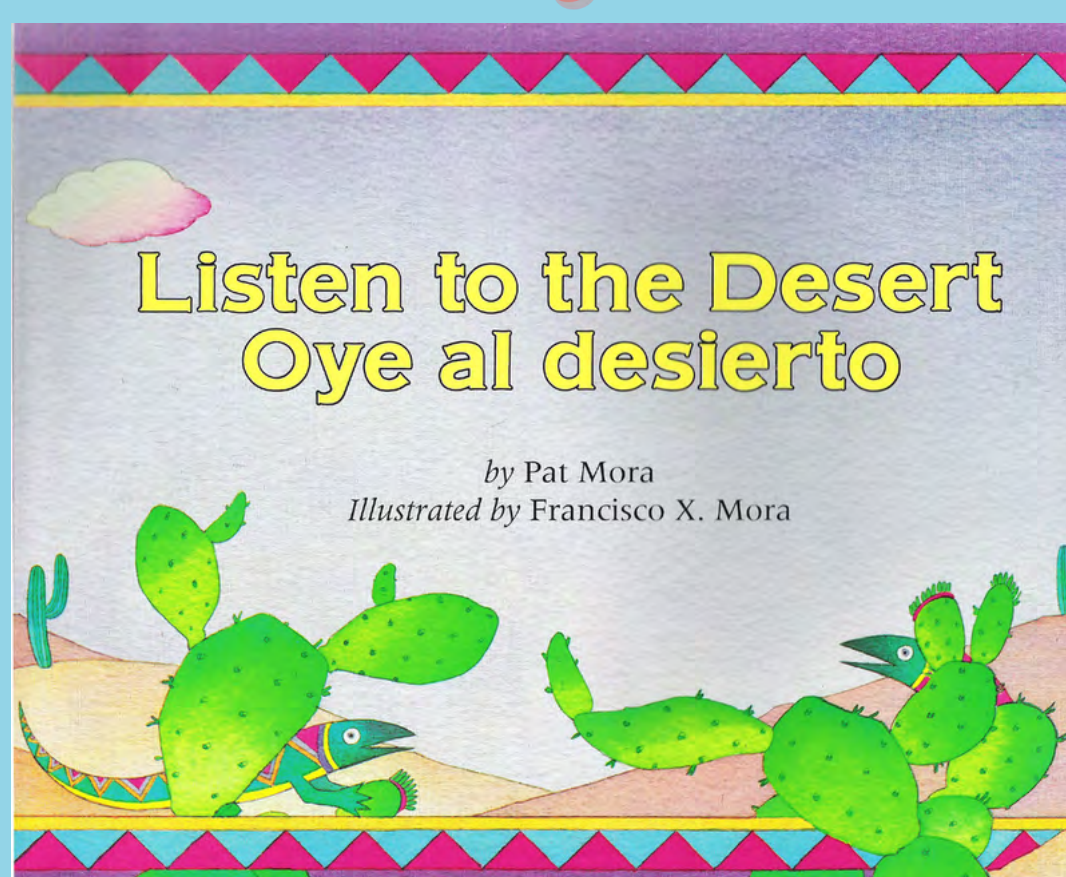
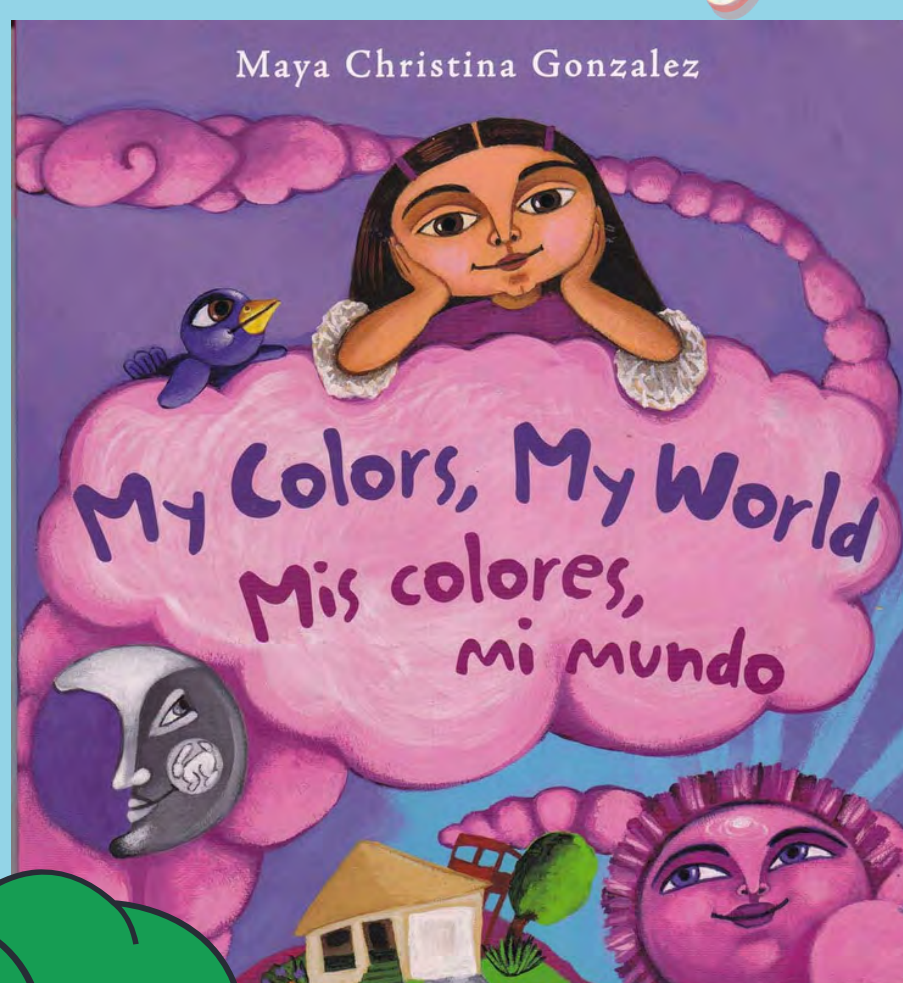
ALL AGES
NO REGISTRATION
REQUIRED

The Storywalk® is a fun educational activity that places a children's storybook along a popular walking route in the community. The Storywalk® will be available the entire month of May and books will rotate every 2 weeks at the following locations:

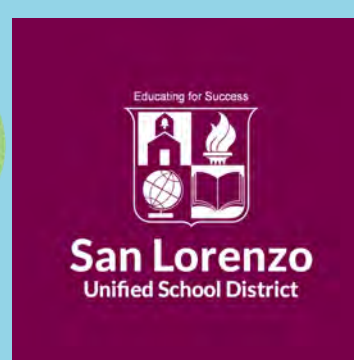
*Edendale Park
16290 Ashland Ave
San Lorenzo*

*Meek Park
240 Hampton Rd
Hayward*

*Via Toledo
101 Hacienda Ave
San Lorenzo*



Take a pic and share with us on social media with
#EdenAreaStoryWalk #ACHealthyLiving



The StoryWalk™ Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition (VBPC) and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.

