

MAY 24, 2023



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



ON THE HORIZON:

Friday, May 26th
STAR testing window closes

Sunday, May 28th
Pentecost begins

Monday, May 29th
Memorial Day- No school

Tuesday, May 30th
Emiliano Bielser is Principal
for the day!
(Auction item)

Wednesday, May 31st
8th grade Baccalaureate Mass
@ 10:00am
8th grade Awards Ceremony
to follow mass
8th graders last day at school
Noon dismissal for 8th
graders

Dear Shamrock Family,

As the end of the current school year draws near, I am communicating to update you about some staffing changes that have been established for the upcoming school year. Current first grade teacher Ms. Gonzales will go back to teaching kindergarten. New to our school, Mrs. Amanda Contreras will fill our first grade teaching position in August. In third grade next year, we will welcome Ms. Gabriela Maguire. Mrs. Vidal plans to return to teach middle school math and science next school year. Middle school social studies teacher, Mr. Grangoff will be retiring and I am currently in the process of rehiring for that position for the upcoming year. I have included the professional biographies of the two new teachers below. All other current teachers are returning and will be ready to tackle an exciting new school year ahead!

Blessings,
Ms. Paige Child

FUNDRAISING & SERVICE HOUR STATEMENTS:

Fundraising & Service Hour statements were sent home with students on May 11th, Balances due can be paid to the school by May 31st. After May 31st, balances will be automatically added to your FACTS account to pay on June 2nd. If you did not receive your statement or have any questions, please contact Ms. Aimee at asire@csdo.org.

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENT LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

Shamrocks are students who learn about and actively live the Catholic Faith.

Shamrocks are students who understand and value the importance of serving others and participate in service activities as stewards of God's creation.

Shamrocks are students who are life-long learners and work diligently to grow and achieve academically, spiritually, and socially in order to improve themselves and the world around them.

Student Mantra-

*We live our faith, we serve others, and we are life-long learners.
We are people of integrity, we are Shamrocks!*

PARENT INPUT NEEDED FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR:

We are looking for parent input on additional programs and improvements for next school year. We would appreciate your feedback by answering [this survey](#) by June 2nd. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION:

The day of Pentecost:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLa-lj0zCGg&t=3s>

FAITH FORMATION:

What Really Happens in Eucharistic Adoration-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6hXG43Fflw>

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 school year. Applications are now online. New student testing can be scheduled once the application is submitted. Please contact Ms. Aimee with any questions.

[St. John Catholic School 2023-2024 Application English](#)

[St. John Catholic School 2023-2024 Application Spanish](#)

INVITATION FROM THE DIOCESE:

Diocesan Eucharistic Revival June Holy Hour Evenings-

From June 5 to 9, days leading to the start of the Revival Preaching in the parishes, we hope to engage the faithful in the Diocese to visit any or all of these churches identified per region and spend an hour with Jesus and with each other. The hour opens with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, adoration before and after a short talk by an invited clergy, and concludes with Solemn Benediction. The entire time, confessions will likewise be available.

June 5 - Southwest 5 / Our Lady of Good Counsel, San Leandro, 7PM

(Father Huong Anthony Le)

June 6 - Central 1 / Divine Mercy, Oakland, 7PM

(Father John Prochaska)

June 7 - Northeast 3 / Saint Bonaventure, Clayton/Concord, 7PM

(Father Rafael Hinojosa)

June 8 - Northwest 2 / Saint David of Wales, Richmond, 5:30PM

(Bishop Michael Barber, S.J. and Father Erick Villa)

June 9 - Southeast 4 / Saint Joan of Arc, San Ramon, 7PM

(Father Ray Sacca)

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!

MRS. CONTRERAS:



Mrs. Amanda Contreras has been teaching for over sixteen years, with the last eight have been in the 1st Grade. She has worked with students of all ages. Recently, her youngest son was diagnosed with Dyslexia. This prompted her to become a Reading Specialist, which she is currently working on through Orton Gillingham. This will enable her to help all children struggling with reading.

Mrs. Contreras received her Bachelor's Degree in Art Education K-12, with a minor in Mathematics at Johnson State college in Vermont. Later she returned to school to get her Elementary Education Degree. Mrs. Contreras later attended the University of California San Diego Extension Program where she took their CLAD and CTEL Program. She obtained her Clear CA teaching Credential in 2016.

In her spare time she loves baking and crafting. She also enjoys spending time with her family. Together they love playing sports and watching movies. Mrs. Contreras is excited for the new adventure ahead of her. She looks forward to working with such a friendly and caring staff at St. John!

MS. MAGUIRE



Ms. Gabriela Maguire studied Political Science at UC Berkeley and Teaching English to Students of Other Languages at Pace University in New York City. She taught 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade in the South Bronx. She enjoys cooking and visiting botanical gardens. She is looking forward to supporting students in their learning and working with the community at St. John.

8th GRADE GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT:



My name is Emiliano Bielser. I started at SJCS in kindergarten and will be attending Arroyo High School in the fall. I play baseball and tennis and was also in the science fair. My hobby is learning German. When I leave SJCS I will miss PE the most. My favorite memory was when I broke my elbow and stayed quiet instead of annoying people. My advice for next year's class is don't be mean to your teachers if you don't want to get citations.

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My name is Zack Brown. I started at SJCS in kindergarten and will be attending SJND in the fall. I participated in Little Shamrocks. My hobbies are hanging out with friends and playing video games. When I leave SJCS I will miss my friends the most. My favorite memory is trading Pokemon cards with my friends. My advice for next year's class is to keep up with your work, unlike me.



My name is Joshua Cabrera. I started at SJCS in Pre-K and will be attending Moreau Catholic High School in the fall. I was in the band at SJCS. My hobby is playing video games. My favorite memory was playing hot wheels with Calvin. My advice for next year's class is to not procrastinate on the science fair project.



My name is Calvin Lacsamana. I started at SJCS in kindergarten and will be attending Bishop O'Dowd High School in the fall. At SJCS I was on the basketball team, academic decathlon team and was in the science fair. My hobbies are playing basketball and video games and annoying my sister. When I leave SJCS I will miss my teachers and CYO the most. My favorite memory was going down the old slide and my shoe falling off with Michael. My advice for next year's class is stay on track and be respectful toward your teachers.



My name is Ricardo Lieba. I started at SJCS in 6th grade and will attend St. Joseph Notre Dame in the fall. I was on Student Council at SJCS. My hobbies are unofficial cheerleader, sleeping, playing video games, and having fun. When I leave SJCS I will miss the teachers and my friends the most. My favorite memories are "Big Brother," our dance, riding my backpack, Olympic day, when Zack and Jaida taught the class, and getting on the jumbotron at the A's game because of my amazing dance skills. My advice for next year's class is don't be annoying and be nice to Mrs. Elliott.



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