

December 1, 2021



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



ON THE HORIZON:

December 5th

Sunday School Mass

9:30am

Hosted by Kindergarten & 8th grades

*Ms. Child hopes to see many school families in attendance- all are welcome

December 6th

Free dress for **all** students who attend 9:30am mass on 12/5

*K & 8 expected to wear school uniforms to 12/5 mass, all other students highly encouraged

December 6th- 8th

Santa Shop (on campus)

*Thanks to Mrs. Elliott & 8th grade for facilitating

December 8th

Feast of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

School Mass @ 1:45pm
(students & staff)

Santa Pictures

*Thanks to Student Council for facilitating

December 10th

SAVE THE DATE

Parent Social at the Curious Cat in San Lorenzo
More details to come.

Dear Shamrock Family,

We rejoice as we have entered the liturgical season of Advent! This is a very exciting and important time in the church. The word *advent* is a noun and means, "The arrival of a notable person, thing, or event." Advent is a season observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The term is a version of the Latin word meaning "coming". We prepare for the coming of Jesus!

Today our 3rd through 8th grade classes were offered the opportunity to participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation, as a means of spiritual preparation for Christmas. Similarly, today, our school staff joined together for our annual Advent retreat, at which we were provided opportunity for prayer, reflection, and fellowship. We use these next few weeks to make room for Jesus. While Christmas music, decorations, shopping, and food may consume our minds and time during the liturgical season of Advent; we are encouraged also to prepare spiritually. How can we make more time for prayer and reflection? Can we better give to others in need? Many thanks to families who have already participated in our Clothing Drive! Please continue to send in items so that we can be servant leaders this Advent season.

Blessings,
Ms. Paige Child
pchild@cndo.org

PARENT/PARISHIONER SUPPORT WITH SCHOOL MARKETING:

St. John Catholic School's Administration Team is seeking interested volunteers to join a newly established **Marketing Team** that can represent and share the best about what St. John Catholic School has to offer! We need a team of people who have the drive and experience to fill the roles below and who are willing to spread the good word about our faith community, academic and learning support programs, enrichment classes, and community outreach and events. Here are the team roles:

- a. **Chair** - schedules meetings, organizes agendas, communicates with committee members, reports to the school advisory board, contributes excellent ideas, researches funding sources
- b. **Secretary** - organizes notes, comes up with timelines, charts that show a visual display of process for priority aspects of the marketing projects. Contributes amazing ideas. Communicates with the group as necessary. Helps the Chair with follow up on agenda, schedule, time, place, refreshments.
- c. **Graphics/Visual/Design** - assists in auditing visual, font, print, electronic, and social media presence. This key role takes a critical look at what aspects of the project are working and communicates accordingly at regular meetings.
- d. **Data Analytics** - the data person helps gauge the success of marketing projects on social media, applications, web traffic, geo-fencing tools, and other outreach projects.

Mr. Enos, Fr. Sergio and Ms. Child are grateful for any and all support. Our goal is to grow our school and parish community so that it will continue to thrive! **To join the team, please send your contact info (name, email, phone number, and desired position/s) along with any questions to: info@sjcsedu.org. Our first meeting will be December 7th from 6:30-7:30pm.**

SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT:

Winter Clothing Drive

This year, in place of a canned food drive, we will be collecting winter clothing items that can be shared with in need community members. We are supporting St. Vincent de Paul with their efforts this holiday season. Please see the attached flyer, as specific items are requested from each level. Thank you for considering how your family can be of service!

READ-A-THON PROFIT:

Our first school-wide fundraiser of the year was a HIGHLY successful one! Your support of our in-house Read-a-thon earned a whopping \$15,784.74 profit! This profit is MORE THAN DOUBLE our previous fall fundraiser (Fall 2019) and with 70 less students. Without your support and without the initiative and extra work from Mr. Daniel Enos and Mrs. Kristen Elliott to organize and facilitate this fundraiser from beginning to end, we would not have had the same success. Please keep up the great work, as our school can use the financial support!

