

September 1, 2021



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



ON THE HORIZON:

September 2nd

Shamrock Pride
Nominations Close

September 3rd

Parent/Guardian Coffee Chat
w/ Administration
September topics –

SPG

Raffle

Festival

9:00am- online via google
meets

Please RSVP to

pchild@csdo.org by

Thursday, September 2nd

For Meeting link

September 6th

No school- Labor Day

September 7th

Shamrock Pride voting opens
(email w/ instructions to
follow)

Dear Shamrock Family,

This year's **online** Back to School Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 9th. Homeroom teachers will provide parents with material to review, via email, by Tuesday, September 7th. On September 9th around 6:00pm, parents will be emailed a pre-recorded video message from me, Ms. Child. Thereafter, parents/guardians will be welcomed to join teachers online for live Q & A sessions, as it pertains to the content teachers provide previously via email. I ask that parents read the content sent via email by teachers ahead of the 9/9 Back to School Night and attend the online Q & A session(s), should you have inquiries. Please refer to details below in preparation of this year's Back to School Night event for parents/guardians.

Online Back to School Q & A Schedule:

September 9, 2021

- **6:00-6:15pm** Parents are requested to watch a pre-recorded message from Ms. Child. (This video will be sent on 9/9 at 5:50pm, via School Messenger.)
- **6:15-6:35pm** Live Q & A Session 1
- **6:40-7:00pm** Live Q & A Session 2
 - Each homeroom teacher will host 2 live Q & A sessions to accommodate families with multiple SJCS students.

Other Things to Note about the Q & A Event:

- These live, Q & A sessions are optional for parents.
- Parents do not have to remain on any one call for the entire session time. Parents are welcomed to join and leave scheduled calls as is relevant to them.
- Parents, please know that these live Q & A sessions are intended to answer general parent questions pertaining to school or class protocol or procedure. This is not a time intended for discussing individual student progress or concerns.
- Parents are encouraged to email teachers directly should they have student-specific or family-specific questions or concerns.
- These Q & A sessions are for parents/guardians only, not for students.

What to Expect from the School in Preparation for the Q & A Event:

- **By or before 9/7-** Teacher communication to parents about any information, procedures or protocol relevant for parent review prior to the 9/9 Back to School Q & A Event.
- **By or before 9/7-** Teacher emailed Google Meet invitation (link) to parents/guardians for optional, live Back to School Q & A session(s).

We look forward to sharing with you and hearing from you as we continue through our school year. Thank you for your participation in this year's online Back to School event. May you know and feel God's love and blessings.

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!

FAITH FORMATION:

How to Raise Kids Who Care-

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/family/catholic-teens/making-moral-choices/how-to-raise-kids-who-care/>

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/DmFSILMCKRePTRdKA>

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@cndo.org

HEALTH & SAFETY:

Students w/ well-fitting masks-

Does your child's mask fit well- snugly around the mouth AND nose, without dropping down, below the nose or mouth when they speak, move, yawn?

Masks are our primary defense against the transfer of respiratory droplets and saliva. Well-fitting masks are a non-negotiable at school. Parents, I request that you monitor your child(ren) with a mask on for a period of time during activity to confirm if your child's mask fits properly.

Linked below is a brand that has been vetted by a parent I know. Please check it out!

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08QLB78LJ?ref=ppx_pop_mob_ap_share&fbclid=IwAR0h-VIUI1aJe0iygdFWMMyuxC2w6QLoV7aJTNQBB05rvbKUW55R3cmeKhi4

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://stjohncvo.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



A Prayer for
Peace

"Lord Jesus, You are our Prince of Peace and the Captain of our Storm. When our circumstances are overwhelming and You seem far away, we ask that You would remind us that Your presence is with us."

hello**HOPE**



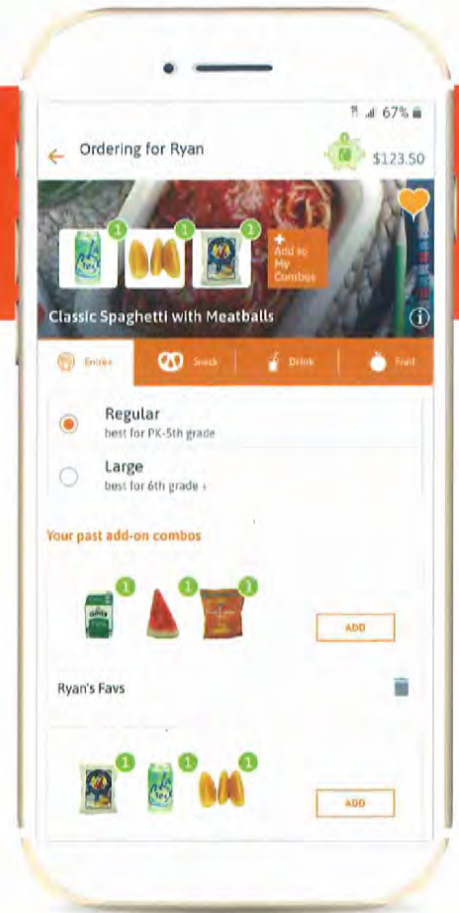
Thoughtfully Sourced. Deliciously Prepared.®

The world has changed,
and so have we.

Welcome to A La Carte

Take full control of ordering lunch with our easy-to-use, customizable, contactless lunch option from Choicelunch.

For more information visit alacarte.choicelunch.com/parents



Choicelunch is for busy parents, by busy parents.

As working parents, co-founders Justin, Keith, and Ryan know how important it is to not have to worry about school lunch. With 9 children between them, eight of whom are in school, their kids are literally Choicelunch customers! When we deliver lunch, it's personal, because **we feed your kids like our own.**



Ryan's kids



Justin's kids



Keith's kids

How does A La Carte work?

Order everything, online. Your student's lunch is individually packaged by Choicelunch. We follow CDC protocols to provide safe delivery and flexible distribution without sacrificing the convenience and quality our parents expect from us.



Download the App  

10 reasons why parents Choicelunch.

- 1. Convenience.** Our goal is to make lunch super simple and stress-free for our families.
- 2. Choicelunch app.** Order lunch in less than 10 seconds, anywhere!
- 3. Full control.** Order everything online - an entrée, sides, fruits/veggies, and drinks.
- 4. Variety.** Up to 16 options daily, including a variety of hot and cold entrées.
- 5. Allergen filter.** Customize your menu to only show items that meet your student's dietary needs and preferences.
- 6. Whole ingredients.** We use whole, fresh ingredients sourced responsibly from trusted partners.
- 7. Registered dietitian.** Our on-staff registered dietitian reviews and approves every ingredient and recipe we use.
- 8. Earth-friendly.** We source compostable or 100% post-consumer recyclable packaging.
- 9. Flexible deadlines.** Order by 9 a.m. the day before lunch is served. We also offer limited last-minute ordering and emergency lunches for an additional charge.
- 10. Customer support.** Our customer service is bar none. Contact us online, chat, phone, text, or email.

Sign up today at
alacarte.choicelunch.com/parents



Check out our 2-minute video about what's NEW at Choicelunch.
Scan the QR code or visit alacarte.choicelunch.com/parents



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 \$

*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 _____