

September 15, 2021



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



ON THE HORIZON:

September 15th

Shamrock Pride Meeting

(online)

6:00pm

<https://meet.google.com/kgg-ssxn-xfn>

September 24th

No School- Staff Development

Dear Shamrock Family,

Our first Shamrock Pride meeting of the year is this evening. I extend an offer to parents, guardians and staff to join the online call this evening at 6:00pm. It is my hope that all our school community members will collaborate to plan, organize, communicate and facilitate 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/family faith formation and hosting fundraisers to support extended academic and faith formation opportunities for our students.

It takes all of us to support a fulfilling school environment. If you cannot make it tonight, then consider joining next month. These collaboration opportunities are scheduled for 6:00pm on the third Wednesday of the month. I ask that you please consider offering your support so that we may strengthen and grow our shamrock family!

With Gratitude,

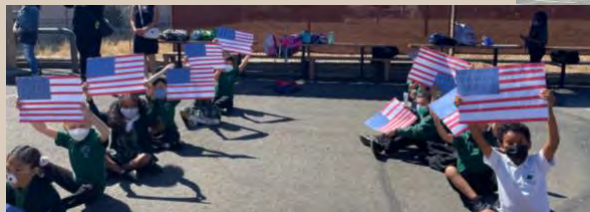
Ms. Paige Child

pchild@cndo.org

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS:

Peace Prayer Service-

Last Friday our 5th grade class led our school community in remembering the events of 9/11 and honoring the lives lost. We reflected on prayer, peace and patriotism.



SCHOOL HAPPENINGS cont.:

Student Council Installation-

Yesterday our Student Council officers and representatives took their oath to serve our school community in a leadership capacity during the 2021-2022 school year and received a special blessing from Fr. Joseph. Thank you students for your service!



Shamrock Shout-Out-

Over the weekend Mr. Martinez (1st & 4th) and Mr. Escorcio (1st, 3rd, & 4th) met Mr. Enos to dig a hole for our 6th graders to place a mummified chicken in, as part of their upcoming social studies unit. Thanks for making this project possible for our students!



PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK:

Please click on [this link](#) to be directed to the Parent/Student Handbook, via our school's website, for the 2021-2022 school year. It is expected that each school family reads the handbook and that parents review school protocols and expectations with school children. It is also expected that the attached signature page (Section XIX) be signed and returned to homeroom teachers by 9/22.

MEDICATIONS ON CAMPUS REMINDER

Policy

- All medication administered require parent/guardian authorization.
- All prescription medication and aspirin require physician and parent/guardian authorization.
- *Medications are to be kept in the school office*
 - An exception will be made if the school has a "Permission to Carry and Self Medicate" form on file, signed off on by both the parent(s) and student's physician.

Procedure

- Parent/Guardian is to bring the medication to the office.
- A request form for each prescribed medication must be completed by the student's physician, signed by physician and signed by parent. Faxed forms from the physician are acceptable.

Please contact Ms. Aimee with any questions.

REMINDER: SHAMROCK PRIDE GROUP MEMBERSHIP FEE DUE:

New this school year, all families are required to join and actively participate in the parent organization, newly named the Shamrock Pride Group (SPG). There is a required annual membership fee of \$10 per family. This parent organization membership fee is nonrefundable and must be paid before 9/20/21. Funds will be used to put on special events for our shamrock family! Keep an eye out for more information on how to participate in the Shamrock Pride Group.

PARENT SURVEY- SPANISH CLUB:

From time to time we will be reaching out to parents regarding potential enrichment opportunities for students here at school, but outside of school hours. If you think you may be interested in a Spanish Club, please fill out the survey below.

<https://forms.gle/my14Kx9HrwKsN6Af9>

FALL FESTIVAL & RAFFLE:

Our parish will host a one-day, outdoor Fall Festival on October 2nd. This event will include food and games. A raffle will occur on October 3rd. Raffle tickets for sale, as well as a flyer with specific details about this event *should* be available soon. School parents are expected to sell 10 raffle tickets (\$50 value). It was communicated to me that additional raffle tickets have been ordered. When they arrive, we will communicate and send them home with school families. School families are welcomed to donate canned beverages and pre-packaged, store bought baked goods for service hours. If you choose to also donate items, please email Ms. Aimee.