Be on the lookout over the next 2 days as students will be bringing home prizes and a final statement containing a list of amounts and names of those who donated to support them.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE 8TH GRADE CLASS

Traditionally our 8th grade class has the opportunity to raise money at events like the CYO Crab Feed and the school hosted dance. However, due to COVID, they will not be able to participate in these fundraisers this year. Luckily, the class, along with their room-parents, have come up with other ways to earn money for their end of the year activities. Please see the attached flyer for the weekly 8th grade fundraiser that is going on now! Supporting these fundraisers is greatly appreciated, but please know this does NOT count toward your family fundraising requirement. Look for more ways to support 8th graders coming soon!

HONOR ROLL STUDENTS:

Congratulations to our middle school honor roll students! We are so proud of you for choosing to make the most of the gifts God has given to you to academically achieve, while appropriately conducting yourselves socially and with integrity.

School Honor Roll Recipients:

6th Grade: Marina B, Mia B, Gabriella D, Lizbeth G, Alyvia P, Jillian P, Rafael R

7th: Jeremy S.

8th: Masiela A, Kayla B, Tahlia B, Grace B, Enevy H, Damian L

Principal's Honor Roll Recipients:

6th Grade: Isabella B, Ashlyn F, Alina P

8th: Arianna C, Gericho C, Eleni G, Claire M



SHAMROCK SHOUTOUT:

BIG thanks and MUCH appreciation to the fine men who volunteered their time over the Thanksgiving break to assemble our newly acquired tables and benches. Thank you so much Nic Martinez, Daniel Martinez, and Joao Excorcio!



WHAT'S LOST CAN BE FOUND!

Our Lost and Found bin, located just outside the science lab, is overflowing with jackets and sweatshirts, lunch pails, notebooks, and more. If you have any items "missing," please check the bin. A good number of items are NOT clearly marked with student names, which makes it difficult for us to proactively return items that go astray. Thank you for your cooperation in returning items to the rightful owner!

SCRIP FUNRAISING

BIG news: ThankSCRIPing Day is coming this Thursday, November 18 and Friday, November 19! You'll have the opportunity to earn up to 20% with 105+ bonuses on eGift cards and reloaded gift cards—for 2 days only.

Please note: Physical gift cards are not included in the ThankSCRIPing Day promotion and you need to have an account set up on ShopWithScrip.com to participate.

Our next normal order for physical gift cards will be placed on Thursday, December 9. This will be our last physical gift card order before Christmas.

Not sure what SCRIP is or interested in more information? Please email Ms. Aimee at asure@csdo.org

HEALTH & WELLNESS:

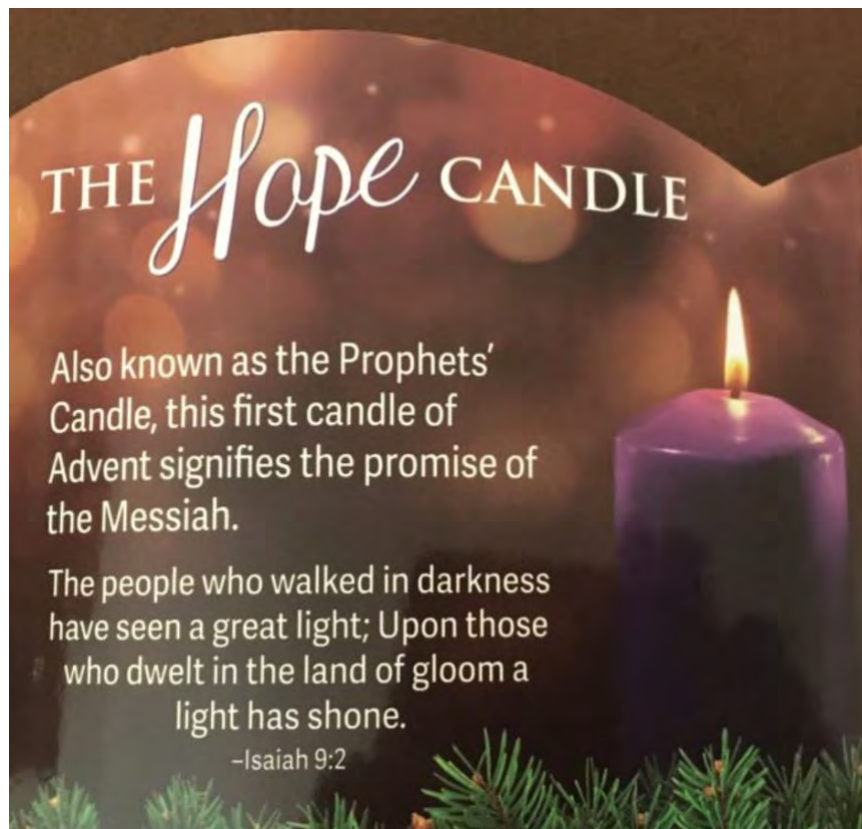
Support For Stressed Parents- Anxiety and *Being Kind to Yourself*

https://childmind.org/article/be-kind-to-yourself/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=publ_ed_nl_2021-11-16&utm_content=cta1

