

December 15, 2021



# St. John Catholic School

*Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish*



## **ON THE HORIZON:**

**December 17<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Program 8:45am –  
10:30am

Noon Dismissal

NO afterschool SEP

**December 18<sup>th</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Christmas Break

Dear Shamrock Family,

“Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming,” Matthew 25:13. This week marks our third week of Advent during which time we focus on JOY! While there are plenty of events, activities, and to-do list items that busy our schedule

during this time of year, may we remain focused on the reason for the season, being joy-filled in our efforts to prepare ourselves spiritually for the coming of Jesus.

In 2017, during an Advent reflection, Pope Francis said, “Joy, prayer, and gratitude are three attitudes that prepare us to live Christmas in an authentic way.” My prayer for each of us is that we are able to fully embrace these Christmas attitudes as we experience our final weeks of Advent and celebrate them through Christmas season. Blessings to each of you and to your families, and may the warmth of God’s love feel ever present in your lives!

Advent Blessings,

Ms. Paige Child  
[pchild@csdo.org](mailto:pchild@csdo.org)



**REGISTRATION 2022**

We have some great news to share regarding an upgrade in our registration process. Beginning in February, registration for the 2022-2023 school year will be done completely online. Not only will this streamline the registration process but it will also allow our administration team to more accurately obtain an enrollment count in order to more efficiently plan for and allocate resources and staff for the upcoming school year. Registration for returning families will now be conducted between February 7<sup>th</sup> through February 28<sup>th</sup>. Emails will be sent out with individual links for families to complete the necessary forms and pay registration online. (More information about the specifics of this process will be coming in the next month.)

**Registration for the 2022-2023 school year:**

<b>TK-4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	
Before March 1 <sup>st</sup>	After March 1 <sup>st</sup>
\$450	\$500
<b>5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	
Before March 1 <sup>st</sup>	After March 1 <sup>st</sup>
\$500	\$550

*Registration is due between February 7<sup>th</sup> through February 28<sup>th</sup>. Registration payments made after February 28<sup>th</sup> will be assessed a \$50 re-enrollment fee.*

As with any instance at St. John, if accommodations need to be made, we will try our best to provide them. Small changes like this upgrade to our registration process will not only assist with our planning for the 2022-2023 school year, but will help guide budgetary decisions in order to allow St. John Catholic School to be economically sustainable for years to come. We are grateful for your dedication and commitment to St. John Catholic School. We invite anyone who may know a family who may be interested in joining our shamrock family to welcome them to reach out to our school, as it is our aim to grow our school community!

**GOODBYE MS. O'NEILL:**

Please join our Staff and Kindergarten families in wishing Ms. O'Neill luck on the next step in her professional journey. Ms. O'Neill's last day at St. John will be this Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. We thank Ms. O'Neill for the love and care she put forth over the last few years teaching our Kindergarten students.

**REMINDER:**

There is **no after school SEP** offered on the last day of school before Christmas break or on the last day of the school year. All students must be picked up at noon on 12/17 and 6/7.

**WHAT'S LOST CAN BE FOUND!**

Our Lost and Found bin, located just outside the school's science lab, is overflowing with jackets and sweatshirts, lunch pails, notebooks, and more. If you have any items "missing," please check the bin. Parents/students are requested to check the lost and found before December 17<sup>th</sup>. After the 17<sup>th</sup>, all remaining clothes will be washed and placed in uniform exchange. Thank you for your cooperation in returning items to the rightful owner

**SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITY:**

We are looking for a family to volunteer to take the remaining lost & found items home on December 17<sup>th</sup> to wash over Christmas Break. If you are interested in this opportunity, please email [asire@csdo.org](mailto:asire@csdo.org).

**FAITH FORMATION:**

*A Fr. Mike Christmas*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8YPtYR12K4c>

### **INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR UNVACCINATED STUDENTS:**

While there is no current California mandate on travel, there are recommendations regarding precautions for people who travel internationally and specifically for those who are not fully vaccinated. **The CDC provides the guidance below which we are following in regards to students who return from international travel.** I have highlighted the portion to which we paid special attention in regards to unvaccinated children.

From the CDC website: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/covid-3/coronavirus-mexico>

#### **After Arrival in the United States**

You might have been exposed to COVID-19 on your travels. You might feel well and not have any symptoms, but you can still be infected and spread the virus to others. For this reason, CDC recommends the following:

All Travelers

#### **RECOMMENDED**

- Get tested with a COVID-19 [viral test](#) 3–5 days after travel.
  - Find a [U.S. COVID-19 testing location](#)[External Link](#) near you.
- Self-monitor for [COVID-19 symptoms](#); [isolate](#) and get tested if you develop symptoms.
- Follow all [state and local](#) recommendations or requirements after travel.

#### **If You are NOT Fully Vaccinated**

#### **RECOMMENDED**

**In addition to the testing recommendations above**

- Stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel, even if you test negative at 3–5 days.
- If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.

SJCS students who are **not** fully vaccinated (2 doses, and 2 weeks after 2<sup>nd</sup> dose) will need to be quarantined for 7 days and get tested within the 3-5 day window after return to the US, prior to being permitted to return to school for in-person learning. We ask that any parents of unvaccinated students who will be traveling internationally please alert Ms. Aimee ([asire@csdo.org](mailto:asire@csdo.org)) of your trip dates and allow Ms. Aimee to confirm with you appropriate Covid-19 testing dates, as well as a return to school date. We thank you for your patience and understanding, as it is our obligation to take precautions during this time, especially in light of the new Omicron variant.

### **SHAMROCK SHOUTOUT:**

During this Advent season, St. John Catholic School students collaborated with St. Vincent de Paul by participating in a clothing drive to serve those less fortunate among our community. They collected and donated many coats, socks and gloves for children, men and women. We are honored to partner with St. Vincent de Paul and are incredibly proud of our SJCS students. SJCS students are students who live their faith and serve others.



### **HEALTH & WELLNESS:**

*Is it a Cold, the Flu, or Covid-19*

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/flu-vs-cold.html#catcold-flu-review>

## St. John Parish Christmas Eve Family Mass

**Our Christmas Eve Family Mass will again be celebrated at 4:00 pm on Friday, December 24, 2021.** Children from kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to take an active role in this liturgy. Participation can be in non-speaking acting roles in the Christmas Gospel drama, by singing in the choir, or as readers.

**All who wish to participate must attend a required rehearsal on Saturday, December 18, in the church, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm**

**Parents are needed at both the rehearsal and the Mass** to help guide the children who will be in the Gospel drama. Some simple costumes will be provided but most children will wear regular clothing.

**Mass on Christmas Eve begins at 4:00 pm. All actors, readers and choir members must be in church by 3:30 pm.**

**Please fill out the form below and return the bottom portion of this page by the week before the rehearsal.**

**Keep this upper portion of the page for your own reference. Return the bottom part.**

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### Christmas Eve Mass Children's Participation Form

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check only one category for the child's preference:

\_\_\_\_\_ Actor roles, (non-speaking) The parts of Mary, Joseph, angels and shepherds will be determined on the day of the rehearsal.

\_\_\_\_\_ Choir

\_\_\_\_\_ Readers (must be 5<sup>th</sup> grade or older, with some experience reading at Mass)

\_\_\_\_\_ Parents - Can you help during the rehearsal and the Mass? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No