

June 05, 2024



# St. John Catholic School

*Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish*



## ON THE HORIZON:

**Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**  
8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation  
10:00am in church

**Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**  
SJCS Field Day (TK – 7<sup>th</sup>)  
Noon dismissal- AM & PM  
SEP available

**Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**  
End of trimester 3/Last day of  
school

Prayer service & Awards  
ceremony  
11:30am in gym  
(All are welcome)

Noon dismissal- NO PM SEP  
All students must be picked up  
by 12:15pm

Dear Shamrock Family,

Can you believe it? We are less than one week away from the end of the school year! While the third grade teacher and principal positions are still being finalized, a middle school teacher has been hired for the 2024 – 2025 school year. Maddie Alvendia will join the SJCS staff in August! Ms. Alvendia possesses a Bachelor of Arts in History from University of Illinois and a Master of Education in Learning and Teaching from Harvard University, Graduate School of Education, and has four years of prior teaching experience. We are excited to welcome Ms. Alvendia to the team. Information regarding the other positions will be announced as they are formally established.

I want to extend my sincere and heartfelt love and appreciation for the St. John Catholic School shamrock family. Seventeen years ago, I was welcomed into this community and in many ways, I feel as though I have been raised into my adulthood through St. John. The people, experiences, opportunities and memories have made a definite imprint on my life and will be forever carried in my heart. My eyes fill with tears as I reflect upon my time at SJCS. I am grateful for the privilege to have begun and grown my professional career in such a warm, familial place. In just over a week's time, I am off to San Diego! My husband's new

placement begins June 17<sup>th</sup> and in July I will take on a Catholic elementary school vice principal role!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." — Jeremiah 29:11." This bible verse is one that I hold closely. Change is never easy, yet change can be fruitful beyond measure. As I embrace this new chapter in my life, I consider this bible verse. I am confident that God's plans for me are far greater than I can yet imagine and I am confident in His plans for the future leadership of St. John Catholic School as well. Thank you for the trust, love and support shared over the years. I hope your summer is exciting, meaningful and restful. Once a shamrock, always a shamrock! Until we meet again...

With Great Love,  
Mrs. Paige Villalobos  
Principal  
[pvillalobos@cndo.org](mailto:pvillalobos@cndo.org)

**STUDENT LEARNING EXPECTATIONS:**

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

**BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**

Psalms 73:26

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

**FAITH FORMATION:**

S Arts and Faith <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/prayer/arts-and-faith/>

**YOU'RE INVITED:**

Country Hoedown & Old Time Rock N' Roll, Saturday, June 29th starting at 5:30 pm with food served around 6pm. Tickets are \$25 and food is from Texas Roadhouse. All are welcome and there will be prizes and lots of fun. Being held in St. John's Gym and for Reservations/Tickets call Pat at 510-278-4161.

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:**

We recognize the following Students of the Month for being the most improved students throughout the school year.

Congratulations to:

Gwen (TK), Alex (K), Emma (1st), Vince (2nd), Faith (3rd), Shannon (4th), Mia (5th), Idelle (6th), Isela (7th), Brianna (8th)



**SLE AWARD WINNER:**

Milli in Kindergarten & Kaeli in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade



**WCEA VISITING COMMITTEE FINDINGS:**

*The Visiting Committee observed that St. John Catholic School is committed to student excellence in an environment that is infused with Catholic values. The school provides an atmosphere where students thrive in their faith and academics. The Visiting Committee felt the dedication and love of the St. John Catholic School teachers, staff, parents and students. It is evident that the SJCS culture is living out the charism of the Presentation Sisters; "carry the lantern." The entire St. John School Community is dedicated to bringing the light of God to others.*

## **Important Dates 2024 - 2025 School Year**

Minimum day \*(12:00pm dismissal)

8/21 First day of school & Minimum day  
8/22 & 8/23 Minimum days  
9/2 No School, Labor Day  
9/11 Minimum day, Staff prep for Back to School Night  
9/12 Back to School Night @ 6:00pm  
9/13 No School, Staff professional development  
10/9 - 10/11 Parent/Teacher Conferences & Minimum days  
10/14 No School, Indigenous Peoples' Day  
10/31 Halloween celebrations, Minimum day  
11/8 Minimum day  
11/11 No School, Veterans' Day observed  
11/25 - 11/29 No School, Thanksgiving break  
12/18 Christmas Concert @ 6:30pm  
12/20 Minimum day, No PM SEP  
12/23 - 1/3 No School, Christmas break  
1/17 No School, Staff professional development  
1/20 No school, Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
1/24 Minimum day, Staff open house prep  
1/26 Catholic Schools' Week mass @ 9:30am & SJCS Open House @ 10:30am  
1/31 Minimum day, Olympic Day- CSW  
2/10 No School, Catechetical Inservice  
2/14 Minimum day, Valentine's Day  
2/17 No school, Presidents' Day  
3/31 No School, Cesar Chavez Day observed  
4/17 Noon dismissal, No PM SEP  
4/18- 4/25 No school, Easter break  
5/14 Spring Concert @ 6:30pm  
5/23 Minimum day  
5/26 No school, Memorial Day  
6/4 Last day of school for 8th grade, Minimum day for 8th grade  
6/9 Minimum day  
6/10 Minimum day  
6/11 Minimum day, No PM SEP, Last day of school

***Dates as of May, 2024- subject to change as necessary***



\$2

# POPSICLE SALE

Monday Jun 10th

PLEASE SUPPORT  
7th grade

# Jamba Juice

\$10



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## *A Summer Prayer*

Father, Creator of all,  
thank you for summer!  
Thank you for the warmth of the sun  
and the increased daylight.

Thank you for the beauty I see all around me  
and for the opportunity to be outside  
and enjoy your creation.

Thank you for the increased time I have  
to be with my friends and family,  
and for the more casual pace  
of the summer season.

Draw me closer to you this summer.  
Teach me how I can pray  
no matter where I am  
or what I am doing.

Warm my soul  
with the awareness of your presence  
and light my path  
with your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy your creation,  
create in me a pure heart  
and a hunger and a thirst for you.

Amen.

*Author Unknown*