

March 6, 2024



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



ON THE HORIZON:

Wednesday, March 6th

General Auction Meeting
6:00pm

meet.google.com/ofh-kdny-tej

Thursday, March 7th

End of Trimester 2

See's Candies Fundraiser
ENDS -ALL See's Candies
orders due to the office

Friday, March 8th

No School- WCEA Staff
Prep Day

Wednesday, March 13th –

Friday, March 15th

WCEA Accreditation Visit

Thursday, March 14th

Student of the Month
Assembly @ 8:00am

Friday, March 15th

Stations of the Cross @
11:15am (2nd & 4th grades
lead)

Noon Dismissal- SEP
available

SJCS Middle School Dance

@ 6:00pm
(7th & 8th grades)

Dear Shamrock Family,

On Wednesday, March 13th, we welcome our Visiting Committee for the three-day visit portion of our accreditation process. We will introduce them to the student body at a special morning assembly for morning announcements. Prior to their arrival, they spent time reading and re-reading our Self Study. Throughout the day, the five-person Visiting Committee will visit classes and meet with students and our pastor. In the evenings, they will meet with parents from different grade levels. Thursday and Friday they will continue with visits as they write their report, which will be completed on Friday. The School Leadership Team will review the report, along with our pastor and the Superintendent. It will be presented to the faculty and staff Friday afternoon. The final copy of the report will arrive within a few weeks, and we will be honored to post it for the school community to review. You can read more about the Accreditation Process by following the Link to Western Catholic Accreditation Association (WCEA) <http://www.westwcea.org/>.

A really big thank-you goes to all the faculty and staff for the 15 months of hard work in preparing the Self Study and for preparing for the upcoming visit. Our Self Study Coordinator, Kristen Elliott, kept us all on track with deadlines and meetings.

When was the last time you reviewed the Student Learning Expectations (SLEs) with your student(s)? Now is a great time! Our students strive to live their faith, serve others and be life-long learners. We ask that you review our mission statement with your family as well: "To provide an engaging environment where students identify and cultivate their unique talents to look at the world and become the change it needs."

As always, please make sure students are strictly following our school dress code. Help students get to school on time each day and remind

them to be active participants in the classroom. We appreciate your support through this process and look forward to partnering with you to make SJCS the best it can be!

Mrs. Paige Villalobos

STUDENT LEARNING EXPECTATIONS:

We live our faith - We serve others - We are lifelong learners

BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

– Psalm 119:105

FAITH FORMATION:

40 Lenten Activities for Families

<https://www.lovetoknow.com/parenting/parenthood/40-lenten-activities-families-meaningful-easy-ideas>

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR!

Please share the good news about St. John Catholic School with your friends and family! We are accepting applications now for grades TK-7 for the 2024-2025 school year. Applications can be completed here:

[St. John Catholic School Application 2024-2024 English](#)

[St. John Catholic School Application 2024-2025 Spanish](#)

LENTEN SOUP NIGHT- SCHOOL VOLUNTEER REQUESTED:

As we enter the Lenten season, a time of renewal and reflection, we are excited to announce the Lenten soup dinners at St. John's which provide an opportunity to come together in prayer and fellowship, sharing in a simple meal of soup and bread. The Lenten soup dinners will be Friday, 3/8 & 3/22 at 5:30 PM in the Community Meeting Room. After dinner will be invited to participate in the Stations of the Cross in the church. We ask each ministry to contribute by bringing **MEATLESS** soup and bread to share with our parish. **Please email Mrs. Villalobos (pvillalobos@csdo.org) if your family is willing to bring and serve a soup on either of the two evenings.** Two service hours can be earned with this opportunity. Thank you!

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Donations to our woodshop:

Thank you for your recent donations! I can't wait for you all to see our wood shop at open house. We are still in need of only [3 more sets of casters for our student work benches](#). [Here's the link to our Amazon wish list](#) & [Here's the link to donate](#). Donations of Amazon Gift Cards are always welcome to! Service hours will be awarded at \$25/hr. So every \$25 spent equals 1 service hour.

WOOD SHOP UPDATE:

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th grades will be finishing their small planter box models soon, so we will be planting seeds this Spring. 5th grade will be creating their first laser engraving after completing the glue-up on their bible quote cross plaques. I am beyond grateful for the support and enthusiasm of both parents and students for our wood shop program.

Our wood shop is really coming together nicely. Most classes are using the shop on a weekly basis. We also just invested in a dust collection system to make for a safer workspace. If you're interested in donating toward the cost of dust collection system it would be greatly appreciated. [Here's the link to donate](#). We are also constantly updating our supply wish list [Here's the link to our Amazon wish list](#). Donations of Amazon, Hope Depot, Lowe's and Harbor Freight Gift Cards are always welcome to! Service hours will be awarded at \$25/hr. Every \$25 spent equals 1 service hour.