FAITH FORMATION:

The True Meaning of Advent- A video from Fr. Mike Schmitz

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WD357YYDk1A>



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 2021

In an effort to both bring back some holiday tradition and promote continued health among our school community, this year's Christmas Program will take place in the gym, during the school day, by level on **Friday, December 17th**. We will be recoding the performances and will make them available to the entire community soon after so that all students, staff, and school families can view the Christmas Program in its entirety.

Parents/family members who are **Covid-19 vaccinated** and those adults who have **fingerprinting and updated Safe Environment clearance on file in the school office** may be permitted into the gym to watch the Christmas Program from the bleachers, at a distance from students.

Christmas Program Schedule:

7:55 - 8:30am Students are in class

8:45 - 9:15am Level 1 in the gym to perform class songs

9:20 - 9:50am Level 2 in the gym to perform class songs

9:55 - 10:25am Level 3 in the gym to perform class songs

Seating will be limited to only **80 available seats per level**. In the newsletter on **12/8 at 5:30pm** there will be a link to a signup genius for each of the 3 levels. You may only sign up if you have been fully vaccinated and have a copy of your vaccination card on file in the office, have fingerprint clearance on file in the office, and are up to date on your safe environment training and have a current certificate on file in the office, **PRIOR TO SIGNING UP**. If you sign up and we haven't received all 3 of these items **prior to 12/8**, your name will be removed from the list. Please inquire with Ms. Aimee (asire@csdo.org) about items you may have or need on file with her.

We will also be auctioning off 2 sets of 2 seats which will be front and center. Details of this auction will also be in the newsletter on 12/8.

Items you need to attend Christmas Program:

- Vaccination card (showing full vaccination status)- For individuals 5 years and older
- Livescan fingerprint clearance (for those 18 years and older)
- Up-to-date Safe Environment certificate (for those 18 years and older)

We look forward to offering our students the opportunity to perform in person this year. Similarly, we are grateful to be able to welcome some families in person to enjoy the performances as well. **Students are welcome to come to school on Friday, December 17th in Christmas attire**. May God bless us all this upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons!



Winter Clothing Drive

Nov. 15 - Dec. 13

We are in need of new or gently used coats, as well as brand new socks and mittens/gloves. All items will be given to St. Vincent de Paul for distribution to the community. We will be collecting different items by grade level:

Level 1 (TK -2nd) - Children's: All Sizes

Level 2 (3rd-5th) - Women's: All Sizes

Level 3 (6th-8th) - Men's: All Sizes

Thank you!

Santa Pictures

With special guest -The Grinch



Wednesday, December 8th
Support our Student Council and
Come dressed in your Holiday attire!

Cost: \$1.00 for a link to the digital picture

Student Name _____ Grade _____

I would like to take my photo with the following students (optional)...

Please only list students from the same class unless it's going to be a family picture

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

(list any additional students on the back)

Please select the picture you would like:

_____ Grinch

_____ Santa

Amount of money attached \$ _____

Complete the order form above and return it to your homeroom teacher with payment **by TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7th**. Checks or cash accepted. Please make check payable to SJCS.

Questions? EMAIL: kelliott@csdo.org



PLEASE SUPPORT THE 8TH GRADE CLASS

-CHARMS- SALE

COME GET SOME
AMAZING CHARMS
FOR YOUR CROCS
EVERY FRIDAY STARTING
ON NOVEMBER 5

EACH CHARM ONLY COST \$1!
EACH SALE WILL BE HOSTED
BY 8TH GRADE
DURING RECESS

IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY CROCS,
YOU CAN BUY BRACELETS FOR \$2
TO ADD THE CHARMS TO!

