

October 6, 2021



# St. John Catholic School

*Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish*



## **ON THE HORIZON:**

**October 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**

Noon Dismissal Days:  
Online Parent/Teacher  
Conferences  
Scholastic Book Fair

**October 11<sup>th</sup>**

No School- Indigenous  
Peoples' Day

Dear Shamrock Family,

It was fantastic to see so many school families at Saturday's Fall Festival. Thank you so much to all families for your loving support by way of selling raffle tickets, offering donations, serving in game and food booths, and by coming out to enjoy the festivities of the day. We thank

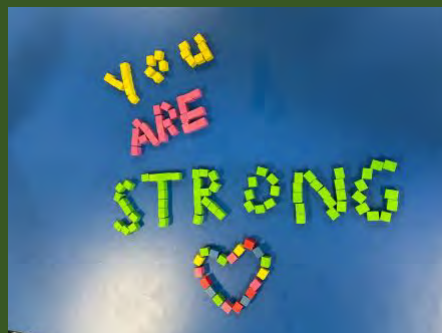
our festival committee (Juanita Velasquez, Melody Round, Irene Fuller to name a few) for their faithful dedication to this fun community event as well. Also over the weekend, our 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade families joined in the church for our first class mass of the school year. Thanks to families who came to join in liturgy on Sunday, and to those students who sang with the choir.

On Monday, our school celebrated St. Francis of Assisi. Families were welcomed to bring pets for a blessing and Fr. Joseph came to bless both in-person pets and pictures of students' pets who could not be present at the prayer service. Thank you Mrs. Babcock, Ms. O'Neill, Fr. Joseph and our kindergarten and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes for leading us on Monday. For the remainder of this school week the students will have the opportunity to buy books at the Scholastic Book Fair. Much appreciation to Mrs. Elliott for organizing this opportunity for our students in order to ignite and contribute to their love of reading!

Attentively,  
Ms. Paige Child

## **STUDENT INSPIRATION:**

Courtesy of Jaleah R. (4<sup>th</sup> grade)



### **TRUNK OR TREAT MOVIE NIGHT:**

On October 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5pm we will be hosting a TRUNK or TREAT MOVIE NIGHT! All SJCS families are invited to this FREE event.

### **TRUNK or TREAT:**

Our TRUNK or TREAT event will start at 5pm in our school parking lot. We encourage students to come in their costumes and “TRUNK or TREAT” from car to car.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP:** There are several ways you can help with this event. All items donated and all time volunteered will count for service hours.

We need the following:

**TRUNKS!** - We have a limited number of spaces to allow for families to decorate their trunks and offer treats to our students. If you volunteer your family will be credited with 4 service hours for decorating your car and passing out candy. There will even be a prize for the best decorated trunk!

**TREATS!** – We will need treats of all kinds. Donations of \$25 in Halloween treats will earn you 1 service hour. These treats will be used for the Student Halloween Carnival during the school day as well as to be passed out during the TRUNK or TREAT portion of the evening.

### **MOVIE NIGHT:**

Movie night will take place in our school playground shortly after sundown. Families are invited to bring chairs or blankets to sit on. There will be food and snacks available for purchase prior to and during the movie. (The menu may be limited due to health and safety protocols. More details to come)

Families are welcome to attend one or both of these events. In order to keep our students safe, and in addition to our normal covid safety protocols, we are requiring ALL ADULTS (18 and over) be vaccinated or show proof of a negative covid test dated no more than 72 hours prior to the event. In order to ensure easy entry into these events we ask that you RSVP and send in your proof of vaccination or negative covid test prior to the event. (More details about how to do this will be in an upcoming newsletter.)

Please email Mr. Enos at [denos@csdo.org](mailto:denos@csdo.org) if you would like to volunteer to decorate your trunk to be a part of our TRUNK or TREAT portion of the evening. Please email [info@sjcsedu.org](mailto:info@sjcsedu.org) if you have questions about covid health & safety protocols.

We look forward to celebrating Halloween with our SJCS family!

