

NOVEMBER 04, 2020



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



ON THE HORIZON:

November 5th

PTG Meeting

6pm

Link:

<https://meet.google.com/ttb-kaxp-gug>

November 9th

No School

Veteran's Day Observed

November 13th

Student of the Month

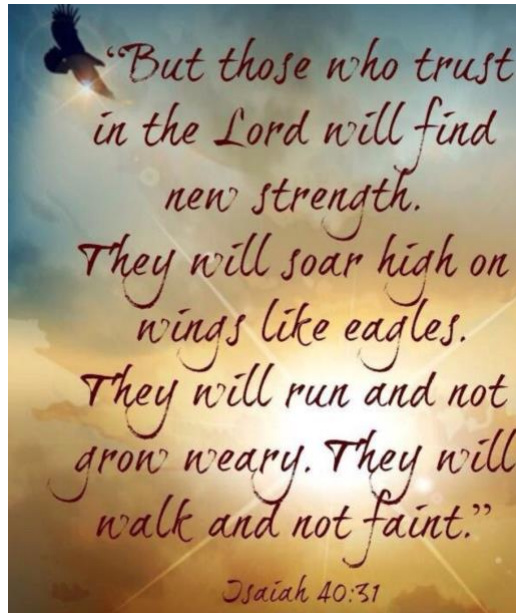
Assembly

7:30am

Link sent to families of
awardees

November 13th

End of Trimester 1



God is faithful, and HE will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing HE will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

-1 Corinthians 10:12

Dear Shamrock Family,

Please read the letter on the following page from our Superintendent. Information about our school's reopening will be emailed to school families, via School Messenger, later this week. Please look out for that communication. Blessings to your family, loved ones and those dearly departed.

With Love,
Ms. Child

St. John Catholic School Newsletter



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DEPARTMENT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

November 1, 2020

Dear Catholic School Families,

The greatest strength of Catholic education here in our Diocese has always been the people; our committed school families and the dedicated teachers, staff and principals who choose to minister in our Catholic schools. During these last seven months, each has contributed in extraordinary ways. Our care for the whole child and selfless commitment to exhaust our efforts represent the deepest value of our collective capacity to serve one another - to love one another as we are loved. Our principals, teachers, staff and parents are some of the unsung heroes in this pandemic. I am extremely proud and grateful for your resilience, commitment and partnership.

Alameda County and Contra Costa County Health Departments have now afforded all grade levels, preschool through twelfth grade, the opportunity to consider in-person instruction. Our schools remain focused on a measured and balanced approach towards developing their timeline to return on campus. The guiding principle for all of our schools remains our students, faculty and staff's health and well-being. In this fluid time of change, our goal is to provide as much continuity and consistency as circumstances will allow, all to better serve our students.

Your principal has been diligent in their planning and preparations with your pastor, teachers, staff and parents, with consultation and guidance from our Diocese. Each school's enrollment, facilities and staffing considerations are unique and are part of the decision-making process. Your principal will continue to provide ongoing communication with your community as you work together, navigating the needs of this unprecedented school year.

Our Catholic schools have strengthened their teaching and learning through the perseverance and knowledge acquired during distance learning. Our approach to educating our students will be further enriched because of what we have experienced both as the teacher and learner. Our appreciation for and attention to the social emotional well-being of our students, faculty, staff and parent community have been more clearly understood and valued than ever before. The humility of this experience for all of us can and should awaken the critical importance of care for one another and our efforts to build a more united community of faith. A community of selfless dedication and commitment to the appreciation of the gifts we have been given will help us to move towards solidarity as we strive for social justice, peace and healing in our communities and world.

"Education bears within itself a seed of hope: the hope of peace and justice; the hope of beauty and goodness; the hope of social harmony." - Pope Francis

PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY

Tuesday, November 17th

4pm-6pm

Please email kelliott@csdo.org if you plan to retake your picture. BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Picture re-takes will only be available to those who rsvp with Mrs. Elliott.

PARENT SUPPORT:

Working from home? Protect your neck and back with these 4 tips.

Here's how to make sure your home office is set up to suit your body's needs. [Read more](#)

How to increase joy and fight quarantine fatigue

Quarantine fatigue is real. But we've got 5 quick tips to help you cope. [Read more](#)

SCRIP Fundraising

Now is time to order SCRIP for your holiday grocery shopping and Christmas gift giving! There will only be one SCRIP order this month on November 5th. ***Please note this is one of two SCRIP orders before Christmas, the second one will be on December 3rd.***

What is Scrip? Scrip is Fundraising While You Shop®, it turns everyday shopping into cash for SJCS 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. Did you know there are over 700 retailers to choose from? Visit www.shopwithscrip.com for a complete list of participating vendors!

Please contact Ms. Aimee at asire@csdo.org for more information on the SCRIP program or if you have any questions.