



# St. John Catholic School

## Educational Ministry of St. John Parish

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### Letter from the Principal

Dear SJCS Families,

What a wonderful Fall Festival this past weekend! Thank you for sharing in the celebration. We appreciate your time and talents that resulted in a successful event. Thank you!

Today we celebrated our first Student of the Month: *A Student Inspired by Christ*. These students understand our Catholic faith, live the Gospel message, participate in prayer and liturgy, exhibit moral values and integrity, follow Christ's example, practice forgiveness, and have respect for self, other, and God.

We celebrate Mariele Garcia (8), Taylor Aranda (7), Sade Nguyen (7), Miguel Dela Vega (6), Ana Paredes (5), Mia Toscano (4), Alexis Prim (3), Amariah Iglesias (2), Sarai Padilla (1), Karisma Herrera (K) and Alejandra Iglesias (PreK). Congratulations!

Don't forget our Parent Club meeting tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy the four-day weekend! Friday is no school for Elementary Staff Day, and Monday is no school in observance of Columbus Day. Be safe and have fun!

Blessings,

*Mrs. Rachel Gonsalves*

Principal

### Some Words From Fr. Mike Diocesan Capital Campaign

As of August, our parish has raised \$504,533 (84%) of our pledge drive goal. We owe this success to your generous support and strong participation. We now need to raise **\$95,288 more** to make our goal. We're almost there! By reaching our 100% total goal of \$599,821, our parish will receive \$150,000 to offset the cost needed to pay for our Capital Campaign projects:

- Renovation and expansion of the gym
- Toxic clean up of the Kawahara Nursery property
- Replacement of the St. John Catholic School roof

We are working with the Diocese of Oakland on the final stages of the complex financing of the Kawahara Nursery property. The diocese will also shepherd our grant application to various foundations so we have a higher probability of success. The total cost of these projects will run into several million, and will be done in phases as funds become available.

Please support our goals by making your Capital Campaign pledge now. If you have not yet pledged, an envelope is enclosed for your convenience. If you have already pledged, we thank you!

### ***Parish Festival***

I hope that everyone enjoyed our Parish/School Festival. What a wonderful weekend it was! We were blessed with beautiful weather and many visitors. I wish to extend a huge thank you to our Festival Chairperson Ms. Juanita Velasquez and her amazing team of volunteers, the booth chairpersons, and so many who helped make this Festival such a happy event. I would also like to extend a special thanks to our sponsors: Grissom's Mortuary, Crunch Fitness, Village Properties, Shamrock Realtors, George McGill's, and Bishop O'Dowd High School. Thank you all for a job well done!

### ***Parish Pictorial***

Families are invited to sign up to have family portraits taken to be included in our parish pictorial. I am appealing to everyone to participate in this event. If you have not yet signed up, please contact the parish offices to make an appointment for you and your family. Don't be left out!

- Fr. Mike Lacey

### **Cell Phones on Campus**

We kindly ask that all adults who visit or volunteer during school hours refrain from using cell phones when on school grounds or in the building. It is disruptive to our classes to have adults walking the hallways while conversing on cell phones. Thank you for helping us create a respectful environment for learning.

### **Fingerprinting for Volunteers**

October 8, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. @ SJCS. The cost is \$34. Bring payment and a photo I.D. with you. There are just a couple of spots still open. To sign up, go to:  
[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0D4CA4AA2BAAF58-parent](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0D4CA4AA2BAAF58-parent)

### **Handbook Reminder of the Week**

Each week, look for a gentle reminder from our 2015-2016 Parent-Student Handbook. This week we will focus on an excerpt from the St. John Catholic School ***Discipline Policies and School Rules:***

- Disrespectful conduct such as foul language, dishonesty, obscene gestures, spitting, fighting, tripping, talking back, or other inappropriate behavior is never allowed, and such behaviors will result in disciplinary action.
- Play or pretend fighting is never allowed. No form of violence is acceptable, regardless of the intent. Play fighting will result in the same consequences as fighting.
- Students must listen to yard supervisors and follow recess and lunchtime rules for playing fairly and cleaning up eating areas.
- Students must show respect at all times toward teachers, staff, parents, yard supervisors, peers, school property, and God's creation.



### **SJCS Monster Book Fair**

Please see the enclosed flyer for dates and times for our Scholastic Monster Book Fair beginning October 13.

If you cannot attend in person, you can visit our on-line Book Fair at [scholastic.com/fair](http://scholastic.com/fair). Our online fair runs from October 1-21.

### **Volunteer Opportunity Book Fair Help Needed**

We need your help – and you need parent hours! Volunteer at our fall Scholastic Book Fair – an exciting celebration of reading with hundreds of books for kids to discover. We STILL

need volunteers! Sign up to volunteer through Sign Up Genius link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4eaaa72daafd0-fall>

### **SCRIPT Orders**

Enclosed is a SCRIPT order form for your convenience. Be sure to include payment with your order, and checks must be made payable to St. John Catholic School. Remember that profits back to SJCS count toward your \$300 fundraising commitment for the year.

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

### **Ashland/Cherryland Fam Fest 2015**

Families are invited to join in the Ashland/Cherryland Fam Fest and 5K Fun Run on Saturday, October 10. A flyer is enclosed with all the details.

### **Knights of Columbus Monthly Rosary**

Families are invited to join the Knights of Columbus Monthly *Rosary for the Unborn* on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month (rain or shine) at 9 a.m. at the Headstone Dedicated to the Unborn at the north end of Holy Sepulcher Cemetery (down the knoll from Holy Angels Mortuary). Can you spare 30 minutes this Saturday to come and pray?

### **SJCS School Calendar**

The calendar for this year is enclosed with this week's bulletin. In addition, a full school calendar will continue to be available on our school website, [www.stjohncatholicschool.org](http://www.stjohncatholicschool.org). Please check it out to stay up-to-date!



### **Calendar Reminders**

#### **School Board Meeting**

October 1, 6 p.m.

#### **6th Grade Bake Sale**

Thursday, October 8 @ recess

#### **Moreau Administration Visit to SJCS**

October 8, 1 p.m.

#### **Parent Club Meeting**

October 8, 6:30 p.m.

#### **Diocesan Fingerprinting at SJCS**

October 8  
5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

#### **Teacher In-Service, No School for Students**

Friday, October 9

#### **Columbus Day – No School for Students**

Monday, October 12

#### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

October 14-16, 2015  
Noon dismissal for students

#### **Scholastic Book Fair**

October 13-16, 2015

#### **Red Ribbon Week**

October 19-24, 2015

#### **Picture Make Up Day**

Wednesday, October 29

#### **San Lorenzo Village Halloween Party**

October 31, 2015, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.