### **BOOK FAIR THIS WEEK!**

Dear Parents and Families: We're excited to invite your student to our Scholastic Book Fair. Hosted by our staff, this event is an opportunity for students of all ages to build their home libraries and further their love of reading. As always, all purchases benefit our school. After missing out on many beloved traditions, our fall Book Fair will be a familiar, welcome, and safe event for our students. Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which is currently taking place until October 8th during the school day. Our Book Fair offers a cash-free payment option called eWallet. It's a convenient digital account that your child can use for shopping at our Fair. Grandparents, friends, and others can contribute, too! If you prefer, you can shop online at our school's Virtual Book Fair. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school. Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stjohnschool19>

### **SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITY & EMERGENCY ITEMS NEEDED**

Thank you so much to the families who have already generously donated to our emergency supply replenish! It was heartwarming to see the response and a majority of the items purchased for the school within the first 24 hours. There are still a few items we are looking for to be donated. Service hours will be awarded at \$25/hr. So every \$25 spent equals 1 service hour.

Our wish list can be found here:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2IT9B0VZNB0X6?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2IT9B0VZNB0X6?ref=wl_share)

Please include your name on any donations sent to the school so we can credit your service hours appropriately. Please email Ms. Aimee at [asire@csdo.org](mailto:asire@csdo.org) with any questions.

### **COVID-19 VACCINATION NOTICE:**

To ensure the safety of our students, any adults attending a St. John Catholic School special event must be vaccinated. This includes, but is not limited to, events such as our Movie Night, Christmas Program, Spring Concert, Annual Auction, etc. Please email [info@sjscedu.org](mailto:info@sjscedu.org) with any questions. Please note: Depending on the event a negative covid test may be accepted in lieu of proof of vaccination. This exception will be made on a case by case basis.

### **HEALTH & SAFETY:**

How to Stay Healthy This Flu Season

<https://www.nm.org/healthbeat/healthy-tips/fight-the-flu>

### **FAITH FORMATION:**

The Eyes of Faith- A 3 minute retreat

<https://www.loyolapress.com/retreats/the-eyes-of-faith-start-retreat/>

### **SPANISH CLUB UPDATE:**

Due to lack of interest, an after school Spanish Club will not be offered at this time.

### **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. Thank you for supporting St. John Catholic School SCRIP program!

*It's not too early to start thinking about buying Halloween candy and treats, Thanksgiving grocery shopping, and Christmas gift-giving!*

Limited Time Increased Profit Percentages

Bath & Body Works 12% now 17%

Domino's 8% now 12%

Upcoming Order Due Dates

October 14

October 28

November 11 (There will only be one order placed in November)

Please email Ms. Aimee at [asire@csdo.org](mailto:asire@csdo.org) with any questions.

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:



### ALL FAMILIES 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. 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.

### 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 complete
- 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.



**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.



**Peace Prayer  
St. Francis of Assisi**

*Lord, make me an instrument of  
Your peace.*

*Where there is hatred, let me sow  
love.*

*Where there is injury, pardon,*

*Where there is doubt, faith,*

*Where there is despair, hope,*

*Where there is darkness, light*

*and where there is sadness, joy*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may  
not so much seek to be consoled,  
as to console;*

*To be understood, as to understand;*

*To be loved, as to love;*

*For it is in giving that we receive*

*It is in pardoning that we are  
pardoned;*

*And it is in dying that we are  
born to eternal life.*

*St. Francis of Assisi*



JOIN US FOR  
OUR  
1ST

SAVE THE DATE!

MOVIE NIGHT &

TRUNK  
or  
TREAT

SJCS

FUN, TREATS, & A MOVIE!  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29  
AT 5:00PM  
ST. JOHN SCHOOL PARKING LOT  
FOR MORE INFO SEE OUR  
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

