

MAY 31, 2023



# St. John Catholic School

*Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish*

## ON THE HORIZON:

**Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

TK & K Promotion @

10:00am

Gym

**Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

11:00am

Church

**Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

Field day at school

8:30am – 11:30am

Gym/Gym parking lot

Attire: class shirts & athletic wear

Noon dismissal- SEP available

**Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

Last day of school/Trimester 3

Free dress for all

End of the Year Prayer Service & Awards

11:30am in gym- all are welcome

Noon dismissal- with **NO PM SEP**

**\*All students must be picked up by 12:15pm!**



Dear Shamrock Family,

I can hardly believe it, but this will be the last newsletter edition of the 2022 – 2023 school year. While it was challenging at times, we made it! I extend my sincere appreciation for your trust, support and partnership that was offered to our SJCS staff this school year. As we look to the summer, as well as the school year ahead, we aim to do better. I am appreciative of the parent input shared in survey data requested in the prior weeks (still linked below). We are planning to provide new and exciting enrichment classes and after school clubs during the 2023 -2024 school year! Our effort is to offer a variety of learning opportunities for our students that will engage, enlighten and challenge them. If you, as a parent/guardian, are interested in leading an after school club during any portion of the upcoming school year, please feel free to email me. Happy summer and may God bless you and your family. See you in August!

With Love,  
Ms. Paige Child  
[pchild@csdo.org](mailto:pchild@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:**

3-minute Retreat-

<https://www.loyolapress.com/retreats/in-the-shepherds-care-start-retreat/>

**COUNTRY HOEDOWN & OLD TIME ROCK N'ROLL:**

All are invited to the gym on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$25.00 each. The food will be catered by Texas Roadhouse. There will be door prize, big bag raffles, dancing and no host saloon. For reservations/to order tickets, please call Pat at (510) 278 – 4161. Please note: no high heels on gym floor.

**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!

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT:**



My name is Eduardo Nuno. I started at SJCS in 6th grade and will attend Moreau Catholic High School in the fall. My hobbies are art, video games and writing. When I leave SJCS I will miss Mrs. Elliott and my friends. My favorite memories are the end of year activities and forming a best trio with Josh and Cardo. My advice for next year is to plan everything out before you do it; next year is not going to be easy.



My name is Michael Ornelas. I started at SJCS in PreK and will be attending Moreau Catholic High School in the fall. During my time at SJCS, I played CYO basketball and messed around with my friends. My hobbies are football, video games, drawing and making things. When I leave SJCS I will miss my teachers, the play yard, the halls and the gym. My favorite memory was in 3rd or 4th grade- I was in the computer lab and I was logging in and there was a 2023 in my username. I asked Mrs. Elliott what that meant and she said it was the year I would graduate. I said, “that’s gonna take forever”, and she said, “it will go by fast.” I said, “it won’t.”... well, here we are. My advice for next year’s class is to think before you speak.



My name is Ronke Rucker. I started at SJCS in 3rd grade and will be attending Bishop O’Dowd in the fall. At SJCS I was on Student Council. My hobby is dance. When I leave SJCS I will miss the dances the most. My favorite memory is Caritas. My advice for next year’s class is to do work on time.




My name is Jeremy Samson. I started at SJCS in PreK. At SJCS I was on the basketball team. My hobbies are basketball, drawing and baseball. When I leave SJCS I will miss my friends the most. My favorite memory is playing kitchen in PreK. My advice for next year’s class is 8th grade is easier than you might think.



My name is Jaida Sanderford. I started at SJCS in 3rd grade and will be attending SJND in the fall. At SJCS I played basketball and was on the cheer squad. My hobby is watching TikTok. When I leave SJCS I will miss Mrs. Elliott and my friends. My advice for next year's class is to keep up with your assignments.



My name is Liliana Smith. I started at SJCS in Kindergarten and will be attending Desert Oasis High School in the fall. At SJCS I was on the cheerleading squad. My hobbies are talking and cooking with my grandma. When I leave SJCS I will miss my friends and Mrs. Elliott the most. My favorite memories are when Ronke, Jaida and I laugh at random stuff. My advice for next year's class is to pay attention.




### Prayer to End a School Year

God of wisdom,  
we thank you  
for all the gifts you have given us  
throughout this school year.  
We praise you for giving us life,  
for saving us in Christ,  
and for choosing us to be your people.

As we come to the end of this school year,  
we voice our gratitude  
for the good things you have done in us,  
and we praise you for all who have shared  
in the work of this school.

We ask you to bless them in your love  
and give them refreshment and peace.  
We praise you, God,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns forever and ever.  
Amen.

Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers/Revised Edition. USCCB



## Important Dates 2023-2024 School Year

8/23 First day of school & Minimum day  
8/24 & 8/25 Minimum days  
9/4 No School, Labor Day  
9/6 Minimum day, Staff prep for Back to School Night  
9/7 Back to School Night @ 6:00pm  
9/15 No School, Staff professional development  
10/11 - 10/13 Parent/Teacher Conferences & Minimum days  
10/31 Halloween celebrations, Minimum day  
11/10 No School, Veterans' Day observed  
11/20 - 11/24 No School, Thanksgiving break  
12/15 No School- Principal holiday  
12/20 Christmas Concert @ 6:30pm  
12/21 Minimum day, No PM SEP  
12/22 - 1/7 No School, Christmas break  
1/12 No School, Staff professional development  
1/15 No school, Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
1/26 Minimum day, Staff open house prep  
1/28 Catholic Schools' Week mass @ 9:30am & SJCS Open House @ 10:30am  
2/2 Minimum day  
2/16 Minimum day  
2/19 No school, Presidents' Day  
3/8 No school- Staff WCEA prep  
3/13 – 3/15 SJCS WCEA accreditation visit  
3/15 Minimum day  
3/28 Minimum day, No PM SEP  
3/29 - 4/7 No school, Easter break  
4/24 Spring Concert @ 6:30pm  
5/24 Minimum day  
5/27 No school, Memorial Day  
6/5 Last day of school for 8th grade, Minimum day for 8th grade  
6/10 Minimum day  
6/11 Minimum day, No PM SEP, Last day of school

*Dates as of May, 2023- subject to change as necessary*



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