

September 20, 2023



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



ON THE HORIZON:

Friday, September 22nd

8th graders return from
Caritas

Tuesday, September 26th

Festival Meeting @ 6:30pm

**Wednesday, September
27th**

School Mass @ 8:30am
Student Council Installation
following mass

Thursday, September 28th

Festival Setup @ 4:00pm
In school play yard

Friday, September 29th

Noon Dismissal Day
*Festival Setup @ 1:00pm
In school play yard

Saturday, September 30th

Fall Festival
10:00am – 9:00pm

Sunday, October 1st

9:30am Class Mass
5th & 3rd grades lead
*ALL families are welcome

Dear Shamrock Family,

Are you interested in enjoying fun school community events with our SJCS shamrock family? Coming up is our annual Halloween Trunk or Treat and movie night on Friday, October 27th and I need YOUR help to make it happen, along with the many other family-friendly events throughout the year. In the past our parents have organized Grandparents' Day events, family dances and ice cream socials, as well as organized school-wide fundraisers such as See's Candies before Christmas and Easter. It takes the support of our parents in order for our school to have the capacity to provide these opportunities for our children. **Please come to our first of the year Shamrock Pride Group (SPG) Meeting on Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:00pm.** This meeting will be in-person and hosted at the school. Snacks and beverages will be provided. I encourage parents to come to share their ideas for what events students/school families may like to take part in this school year. Please come ready to share and lead in honor of your kids!

Autumn Blessings,
Ms. Paige Child
Principal
pchild@csdo.org

BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
– Philippians 4:13

STUDENT LEARNING EXPECTATIONS:

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

FAITH FORMATION:

Parts of the Mass Crossword Puzzle-

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/scripture-and-tradition/mass-and-liturgy/parts-of-the-mass-crossword-puzzle/>

SURVEY DATA NEEDED FOR LIBRARY RENOVATION:

Please submit no later than: 9/24

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1x7CEAV8JnHH0GgWuf6OQa6key_RfXDdoyIrpD-Rf-Ew/viewform?ts=64fb51c8&edit_requested=true

CARITAS CAMP:

And, just like that on Monday our beloved 8th graders were off to Caritas for the week! May God bless them with opportunities for a faith-filled experience of mindfulness, bonding, prayer and reflection._

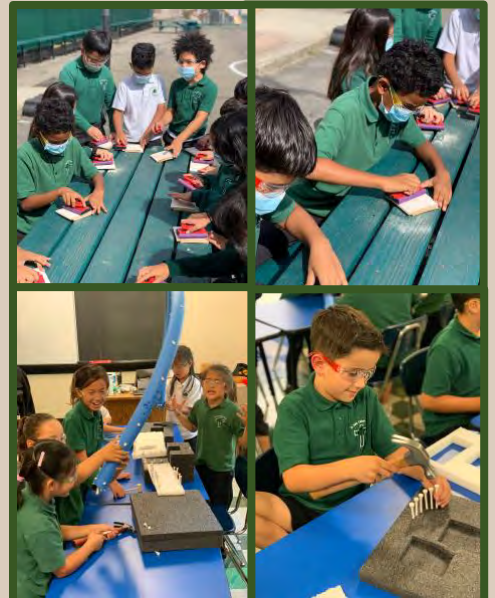


THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you **again** to all those that have generously donated to our wood shop / maker space. The donations keep rolling in. So far, we've raised over \$700 in donations. If you have already purchased from our [Amazon Wishlist](#) please [email me](#) and let me know what you purchased so that I can credit your service hours. For those that have donated money I will have Aimee credit your service hours this week.

We'll be keeping our Amazon Wishlist updated so feel free to check back and even share with friends. [Here's the link to our Amazon wish list](#) & [Here's the link to donate](#).

Again, thank you so much! – Mr. Enos



FESTIVAL SHIRTS:

As you hopefully know, this year's festival theme is *Hope & Faith are the Seeds We Harvest*. The festival committee requested that the following links ([link 1](#) [link 2](#)) to potential shirts could be purchased for our parish community to wear in support of the festival theme. All are welcomed to purchase and wear either a "faith" or "hope" shirt at the festival.

FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS:

Please consider selling or buying your share of raffle tickets (\$50)! The grand prize cannot be won if we do not make enough sales. We have more raffle tickets in the office if you need any. Please turn your raffle tickets in to our school office soon!

FESTIVAL UPDATES:

- * Festival donations will now be accepted through NEXT Thursday, September 28th. Please bring donations to the school office. Items needed are included in a flyer below.
- * Parent help is needed to assemble the festival stage! If you can help, please arrive at the school play yard on Friday, September 29th between 12:30 - 4:30pm. If you have tools, bringing those will be helpful. Service hours will be offered.

St. John's Festival Donation Wish List

On September 30, we will hold our annual Festival. The festival is a community event that helps raise funds for the church and school. We are asking all parents that would like to make donations in exchange for service hours to purchase as a donation or make any of the items listed below.

Beverages: Please take donated items to the office by Friday September 22. Thank you for your support!!!

Beverages <i>1 Service Hour</i>	Exchange <i>4 cases of water or 5 - 12 packs of Soda</i>
Baked Goods - St Gerard's Cake Booth <i>1 Service Hour</i>	Exchange <i>2 Cakes or 2 Pies or 4 Dozen cupcakes or treats</i>

If you would like to be a part of this amazing event please sign up to volunteer or come to our next meetings. The counting room is by the garage facing the school office.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094FA5AB2FA0F49-2023/30861180 - /](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094FA5AB2FA0F49-2023/30861180-/)

- *September 12 @6:30pm – Counting Room*
- *September 19 @6:30pm – Counting Room*
- *September 26 @6:30pm – Counting Room*

Thank you on behalf of the Festival Committee.

Christ our light

**Christ our light,
Your love burns in our hearts
And builds in us a thirst for justice.**

**Jesus, light of the world,
You taught us how to reach out to
others,
Open our ears
To the stories that beg to be heard.**

**You who are light and warmth,
Banish the darkness
And bring us hope.**

**Jesus, light of life,
Enfold us all with your love
And incline our hearts**

**To the leading
Of your healing spirit.**

Amen

***Written by Matthew Dear
and Susy Brouard***

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY- CHESS:

Course Title: Chess Enrichment Program

Course Description:

Join our exciting Chess Enrichment Program and take your child's critical thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making skills to the next level! This program is designed to teach the fundamentals of chess to beginners and enhance experienced players' skills. Your child will learn to think ahead, develop strategies, and make quick decisions in a fun and engaging way. Our experienced instructors will ensure that every child receives personalized attention and guidance.

Class Length: 1-hour session per week (after school- must sign into to SEP)

Class Size: Minimum of 10 students, Maximum of 14. (For 1st – 5th, 6th – 8th grades)

Instructor to Student Ratio: 1:14

Pay Rate: \$30 per student per hour, \$250 per student for 8 week's sessions

If interested, please email Ms. Child- pchild@csdo.org **by 9/29**

SLE AWARD WINNERS:

Elliott in Kindergarten: Serves Others

Cameron in 2nd grade: Serves Others



MEDICATIONS ON CAMPUS REMINDER

Policy

- All medication administered require parent/guardian authorization.
- All prescription medication and aspirin require physician and parent/guardian authorization.
- *Medications are to be kept in the school office*
- An exception will be made if the school has a "Permission to Carry and Self-Medicate" form on file, signed off on by both the parent(s) and student's physician.

Procedure

- Parent/Guardian is to bring the medication to the office.
- A request form for each prescribed medication must be completed by the student's physician, signed by physician and signed by parent. Faxed forms from the physician are acceptable.

RAISE RIGHT: RAISE DAYS PROMOTION:

Mark your calendar for Raise Days, Raise Right's popular 2-day, bonus-earning event. Earn big with special bonuses on **eGift cards and reloaded gift cards, September 21 & 22.**

Things to know:

- Limited-time bonuses, **Sept 21 & 22 only**
- **Bonuses apply exclusively to eGift cards and reloaded gift cards**
- Participants must have an online account to participate
- More information can be found at www.RaiseRight.com

Our normal bi-weekly order for physical gift cards will be placed on Thursday, September 28. Please place your orders online or with the attached order form.