-Mr. Enos

ACADEMIC DECATHLON WINNERS:

Congratulations to our St. John Catholic School Academic Decathletes! Special congratulations to Oliver who earned third place in English, Lizbeth who earned first place in literature and the entire decathlon team who earned second place in the super quiz! We are SO proud of our shamrocks!!! Special thanks to Mrs. Kristen Elliott for heading our team.



SLE AWARD WINNER:
Alicia & Lizbeth in 8th Grade



FAITH FAMILY ACTIVITY- 3/5:

Posters: Gospel of Matthew 13:1-23, the parable of the sower (good soil)



TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR 2024 – 2025 SCHOOL YEAR:

The FACE application for the 2024-2025 School Year is now open on FACTS. **The application will remain open until March 31st, 2024.** Please be sure to “reapply” or “apply” for FACE if you need assistance and believe your family qualifies. Awardees are not automatically awarded each year, they must re-fill out an application for FACE each new school year.

Please also be sure to “**CHECK**” the box for *Family Aid-Catholic Education* under “**Other Organizations.**” Lastly, please remember that families may only have either a FACE or BASIC award, but not both. More information is in a flyer below.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TUITION ASSISTANCE:

Applications are now available for FACE (Family Aid – Catholic Education) and The BASIC Fund financial aid.

The BASIC Fund is available for new students whose families meet all the application requirements. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2024. For more information, please go to www.basicfund.org or see the link on our website. Current families please expect your renewal information early to mid-February, due back in April. Please also note, new siblings for current BASIC Fund students must request a link to apply for a new student. Like last year, BASIC renewals will be processed online.

FACE (Family Aid-Catholic Education) applications are available online only at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3FVYB> or see the link on their [website](#). This application requires documentation for income received in 2022. Reminders: you must re-apply to F.A.C.E. each year and make sure you check the box for Family Aid- Catholic education under “Other Organizations”. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2024.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ: If you are currently receiving aid from the school or wish to apply for the 2024-2025 school year, we ask that you please complete this application: [St. John Catholic School Tuition Assistance Application](#)

If you have any questions regarding FACE, BASIC, or SJCS tuition assistance, please contact us. Deadlines established by FACE and BASIC are firm; a missed deadline will mean a missed opportunity.

IN PARISH RATE REQUIREMENTS

This is just a reminder that to qualify for the In Parish Rate next year (2024-2025 school year) you must have completed the following prior to May 2024:

- Registered with the parish and regularly attend mass
- All age appropriate student sacraments complete
- Contribute a **minimum of \$200** to either the school’s Annual Fund or the parish through the use of their weekly envelopes/EFT or a combination of both.

RAISE RIGHT:

Don't forget that a percentage of your Raise Right amount goes toward your family's \$300 fundraising obligation! Order forms are attached to this week's newsletter and are due back to the school office by 10:00am on Thursday, March 14! Did you know there are over 500 retailers to choose from? Visit www.RaiseRight.com for a complete list of participating vendors. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Aimee at asure@csdo.org.

AUCTION DONATION IDEAS

All SJCS families are encouraged to establish donations for our annual Margaritas and Must Haves Auction on May 18th. Please email Mrs. Villalobos if you have a donation connection. Thank you!

- Theme park tickets
 - Great America
 - Ardenwood
- Museum tickets
- Zoo tickets
- Movie tickets
- Mini golf tickets
- Local sport teams sway/memorabilia
- Themed baskets
 - Picnic
 - Spa
 - Book club
 - Movie night
 - Alcohol
 - Food/wine and cheese
- Spa packages
- Restaurant gift cards
- Concert tickets
- Professional sporting event tickets
- Staycation
 - Hotel, spa, restaurant
- Wine tasting/wine train tickets/vouchers
- Jewelry
- Airbnb/ Vacation rental
 - House/cabin donation for vacation

ST GERARD WOMEN'S ANNUAL EASTER BAKE SALE:

Saturday, March 23, 2024 (3pm-7pm) and Sunday, March 24, 2024 (9am-3pm)

At: St John's Church Community Meeting Room, 264 East Lewelling Blvd., San Lorenzo

There will be an assortment of scrumptious baked goods as well as a raffle (need not be present to win) with exciting prizes; trinkets and treasure sale for you to explore. Continental Breakfast will be available on Sunday, March 24th. For more information please contact St. John's Church Office at 510-351-5050.

