

May 26, 2021



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



ON THE HORIZON:

Friday, May 28th

Minimum Day- no classes after onsite dismissal

STAR Assessment window closes

8th Grade Graduation

6pm

(8th grade families and school staff only)

Monday, May 31st

No school- Memorial Day observed

Thursday, June 3rd

Minimum day- no classes after onsite dismissal

Friday, June 4th

Last day of school for TK-7th
Minimum day- no classes after onsite dismissal
Happy Summer!

Dear Shamrock Family,

It is with the energy of the Holy Spirit, during this first week of Pentecost that I am invigorated as we wrap up these final two weeks of the school year! Our eighth grade, soon to be graduates, completed their final instructional day at St. John today. May we pray for our graduates at this time, asking for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to transform their lives, especially to be the disciples God is calling them to be.

My staff and I are excited for our final few days with our TK-7th grade students as well, finishing out another year strong! I am impressed by the perseverance of our students and teachers. We have the opportunity to use these final days with our students to reflect upon and recognize their many accomplishments, as well as our faith in them for the next steps in their educational journeys. We have so much to celebrate as this school year comes to a close, as well as so much to look forward to in the future!

"Come Holy Spirit! Free us from being closed in on ourselves and instill in us the joy of proclaiming the Gospel." - Pope Francis

With Love,
Ms. Paige Child

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021-2022 STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS

President: Eleni
Vice President: Rikyla
Secretary: Grace
Religious Affairs: Ashlyn
Safety and Ecology: Arianna
Athletics: Reilani
Spirit: Marina and Temi
Publicity: Galilea

Honoring Our Class of 2021 (April – May)



Rylan Alcantara

My name is Rylan Jacob Espiridion Alcantara. I've attended St. John Catholic School for only three years. I enjoy learning Spanish, political science, geography, and history. I also invest some time into a book I am writing. At St. John Catholic School, during my seventh grade year, I was the Commissioner of Religious Affairs, and thankfully this year of 2021, I am elected to President of Student Council, which I am truly proud of. My favorite memory from St. John is the time I've spent with my friends, which will also be what I will truly miss most about St. John. Despite how short I've been at St. John, I'm glad that my connections with my fellow peers have grown to exceed my expectations prior to my attendance.

As I leave for high school, my message to my underclassmen is to always, always study. Learning new things, primarily subjects that you find fascinating, is going to heavily impact your future. I hope when I leave St. John I'll be remembered as a good friend who served my community well and provided entertainment to the student body during this difficult and uncertain time of COVID-19. I hope that at least I made some type of impact on my community, not necessarily something that I be remembered for, but at least something that affected St. John greatly in a positive way.



Jamie Amond

My name is Jamie Amond and I've been attending St John's for 9 years. My favorite hobbies are playing my guitar during my free time or just drawing. I also like to practice basketball with some of my friends. My favorite memory of St John's was when my classmates and I would have debates with Ms. Thomasson about the most random topics! Another thing I'll miss the most are the fall festivals. A piece of advice I'd give the underclassmen is obviously to keep up with your schoolwork but also to try to make as many friends as possible. Most of my classmates are really close friends of mine and will probably stay that way throughout my life. Lastly, one thing I would want to be remembered by is being the funniest person in my class, because I'm so cool.



Maya Beers

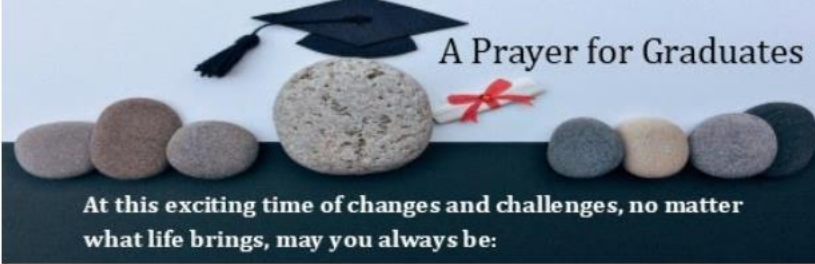
Hello it's me! My name is Maya Beers and I've been attending St. John's for 9 years. I have participated in cross country and basketball at St. John's. I also really enjoy art, thinking about random things and listening to music. My favorite memory is when I would play tag with all my friends. Everyone was really nice, and I wish I could stay another year. With this experience I plan to move on and become an Uber eats driver in the future. I am definitely excited to go to high school... and, that was sarcasm.

ACCREDITATION SURVEY RESPONSES NEEDED FROM ALL PARENTS:

Hello SJCS Families,

Every six years, Catholic Schools are required to complete the accreditation process. At St. John, we completed our accreditation in March of 2018. Each year in between we are asked to assess our progress in certain areas. This year we are assessing "Mission and Philosophy" and "Parents as Partners" and we need your input. Please fill out the survey using the link below by May 28th.

<https://forms.gle/HPqqHAoq7FhWphDn7>



A Prayer for Graduates

At this exciting time of changes and challenges, no matter what life brings, may you always be:

Gracious, your life a reflection of our good and gracious God.
"Grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus," 2 Pet. 3:18
"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit," Pm.1:25

Reliant, on God in every area of life, work, and relationships.
"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding," Proverbs 3:5

Assured, of God's love, presence and protection always.
"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you," Hebrews 13:5
"I have loved you with an everlasting love;" Jeremiah 31:3

Diligent, remembering always—you serve the Lord Jesus.
"Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God," 1 Corinthians 10:31

Unwavering, in your commitment to what is right.
"So be careful to do what the LORD your God has commanded you; do not turn aside to the right or to the left." Deut. 5:32

Attentive to your Lord because he promises to guide you.
"Your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." Isaiah 30:21

Truthful, never lying in any way to yourself or others.
"Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment." Proverbs 12:19

Eternally-focused, so all else in life is in proper perspective.
"Only one life, will soon be past.
Only what's done for Christ, will last."

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH

Put God First- Commencement speech from Denzel Washington:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BxY_eJLBflk&t=2s