

August 25, 2021



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



ON THE HORIZON:

August 25th

Volunteer Fingerprinting
Available in the Community
Meeting Room

4:30-6:30pm

(By appointment only- please
email Ms. Aimee)

Dear St. John Catholic School Family,

We are off to a great start with our first full school week underway. Students seem to be adjusting better to the full schedule with each school day that passes. I have had the pleasure to visit each class and witness many awesome lessons and projects. Third grade even made spaceships with minion astronauts as they learn about the solar system! (See picture below.) It is an honor to experience so much happiness through student learning at SJCS.

Many of our upcoming events will be held online, in an effort to minimize the time families spend with others inside. When events can be held outside, they will be. The following is what parents can anticipate for the months of August and September.

Parent/Guardian Cyber Safety Presentation
on 8/25- **canceled**

Parent/Guardian Coffee Chat with
Administration on 9/3 @ 9:00am- **online** -
Google meets link will be provided

Back to School Night on 9/9- **online**

- Principal's video message to be sent via email
- Google meets links to be provided by classroom teachers
- More to come next week

9/11 Peace Prayer Service on 9/10 @ 2:30pm- **in person**, outside in the play yard

Shamrock Pride Meeting on 9/15 @ 6:00pm- **online**
-Google meets link will be provided



Disaster Drill (student evacuation & pick-up) on 9/23- **pending**
-TBD

We continue to find ways to maintain our connection, support health and wellness and mitigate transmission of Covid-19. Fr. Sergio and I are also discussing ways to offer mass and various faith formation opportunities in a safer way that allows for more social distancing among students as well. As always, we are grateful to our whole community for support and continued flexibility.

Attentively,
Ms. Paige Child
pchild@csdo.org

FOOD DROP OFF:

Parents, please note that the school will not accept snack/lunches to be dropped off in the front office. Should a child need a lunch, the school will provide one and a family will be billed.

PARKING & MORNING DROP OFF:

We ask that parents NOT park or drop their child(ren) off in the school/rectory parking lot. Parents/guardians may park and/or drop students off in the large church/gym parking lot and students may walk within the cone walk-way to the school play yard for morning prayer and assembly.

SHAMROCK PRIDE GROUP NOMINATIONS:

Are you interested in being more involved in our shamrock community? Do you know someone who would be a great leader? Consider nominating yourself or someone you know for a leadership role in our Shamrock Pride Group. The Shamrock Pride Group (SPG) will be composed of parents, guardians, and staff members within the St. John Catholic School community. While it is our intention and expectation that ALL school families are actively engaged in the spiritual, academic and social life of our school community; we are requesting that there be some individuals who are willing to serve in a leadership capacity. We are seeking individuals who want to plan, organize, communicate and host events that nurture the spiritual, academic and social lives of our school and parish community throughout the year. Such events may include, but are not limited to: family movie night, family game night, after school student clubs, adult bible study/faith formation and hosting fundraisers to support extended academic and faith formation opportunities for our students.

If you are interested in serving in a leadership role among the SPG, please contact the school by emailing your name and area of interest/ability to: info@sjcsedu.org. Likewise, if there is an individual whom you'd like to nominate for a leadership position among the SPG, please email their name and capacity in which you would like to have them lead to: info@sjcsedu.org. All nominations for the 2021-2022 school year are due by September 2nd. Thank you for your consideration!

PARENT/GUARDIAN WAIVER:

We request that parents sign and return the COVID-19 Waiver and Release of Liability attached below to the school office by 8/27. (Please see attachment.)

DAILY HEALTH SCREENING:

As you know part of the health and safety protocols for our return to school, each family is asked to fill out the Student COVID-19 Self-Assessment Screening. This form must be completed for each child, each school day **before 7:30am**.

If your child has a temperature above 100 degrees, or you answer any of the survey questions in the affirmative, please notify Ms. Aimee Sire and **keep your student home**. (This screening form must be filled out the morning the student will be attending school. You may NOT fill it out the night before.)

Below is the link to Student COVID-19 Self Assessment Screening:

<https://forms.gle/DmFS1LMCkRePTRdKA>

PARISH RAFFLE REQUIREMENT FOR SCHOOL PARENTS:

Each school family will be responsible for selling 10 raffle tickets per family for our parish raffle. Our school receives 50% of the profits from the raffle. The sale of these raffle tickets counts toward each family's festival service hour obligation. This does not count toward the \$300 family fundraising obligation. While we do encourage school family participation at this year's one-day parish festival (more information to come later), the only requirement regarding the festival this year (due to Covid-19) is the raffle sale of 10 tickets per family. The raffle sale will begin once school families receive their raffle tickets and the raffle winners will be drawn at the 11:30am mass on October 3rd. Active parishioners should have already received these raffle tickets in the mail. Out of parish families will receive them from the school as soon as we are provided them from the parish office. If your family needs or would like additional raffle tickets, please contact the front office. Our school families will turn in raffle tickets and money to the school office. Ms. Aimee will keep track of school family participation in the parish raffle. School families who do not sell a minimum of 10 raffle tickets will be assessed a \$50 fee through FACTS. Please keep an eye out for raffle tickets. An email will be sent to parents once these are sent home with students.