TK- 8th Grade Number of Students in Family	2024-2025 Tuition Rates	Monthly Rate (10 months)
In-Parish Tuition Rate*		
1 Child	\$10,318	\$1,031.80
2 Children	\$17,583	\$1,758.30
3 Children	\$23,298	\$2,329.80
4 Children	\$27,806	\$2,780.60
Out-of-Parish Tuition Rate		
1 Child	\$11,302	\$1,130.20
2 Children	\$18,848	\$1,884.80
3 Children	\$24,887	\$2,488.70
4 Children	\$29,979	\$2,997.90

New Student Assessment \$50

Registration Fee \$500

RAISERIGHT ORDER 2023 - 2024

Family Name _____
 Name & Grade of oldest child _____

****Orders Due by March 14, 2024.

Entertainment	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Cinemark/Century Theaters	4%	\$25		
AMC Theaters	8%	\$25		
Gas	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Arco	1.5%	\$50		
	2.5%	\$250		
76	1.5%	\$25		
		\$100		
Shell	1.5%	\$50		
		\$100		
Grocery	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Lucky/Savemart	2%	\$25		
		\$100		
Safeway	4%	\$25		
		\$100		
Smart & Final	3%	\$25		
		\$100		
Target	2.5%	\$25		
		\$100		
Sprouts Farmers Market	5%	\$25		
		\$100		

Fast Food/Restaurant	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Applebee's	8%	\$25		
Chipotle	10%	\$10		
IHOP	8%	\$25		
Olive Garden	8%	\$25		
Starbucks Coffee	4.5%	\$10		
		\$25		
Retail	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Amazon.com	1.7%	\$25		
		\$100		
Old Navy	14%	\$25		
		\$100		
Macy's	10%	\$25		
		\$100		
Marshall's/TJ Maxx	7%	\$25		
Ross	8%	\$25		
Dick's Sporting Goods	8%	\$25		
		\$100		
Walgreens	5%	\$25		
		\$100		

Please refer to www.raiseright.com for a complete list of participating vendors.

Write In Orders** (use back side of form if needed)	%	\$	QTY	Net \$

*Payment must be included with this form. Make checks payable to St. John Catholic School
 Turn completed forms to School Office or send back in with your student.
 Orders will be ready in about 1 week.*

Cash Check # _____

Orders Due by THURSDAY, March 14, 2024 10:00 AM.

TOTAL \$ _____

- I will pick up my RaiseRight Order at the school office I will pick up my RaiseRight Order at SEP
 Please send home RaiseRight Order with eldest child

Purchased By (please print) _____ Phone # _____

I understand that RaiseRight is like cash and St. John Catholic School is not responsible if your RaiseRight order is lost or stolen.

Signature _____ Date _____

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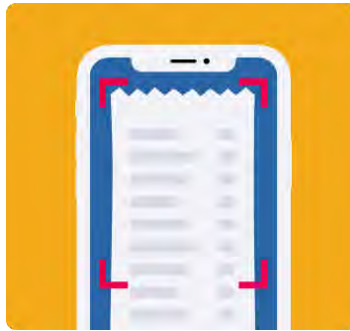


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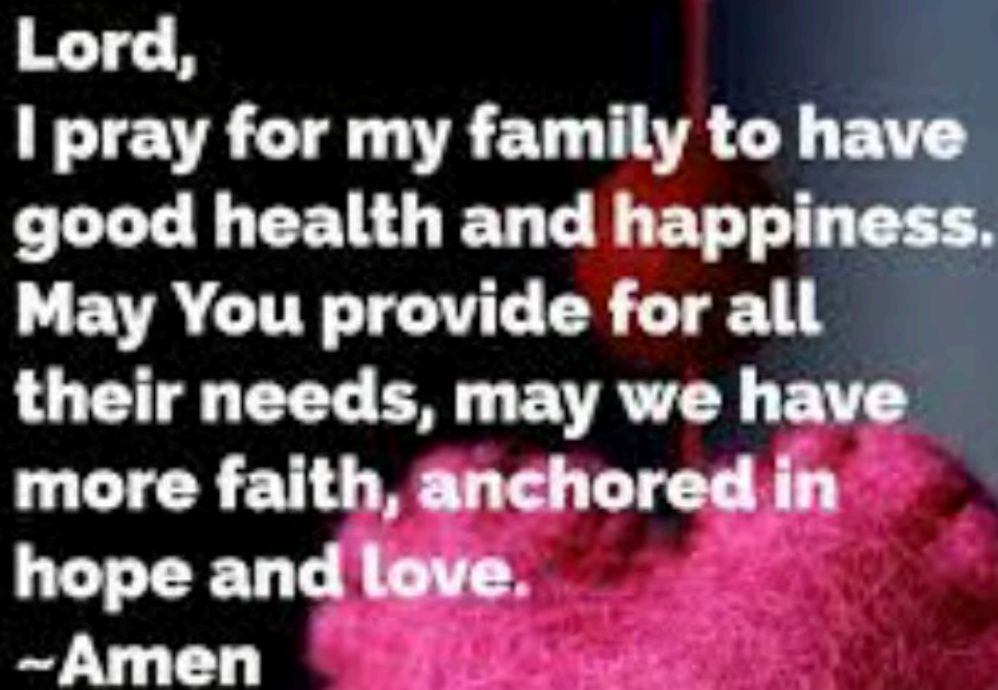
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**Lord,
I pray for my family to have
good health and happiness.
May You provide for all
their needs, may we have
more faith, anchored in
hope and love.
~Amen**

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