



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John Parish

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Letter from the Principal

Dear SJCS Families,

Our November started out with a beautiful rainy Monday morning – continue to pray for rain to refresh and renew our Earth.

Please continue to use the west parking lot for morning drop off. The lot between the rectory and church is not safe for student drop off, no matter how hard it's raining. Our first priority is to keep our precious children SAFE! Thank you!

I am amazed at the wonderful community spirit here at SJCS on Friday for our annual Halloween parade, carnival, and class celebrations. Thank you to ALL of you who helped make this day so memorable and fun for our students!

I saw something beautiful displayed in the halls this week . . . The display says, "Be the Change You Want to See in the World." Seventh-grade students studied 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 and then rewrote scripture, changing the word *love* to their own names. What a powerful way to affirm the message that they are God's love completely. Jesus provides the road map . . . will YOU follow it?

Blessings,

Mrs. Rachel Gonsalves

Attention Active Parishioners! Altar Server Candidates Needed

St. John the Baptist Church and St. John Catholic School are currently seeking SJCS students in grades 5-8 to become altar servers. This is an important liturgical leadership opportunity. Interested students must be in grades 5-8 and must be current with the sacraments of initiation (baptism and communion).

Training dates are Wednesdays in the church from 6-7 p.m. We have more than 12 students who are being trained for this special ministry.

Words from Pope Francis

The Lord never tires
of forgiving, it is we
who tire of asking for
forgiveness.

Pope Francis



SCRIP Orders

Now is the time to order SCRIP for your holiday grocery shopping and Christmas gift giving! Also, don't forget that we stock Papa Murphy's gift cards too! Order forms are available in the school office.

Student of the Month:

An Effective Communicator

This month we celebrate our students who have demonstrated mastery of our Student Learning Expectation for An Effective Communicator.

These are students who exemplify critical and compassionate listening skills, accept constructive criticism, use both written and oral communication skills, provide examples of organization, grammar, mechanics and form, use technology to obtain and share information, and speak comfortably to a variety of audiences.

This month we celebrate:

8th Gr – Kobe Herrera

7th Gr – Lucas Bega

6th Gr – Issac Li

5th Gr – Angelina Ornelas

4th Gr – Tiffany Nguyen

3rd Gr – Armando Santos-Arriola

2nd Gr – Xavier Fitzgerald

1st Gr – Jade Ocampo and Aaron Ventanilla

Kdg – David Shoulders

PreK – Jacob Reyes

Next month we will be looking for student leaders who demonstrate they are Life-Long Learners!

Omelet Sunday

Family and Friends of St. John Catholic School, enjoy an amazing omelet catered by A Tasteful Affair on November 15th, 7a.m. - 1 p.m. in our parish community center. You can purchase advance tickets in the school office until November 10 - \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Parish organizations will set up displays showing how they share the Good News, so come and see how you can be a part of the St. John the Baptist community!

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 Handbook: **Progress Reports and Report Cards:**

Report cards are sent home at the end of each trimester grading period. Parents are expected to read and review the report, sign, and return the report card in a timely manner. Please refer to the school's annual calendar for specific end-of-trimester and report card distribution dates.

Additionally, progress reports will be sent home mid-trimester for students in Grades K-1. Students in Grades 2-8 will not automatically receive a progress report since parents have continual access to student grades and achievement via PowerSchool.

Students who miss ten (10) or more days during any one grading period may have their report card withheld until coursework has been completed.

Parents are encouraged to communicate questions and concerns with the child's teacher at any time during the school year.

What's Lost CAN Be Found!

Our Lost and Found bin, located just outside the school's science lab, is overflowing with jacket and sweatshirts, lunch pails, notebooks, and more. If you have any items "missing," please check the bin. Thank you for your cooperation in returning items to the rightful owner!

M.U.S.E. Band Important Notice

Bryant Allard, Director of M.U.S.E. Band will be here from Portland to conduct free band workshops for our band students. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students, and M.U.S.E. band participants are expected to attend:

Saturday, November 7

@Bishop O'Dowd High School

9500 Stearns Ave Oakland

12:00-1:00 Beginning Students

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jenna Brace.

Papa Murphy's SJCS Night

Don't forget to go to Papa Murphy's in the Greenhouse Marketplace on Tuesday, November 10 to support St. John Catholic School! Get a free 1-lb. cookie dough with purchase. See you there!

PE Reminder – Water Bottles and Water Breaks

Please remember that students should bring a refillable water bottle to school each day to stay well hydrated and healthy, especially on P.E. days! Our P.E. teachers understand the importance of staying hydrated during physical activity, and bringing a refillable water bottle ensures that each child can take those breaks when needed.

SJCS School Calendar

Our full school calendar is available on our school website. Please check it out to stay up-to-date!

www.stjohncatholicsschool.org.



Calendar Reminders

**St. Vincent de Paul
Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive**
November 2-18

6th gr. Bake Sale
Thursday, November 5

Noon Dismissal – Staff Development
Friday, November 6

No School – Veteran's Day
Monday, November 9

Papa Murphy's SJCS Night
Tuesday, November 10
20% of proceeds go to SJCS

7th Grade Retreat
Thursday, November 12

Levi's Stadium STEM Field Trip
Friday, November 13

End of Trimester One
Friday, November 13

Open House – Moreau Catholic HS
Saturday, November 14
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 pm.

T1 Report Cards Go Home
Friday, November 20