PROOF OF VACCINATION NEEDED:

If you and/or your student are vaccinated please email us a copy of your vaccination card/s. This information will be kept confidential and will be used only for contact tracing quarantine mandates or for allowing admission into places or events where vaccinations are required. Please email a copy of your and/or your student's vaccination cards to asire@csdo.org

HEALTH & SAFETY:

Families with Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Members

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/about-covid-19/caring-for-children/families.html>

FAITH FORMATION:

Family, Faith and Fun

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/family/family-faith-and-fun/>

STUDENT SUPPORT:

12 Study Tips for Back to School

<https://www.princetonreview.com/college-advice/back-to-school-study-tips>

SHAMROCK SHOUTOUT:

We thank Lynett and Ryan Baraan for setting up for our Welcome Back Event on August 14th. We appreciate your assistance!

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MICHAEL BARBER, SJ:

As we are now all in the midst of welcoming our students back to school and that there are a variety of perspectives on masks and vaccinations swirling around and within our school communities. Bishop Michael Barber, SJ created a message that we're sharing among our communities with some words of encouragement about getting vaccinated. Please take a quick couple of minutes to view the message:

<https://vimeo.com/586048024/15c08aeb38>

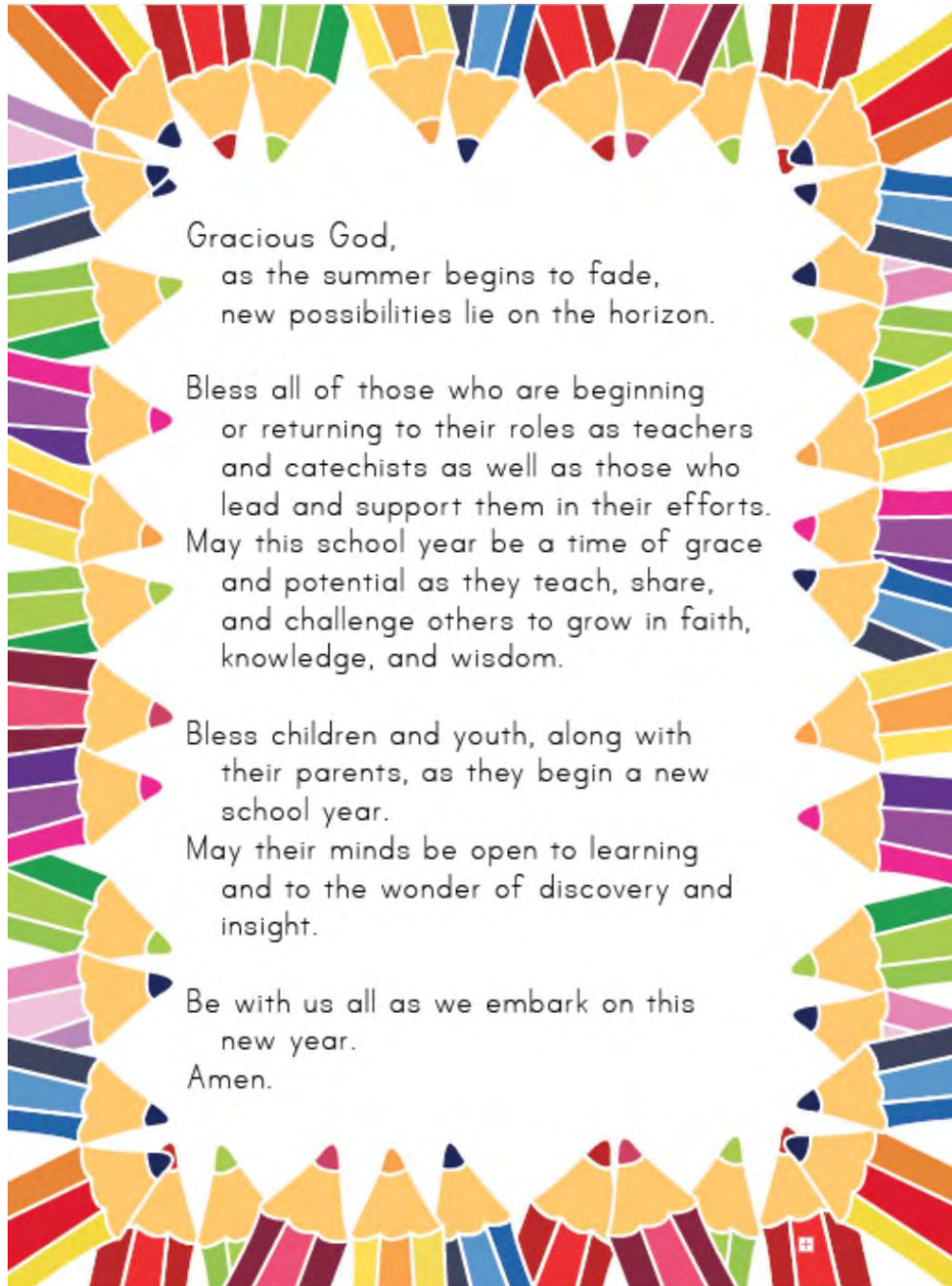
CYO CROSS COUNTRY SIGNUPS:

🍀 Hello Shamrocks! CYO Cross Country season is upon us. Cross Country is open to grades K-8. Last day to sign up will be September 10th. Please sign up at <https://stjohncyo.weebly.com/>
Cost is \$75. Waivers need to be signed and turned in prior to participation. There will be Waivers available at practice to sign. Practice will begin this Wednesday, 8/25 at 5pm. Meet at San Leandro Marina by the 1 Mile entrance.
Please wear a mask and green shirt.
Bring a bottle of water and light jacket.
More information about our season, participation, and precautions will be available on Wednesday.
Email Rezena, r3aceret@aol.com, with any questions.

🍀 Go Shamrocks!

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

St. John is looking for a member of our school community to join our Pastoral Council if you're interested, please email info@sjcsedu.org



SCRIP FUNDRAISING

Have you ever wondered what SCRIP is and how it benefits St. John Catholic School?

What?

Scrip is Fundraising While You Shop®, it turns everyday shopping into cash for your organization when families use retail gift cards to pay for everyday purchases (like gas and groceries) instead of the usual credit/debit card or other money.

How?

Profits from your purchases count toward your family's annual \$300 fundraising obligation. Be sure to pay attention to the percentage that each card earns to accurately calculate your contributions.

Please refer to www.shopwithscrip.com for a complete list of participating vendors. Orders can be placed through Shop with SCRIP's website or the attached paper form.

The first order for the 2021-2022 School year will be due on September 2nd, 2021. Please contact Ms. Aimee at asire@csdo.org for more information on the SCRIP program or information on how to enroll online.

SCRIP ORDER 2021 - 2022

Family Name _____
 Name & Grade of oldest child _____

****Orders Due by September 2, 2021.

| Entertainment | % | \$ | QTY | Net \$ |
|-------------------------------|------|-------|-----|--------|
| Century Theaters | 4% | \$25 | | |
| Century Theaters Single Admit | 8.5% | \$11 | | |
| Gas | % | \$ | QTY | Net \$ |
| Arco | 1.5% | \$50 | | |
| | 2.5% | \$250 | | |
| 76 | 1.5% | \$25 | | |
| | | \$100 | | |
| Shell | 1.5% | \$50 | | |
| | | \$100 | | |
| Grocery | % | \$ | QTY | Net \$ |
| Lucky/Savemart | 2% | \$25 | | |
| | | \$100 | | |
| Safeway | 4% | \$25 | | |
| | | \$100 | | |
| Smart & Final | 3% | \$25 | | |
| | | \$100 | | |
| Target | 2.5% | \$25 | | |
| | | \$100 | | |
| Sprouts Farmers Market | 5% | \$25 | | |
| | | \$100 | | |

| Fast Food/Restaurant | % | \$ | QTY | Net \$ |
|-----------------------|------|-------|-----|--------|
| Applebee's | 8% | \$25 | | |
| Chipotle | 10% | \$10 | | |
| IHOP | 8% | \$25 | | |
| Olive Garden | 8% | \$25 | | |
| Starbucks Coffee | 4.5% | \$10 | | |
| | | \$25 | | |
| Retail | % | \$ | QTY | Net \$ |
| Amazon.com | 2% | \$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 | 5% | \$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 \$ |
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*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 with your student.
 Orders will be ready in about 1 week.*

Cash Check # _____

Orders Due by THURSDAY, September 2, 2021 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 _____