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS – SEPTEMBER 15TH

The title, Our Lady of Sorrows, given to our Blessed Mother focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. Traditionally, this suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised the seven dolors or seven sorrows of Mary, which were foretold by the Priest Simeon who proclaimed to Mary, This child [Jesus] is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare (Luke 2:34-35).

Therefore, as we honor our Blessed Mother, our Lady of Sorrows, we honor her as the faithful disciple and exemplar of faith. Let us pray as we do in the opening prayer of the Mass for this feast day: Father, as your Son was raised on the cross, His Mother Mary stood by Him, sharing His sufferings. May your Church be united with Christ in His suffering and death and so come to share in His rising to new life. Looking to the example of Mary, may we too unite our sufferings to our Lord, facing them with courage, love, and trust.

ST GERARD'S WOMAN'S CLUB FUNDRAISER:

The St Gerard's women's club will be having a Hallmark ornament Christmas sale along with some other Christmas items this Saturday Sept 18 and Sunday 19. Saturday's hours are 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday's hours are 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 pm on Sunday. This will be their only fundraiser for this year, and they rely on the support of our community to help them support the church. It's not too early to think Christmas and there are many great deals.

FAITH FORMATION:

3 Minute Retreat-

Listening to Our Father

<https://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer/>

HEALTH & SAFETY:

Emotional Wellness-

34 Conversation Starters for Families

<https://www.playworks.org/resource/34-conversation-starters-for-your-family/>

SAFE ENVIRONMENT & FINGERPRINTING:

Any parent wishing to volunteer in the classroom, attend field trips, Junior High Socials or enter the school passed the office must have completed Safe Environment and been fingerprinted. Safe Environment can be done online at <http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/> once training is completed there is a \$5 fee payable to SJCS. Fingerprinting forms can be picked up in the school office. There is a \$34 fee payable to SJCS and due at the time of picking up the form. If you are unsure if you have completed both Safe Environment and Fingerprinting please call the school office at 510-276-6632 to confirm.

Might be good to include frequently:

IN PARISH RATE REQUIREMENTS:

This is just a reminder that to qualify for the In Parish Rate next year (2022-2023 school year) you must have completed the following prior to May 2022:

- Sell \$50 worth of raffle tickets for the Fall Festival
- 20 service hours between the parish and school
(see the Family Service Hour Program for more details)
- Register with the parish and regularly attend mass
- All age appropriate student sacraments compete
- Contribute a **minimum of \$200** to either the school's Annual Fund or the parish through the use of their weekly envelopes/EFT or a combination of both.

SCRIP FUNDRAISING:

BIG news: ThankScrip Day is coming this Thursday, September 16 and Friday, September 17! You'll have the opportunity to earn up to 20% with 85+ bonuses on eGift cards and reloaded gift cards—for 2 days only.

Please note: Physical gift cards are not included in the ThankScrip Day promotion and you need to have an account set up on ShopWithScrip.com to participate.

Our normal bi-weekly order for physical gift cards will be placed on Thursday, September 16. Please place your orders online or with the attached order form.

Not sure what SCRIP is or interested in more information? Please email Ms. Aimee at asire@csdo.org



THANK SCRIPING DAY

SEPT 16 & 17

Shop bonuses with earnings up to 20%

EGIFT CARDS AND RELOADED GIFT CARDS ONLY

Take advantage of this earning event to raise more money and make a bigger impact on your organization. Shop for fall clothing, home furnishings, family night out, and much more.

See all bonuses on
Wednesday, Sept 15—
only in the RaiseRight
mobile app.



You need an online account to participate. If you haven't already, create an account today.

1. Enroll in the [RaiseRight](#) mobile app or at [ShopWithScrip.com](#) with our enrollment code: _____
2. Seamlessly check out and get eGift cards and use reloaded money faster by securely paying online with a bank account or credit card.

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SCRIP ORDER 2021 - 2022

Family Name _____
 Name & Grade of oldest child _____

****Orders Due by September 16, 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 16, 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 _____