



# St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John Parish

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## Letter from the Principal

Today we remember our veterans, some of who are members of our own St. John Catholic School community. We remember brave veterans with prayer:

*Jesus, you said, 'There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.' Today we pray for those men and women who have, in their military service, sacrificed their time, strength, ambition, health and even their lives in this earth to benefit 'friends,' known and unknown.*

*Many of our warriors carry scars in their hearts as well as on their bodies. Dark memories haunt their dreams at night. Fears cloud their waking hours. Jesus, you came to give us abundant life by providing a way for us to release our pain to you. On the cross you bore our sorrows and brokenness and when we trust you, we can exchange our wounds for your joy in a future unhindered by fate. Bring this gift now to the veterans of our nation who bear tangible and intangible wounds. Heal them, Jesus.*

*Bless the families of soldiers who bear these pains vicariously. Give them patience and wisdom and strength to endure, and more than endure to hope in faith for a blessed life. God, not everything that happens in life is good. But you promise to work all things together for good to those who*

*love you and align their lives with your purpose. Create good in the families of veterans who have experienced pain and loss. Do this miracle, we pray.*

*We honor our veterans in your name. We thank you – as we thank them – for their sacrifice. We ask you to return to them the favor of your blessing, a gift we on our own could never offer. We ask that you would give our veterans a peace beyond the peace they fought to secure, a peace in their own hearts, wrapped in the joy of a life touched by your strong hand. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

Blessings,

*Mrs. Rachel Gonsalves*



## SVdeP Canned Food Drive

Bring in your non-perishable and canned food items now for the annual St. Vincent de Paul food drive. All contributions will go to help families in our parish.

Families are encouraged to bring in food items customary for a Thanksgiving dinner, such as stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, yams, green beans, mashed potatoes, etc. Thank you for your generosity!

### **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 **Work Habits and Behavior/Social Development/Effort**:

Work Habits and Behavior/Social Development/Effort criteria are reflected separately from academic achievement on report cards in the Diocese of Oakland. These criteria are used to separate academic from non-academic reporting grades. Work Habit and Behavior/Social Development/Effort scores are earned in grades 1-8 beginning in the 2015-2016 school year using the following codes:

E – Exceeds: Student consistently demonstrates the characteristic

M – Meets: Student demonstrates the characteristic most or some of the time

N – Needs Improvement: Student seldom demonstrates the characteristic

### **Work Habits**

1. Shows positive attitude towards learning
2. Listens attentively
3. Follows directions
4. Is a self-directed learner
5. Demonstrates self confidence and seeks help appropriately
6. Organizes self, materials, and belongings
7. Completes quality classroom assignments on time
8. Completes and returns quality homework on time
9. Produces quality work consistently
10. Has appropriate attention span
11. Works to ability

### **Behavior/Social Development/Effort**

1. Actively serves and enriches the community
2. Contributes to the learning environment
3. Practices self-management skills

4. Cooperates with others and solves problems appropriately
5. Collaborates effectively with others
6. Takes responsibility for his/her own choices and actions
7. Follows classroom and school routines and procedures
8. Respectful of rights, opinions, and property of others

### **SCRIP Orders**

Now is the time to order SCRIP, 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 and due on Thursday morning, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **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.

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!

### **Brrr! It's Cold Outside**

Please remember that students may wear non-uniform jackets to and from school only, and are required to wear uniform sweatshirts, sweaters, and jackets during the school day, including recess and lunch. There are plenty of uniform options to keep you warm during the chilly months ahead.

For our young ladies, please remember that leggings are not allowed. Girls may wear solid black, solid green, or solid white tights with skirts and jumpers only.

With the promise of a wet and rainy season, now would be a good time to

upgrade those cloth Converse and Vans shoes to leather or leather-like uppers. When purchasing shoes for school, please remember to follow our dress code guidelines – shoes must be solid black, brown, or white.

### **Upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraisers**

The St. John Catholic School community is invited to support our 5<sup>th</sup> grade class fundraising activities for their spring science camp field trip.

On Saturday, November 14, join the class at **Panda Express** at Marina Square Shopping Center from 12-8 p.m.

On Tuesday, November 17, go to **Porky's Pizza Palace** on Manor Blvd. in San Leandro from 4-9 p.m. Porky's will donate 20% of sales to the class!

### **Parent Club Announcement**

The St. John Catholic School Parent Club has set a fundraising goal of \$5,000 for this school year. The funds raised by the Parent Club events are completely independent from the \$300/per family fundraising goal required by SJCS. The St. John Catholic School Parent Club would like to hear your feedback in setting fundraising priorities. We will identify the top priority and contribute the funds towards that item/area. Any additional funds raised would then be contributed towards the next ranking priority. Please respond at the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6D2NDDQ>

Survey results will be shared at this week's November 12 Parent Club Meeting.

### **SJCS School Calendar**

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

[www.stjohncatholicschool.org](http://www.stjohncatholicschool.org).



### **Calendar Reminders**

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

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat**  
Thursday, November 12

**Parent Club Meeting**  
Thursday, November 12, 6:30 p.m.

**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 p.m.

**6<sup>th</sup> gr. Bake Sale**  
November 19

**Coffee Chat**  
Friday, November 20, 8:10 a.m.

**T1 Report Cards Go Home**  
Friday, November 20

**Thanksgiving Break**  
November 23-27  
Classes Resume November 30

**8<sup>th</sup> gr. Nacho Sale**  
December 2