Not sure what Raise Right is or interested in more information? Please email Ms. Aimee at asire@csdo.org

REMINDER: SHAMROCK PRIDE GROUP MEMBERSHIP FEE DUE:

All families are required to join and actively participate in the parent organization, newly named the Shamrock Pride Group (SPG). There is a required annual membership fee of \$10 per family. This parent organization membership fee is nonrefundable and must be paid before 9/20/23. Funds will be used to put on special events for our shamrock family! Keep an eye out for more information on how to participate in the Shamrock Pride Group. ***Please note: families who have not paid will be automatically have the \$10 added to their FACTS account to pay on 10/3.***

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

- 1.) Volunteer Background Checks are required for any person who would like to volunteer, chaperone, or attend class parties. Anyone who wants to enter the school, past the office lobby, during school hours needs to be fingerprinted.
 - One time, no expiration.
 - Forms can be picked up in the office
 - There is a \$34 fee per person payable to SJCS
- 2.) Safe Environment Training completion is required for any person who would like to volunteer, chaperone, attend class parties, or anyone who wants to enter the school, past the office lobby, during school hours needs to have a current Safe Environment Certificate on file.
 - All volunteers will have to complete training through www.virtusonline.org once every 3 years.
 - There is a \$5 fee payable to SJCS.

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 compete
- 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.

72 hr. Student Emergency Kits

***Emergency kits due to your child's teacher no later than October 6, 2023



Dear SJCS Parents: ^[1]_{SEP}

To ensure that our students will be prepared for an emergency, we are requesting that you send the following emergency supplies to school for each child. Please fit everything into a one- gallon size ziploc bag. Medications should be included as well. Please consider expiration dates for perishable items. (nothing before June 2024). ^[1]_{SEP}

- ☐ (2) 16 fl. oz. bottled water
- ☐ (6) individually packed snacks or (1) 2400 Datrix calorie food ration bar
(ie: high protein energy bars, granola bar, fruit snacks, trail mix.)
- ☐ 1 pair underwear

If your child has any particular medical needs, you should consider including a 48-72 hour supply of medication.

On the front of the bag, write your child's name, the date the contents were assembled, and any emergency telephone numbers or plans that you have for your family. You may also write a letter of reassurance to your child (highly recommended). ^[1]_{SEP}

The bags will be sent home at the end of the school year and should be replenished with fresh supplies and returned at the beginning of the next school year. Although the hope is that we will never use these kits, your child's safety and comfort are our first concern. Your help and cooperation on this is greatly appreciated. ^[1]_{SEP}

NACHO SALE

THURSDAY
9/28

at snack!

\$1

All proceeds go
to 7th grade





St. John Catholic School

CHORAL PROGRAM

Liturgical Choir - open to all students
2nd grade and up.

Mondays, 3:30-4:00, Room 17

NEW Honor Choir - details to come

Wednesdays, 3:30-4:00, Room 17

Sign Up Here:

<https://forms.gle/fUYD97zeaFtLiRbU7>



Parents, please note that students signed up for choir will be required to sign into SEP and you will be charged for SEP during choir practice.



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE *St. John's Parish* Fall Harvest Festival

"Hope & Faith Are The Seeds We Harvest"

FREE ADMISSION

Saturday - September 30th, 2023

10:00AM - 10:00PM

Carnival Games For All Ages * Amazing Food
& All Day Entertainment

Food Booths

Knights of Columbus:

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chili & Steak Sandwich

Filipino Booth:

Lumpia, Pancit, BBQ Skewers & Adobo Bowl

Latino Booth:

Tacos, Quesadilla, Antojitos, Tostilocos & Frescas

Sweet Treats Cafe:

Sweet & Savory Crepes, Creme Brulee', Ube Pancakes,

Banana Fritter, Halo Halo, Boba Drinks, Ice Latte,

Coffee, Tea & Hot Chocolate

8th Grade Booth:

Popcorn, Assorted Candies, Root Beer Float

CYO Booth:

Margarita, Beer & Other Alcoholic Refreshments

Entertainment Schedule

10:00AM: Parade

10:10AM: Opening Prayer (Fr. Sergio)

10:15AM: St. John's Cheerleaders

10:30AM: Blind to Reason Band

12:30PM: Various Dance Group & Performers

2:00PM: Talent Show

3:30PM: Latin Rhythm Boys Band

6:30PM: Reflex 80's Band



Raffle Ticket Available for Purchase: \$5.00 Each

WIN THE GRAND PRIZE OF: \$5,000

****Minimum of 350 raffle ticket books must be sold for the first Prize****

2nd Prize: \$1,000 - 3rd Prize: \$600

Drawing: Sunday, October 1st, 2023 At 11:00AM

Need not present to win!!