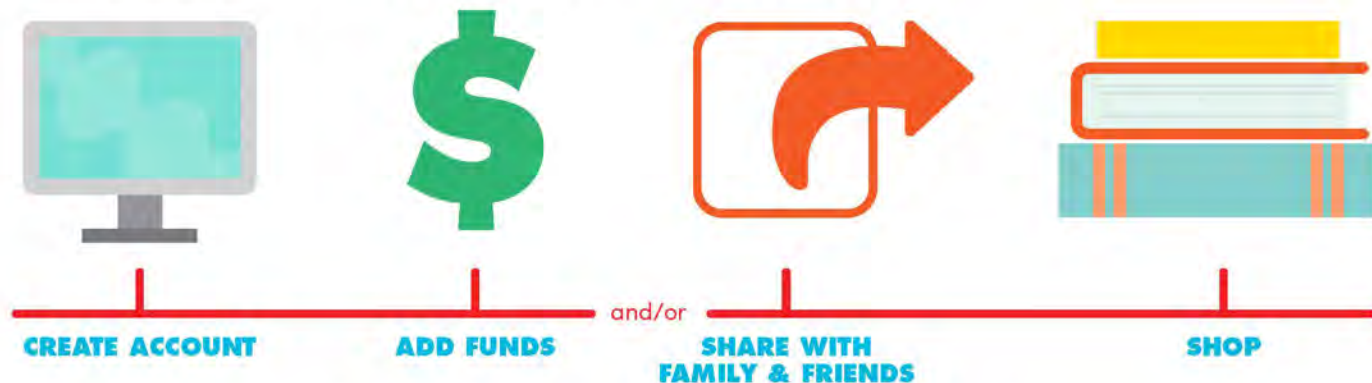
PLEASE NOTE: ALL ADULTS ATTENDING THIS EVENT MUST BE VACCINATED OR HAVE PROOF OF A NEGATIVE COVID TEST

# BOOK FAIRS

## THE EASIEST WAY TO SHOP THE FAIR!



A safe alternative to cash, **BOOK FAIR eWALLET** is the best way to fund your student's wish list! eWallets can be used at the in-school Fair or online to shop from 5,000+ products. Any unused funds can be spent at The Scholastic Store Online or to fund an eWallet for a future Fair.



To get started, visit our school's Book Fair homepage:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stjohnschool19>

**SCRIP ORDER 2021 - 2022**Family Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Name & Grade of oldest child \_\_\_\_\_**\*\*\*\*Orders Due by October 14, 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](http://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, October 14, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**OCTOBER 2021**



You're  
Invited!  
It's time to  
press play.



Fun with friends. New adventures.  
Making a difference. You're ready to go.

**Come learn what Girl Scouts has to offer you and your girl!**

**Girl Scouts of Northern California.**

Saturday, October 16th, 10:00AM-11:00AM

Washington Manor Park

14900 Zelma St, San Leandro, CA 94579

RSVP is required to attend. To sign up please visit <https://tinyurl.com/fm2przt5> Questions? Contact Community Manager Julee Melhus at [jmelhus@gsnorcal.org](mailto:jmelhus@gsnorcal.org)

¡Está  
invitado!  
Este es el  
momento.



Diversión con amigas, nuevas aventuras y hacer  
del mundo un lugar mejor. ¿Está lista?

**Vea por sí mismo lo que Girl Scouts le ofrece. Venga a ver**

**Girl Scouts of Northern California.**

Sábado, el 16 de Octubre, a 10:00AM-11:00AM en Washington

Manor Park

14900 Zelma St, San Leandro, CA 94579

Se requiere RSVP para asistir. Para registrarse, visite <https://tinyurl.com/8e979tbc>  
Preguntas contacto a Community Manager Julee Melhus a [jmelhus@gsnorcal.org](mailto:jmelhus@gsnorcal.org)



# *Come Together for Fall Fair Fun*

## **7th Annual Ticket Gifting Program for Alameda County Schools**

The ticket gifting program provides every student in every elementary school in your school a FREE ticket to the 2021 Alameda County Fair. Use the unique discount code below at check out for a FREE Child's General Admission for your students - valid for any one day of Fair! Scan the QR Code below to redeem.

**UNIQUE DISCOUNT CODE FOR:**  
St. John School

**ALCOTix2021**



Scan the QR code to redeem your student's  
FREE Child's General Admission ticket!

Fall Learning Fun happens every year at Alameda County Fair! Keep an  
eye out for the 2021 Fair's STEAM Activities every day of Fair!

Alameda County Fair is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization

