

MAY 06, 2020



# St. John Catholic School

*Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish*



Dear Shamrock Family,

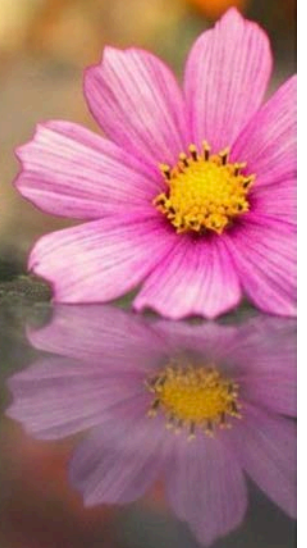
During the month of May we honor Mary, our blessed mother and all mothers and mother figures. This scripture quote from Colossians identifies the virtuous qualities of Mother Mary, which also describes the special traits that mothers have - **compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, and patience**. These are also the qualities that are evident among our St. John Catholic School teachers and staff, those who nurture the hearts and minds of students throughout each school day. Let us honor mothers who care for children, let us recognize all those who care for and tend to the needs of others in one way or another.

In switching gears a bit, and addressing probable inquiry surrounding a 2020-2021 school start date, for now, please know it is not the intention of the Department of Catholic Schools, at the Diocese of Oakland for schools to begin again in July (as recently referenced by our Governor as a possibility) as our schools are working with fidelity on our LTD Platform for Sustaining Student Learning through the end of this school year. Consequently, it is reasonable to plan (at this time) to begin the 2020/2021 school year mid to late August, as we have traditionally done. The Covid-19 pandemic is ever evolving, and at this time not much is definite, but my hope for now is still for our return to the school site in August, as long as it is deemed safe.

In the meantime, I will provide you with updates as I can. I will continue to hold your families in my prayers, and provide comfort and leadership to the best of my ability. Blessings to each of you and to our beloved teachers!

Attentively,  
Ms. Paige Child

Put on then, as God's  
chosen ones, holy  
and beloved,  
compassionate  
hearts, kindness,  
humility, meekness,  
and patience, bearing  
with one another  
and, if one has a  
complaint against  
another, forgiving  
each other; as the  
Lord has forgiven  
you, so you also  
must forgive.  
Colossians 3:12-13



**IMPORTANT REGISTRAION INFORMATION**

Reminder: Registration for the 2020-2021 school year is due Friday, May 15, 2020. Cash or check payments can be made to the school office and dropped off in the drop box to the right of the door under the doorbell. We ask that parents do not leave any items in the big green mailbox. New this year one-time registration payments can be made through FACTS. If you are interested in this option please email Ms. Aimee at [asire@csdo.org](mailto:asire@csdo.org).

**MAY CROWNING PICTURES NEEDED.**

During the month of May we honor our Mother, Mary. Since we can't physically bring flowers to the church this year we are asking families to please send in pictures of your child(ren) with flowers for Mary. They can draw flowers, pick them from your garden or even stand next to flowers (whatever you can do). Please send pictures to Mrs. Elliott ~ [kelliott@csdo.org](mailto:kelliott@csdo.org) ~ by Friday May 8th.

**MAY CROWNING PRAYER SERVICE**

Next Wednesday's student reflection will be a very special one, as we pursue our yearly May tradition of honoring Mother Mary. Select 8th graders will be chosen to participate in the court for crowning Mary. Flowers will be delivered to the court and a video/picture will be added to a slide show. A live-streamed crowning of Mary, along with streamed student video will be shared on May 13th, beginning at 10:00am. <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnslz/>

**TEACHER APPRECIATION PARADE**

Please join us this Friday, May 8th from 11:30am - 12:30pm for a Teacher Appreciation Parade to celebrate and thank our wonderful teachers for all they do.

Beginning at 11:30am we will open the gate nearest the rectory, (the school parking lot entrance on Lewelling) to allow cars to caravan though the parking lot where teachers will be stationed. We ask that you please remain in your car, but feel free to slow down and even come around a few times! Although it is completely optional, should you decide to express your appreciation by leaving a gift, there will be a table in front of each teacher to do so.

The teachers are definitely looking forward to seeing all of you!

**THURSDAY NIGHT WITH MR. ENOS**

Last week on "Thursday Night with Mr. Enos" we made cookies. Thank you to Ms. Devony for being our special guest and thank you to all the students (and some adults) who made such wonderful cookies! What will we do this week? Tune in Tuesday at 6:30pm <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnslz/>.



## End of the 2019-2020 School Year Logistics

### Student supplies in desks & lockers, etc.:

The school will offer days/time frames in late May/early June when parents can come to the school and return school-owned materials and collect student-owned supplies that remained at school from before our Shelter in Place order. We request parents to bring a bag/box in which to place student supplies to take home. One specific day & time frame will be established for classes to come to school in order to maintain social distancing, (please wear masks). Teachers will establish a schedule (times) during which parents are welcome to come to school to on the following days:

- 8th grade: May 29th (families enter through side junior high door)
- 7th & 3rd: June 1st (7th grade families enter through side junior high door, 3rd through their recess exit/enter side door)
- 6th & 4th: June 2nd (6th grade families enter through side junior high door, 4th through their recess exit/enter side door)
- 5th & TK : June 3rd (5th grade families enter through their recess exit/enter side door, TK through their far exterior door)
- 2nd & 1st: June 4th (2nd grade families enters through their recess exit/enter side door, 1st through their far exterior door)
- K: June 5th (K families enter through far exterior door)

### Closing Out the Academic School Year - Sustained Learning Style:

- **8th Grade:**
  - 5/22 last day of instruction
  - 5/26 will be the last day that each junior high teacher meets with 8th grade
  - 5/27 will be the last class day for 8th grade: 8th grade meets with Ms. Pasion only (remain in “homeroom”)
    - Student “Yearbook” messaging day- digital
  - Report cards will be emailed to parents on 6/5
  - Diploma retrieval- TBD
    - There are many 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebratory events that are being planned as well. 😊
- **TK-7<sup>th</sup> Grades:**
  - 6/4 last “class” day (day when teachers will meet virtually with students)
    - TK-7th grade teachers will NOT meet virtually with their class on the day they are at school for families to bring and retrieve supplies
  - Live-streamed End of the Year Prayer Service in which we will honor students for Student of the Month (March & May), Altar Servers, SC members, etc. on 6/5 at 10am
    - This will be in place of meeting with classes on that final school day (6/5)
  - Report cards will be emailed to parents on 6/10