264 E. Lewelling Blvd. - San Lorenzo, California

For More Information Call: (510) 351-5050

All Food Are Cooked on Sight



Harvest Festival

“Hope & Faith are the seeds we Harvest”

ST JOHN’S FESTIVAL

*******Wrist Band Presale*******

For Saturday, September 30 Only!!

Regular Festival Hours Saturday 10pm to 9 am

**Advance special pricing
for Saturday only!!!**

Regular price for wristbands is \$30.00 at the festival.
Wristbands are good all day Saturday.

**Wristbands are \$25.00 for the first wristband.
All additional wristbands will be \$20.**

Order Form Below

Child's Name _____ Grade _____

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Child's Name _____ Grade _____

Wristband Qty _____ @ \$25.00 = _____

3rd Wristband Qty _____ @ \$20.00 = _____

Check _____ / Cash _____

****Please make checks payable to St. John’s School****

ALL FORMS DUE SEPTEMBER 22TH

CRAFT & vendor SHOW

CRAFTERS AND VENDORS WANTED
Saturday September 30th 10:00am-3:00pm

****Setup is 8:00AM to 9:00AM****

Spaces are only \$35.00

****Signups Before 09/22 Include a Continental Breakfast****

Questions? Contact Juanita Velasquez@ sjcsfallfestival@gmail.com

Please Make Check out to St John's Catholic Church

Mail Checks to: SJCS

Attn: Fall Festival

270 E Lewelling Blvd, San Lorenzo CA 94580

Name _____ Phone _____

Name of business _____ email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Type of item sold _____

Paid _____ Check # _____

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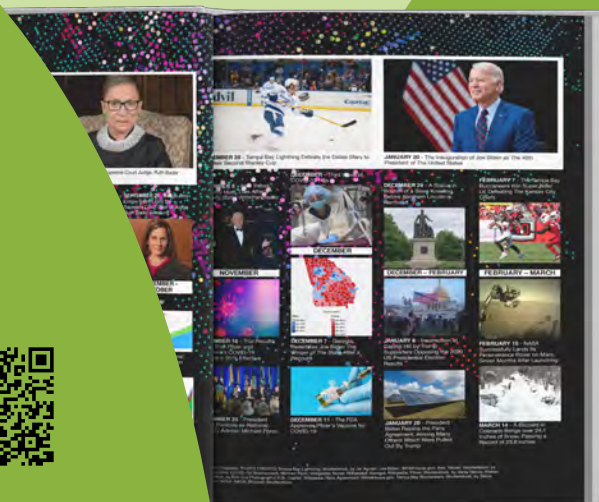
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2 Enter your school's passcode:
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RAISE DAYS

SEPT 21 - 22

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Things to Know

- 2 days only. 135+ brands on bonus.
- Bonuses apply to eGift cards and reloaded gift cards only.
- Participants must have an online account to participate.

How to Participate

Already have a RaiseRight participant account?

View and shop bonuses September 21-22 on the RaiseRight mobile app or at **RaiseRight.com**.

Don't have a RaiseRight yet?

Follow the easy steps to get started at **RaiseRight.com/m/StartEarning**.

Check with your program coordinator to get your organization's unique enrollment code.

Get a Sneak Peek of all Raise Days bonuses

Exclusively in the RaiseRight mobile app, Wednesday, September 20



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RAISERIGHT ORDER 2023 - 2024

Family Name _____
Name & Grade of oldest child _____

****Orders Due by September 28, 2023.

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, September 28, 2023 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 _____

SEPTEMBER 2023



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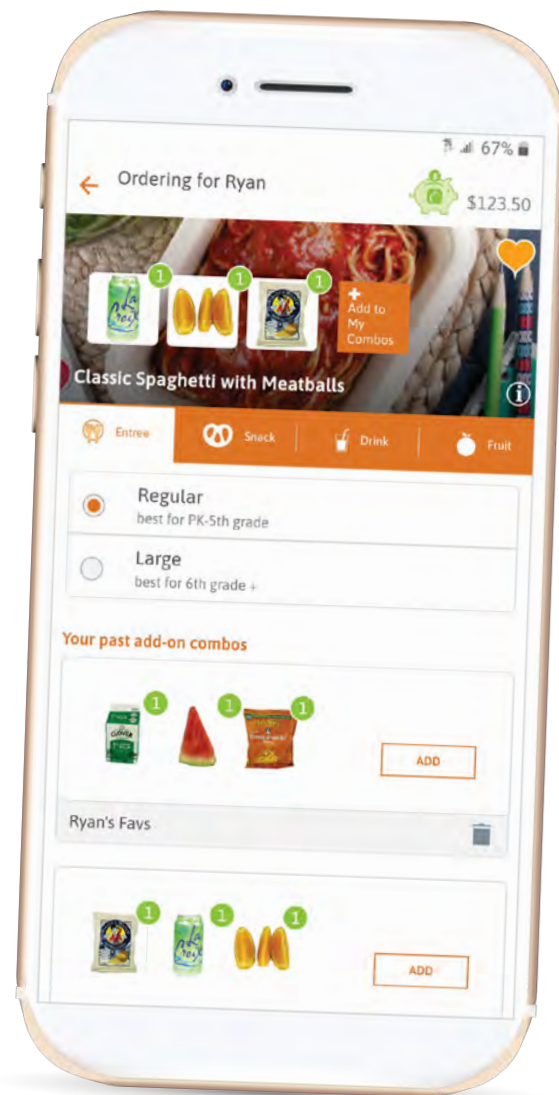
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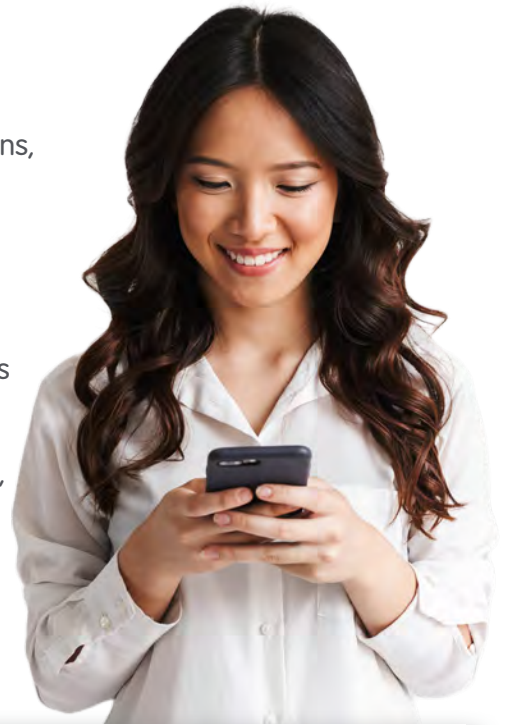
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6. **Whole Ingredients.** We use whole, fresh ingredients sourced responsibly from trusted partners.
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8. **Earth-Friendly.** We care about our planet! Our packaging is either compostable or made from 100% post-consumer recycled materials.
9. **Flexible Deadlines.** Choose from advance ordering to day-of service until 9 am, with on-campus emergency lunches available too.
10. **Superhero Support.** Contact us online or email support@choicelunch.com. We're ready to save the day!

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2. **Build a Meal Plan:** Tailor each kid's meal plan to perfection. Change, cancel, or upgrade anytime. It's all about catering to their unique tastes and needs.
3. **Order with Joy:** Choose from a daily lineup of up to 20 delectable hot and cold entrées. Don't forget to add those sides! Load up on snacks, drinks, fruits, and veggies to your heart's content.
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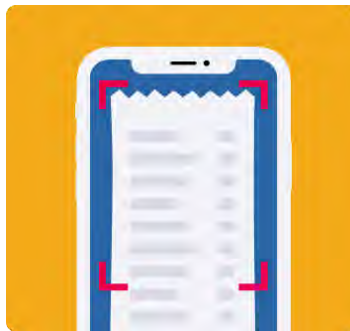


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