



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John Parish

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Letter from the Principal

Dear SJCS Families,

What a wonderful beginning to a terrific 2015-2016 school year! I see so much energy and enthusiasm as the students settle into their classes and routines. Thank you for choosing St. John Catholic School, and welcome home!

On the first day of school, we introduced our school's theme for this year:

#listenloveplando

The faculty and staff chose this theme at our August retreat to help our faith community of students, staff, and parents celebrate our relationship with Jesus. We LISTEN to each other to understand and make decisions rooted in His unconditional LOVE for us. We can then PLAN our actions and DO what we are called to accomplish with God's love and guidance. Of course the theme is very 21st century as we write it as a hashtag!

Speaking of DOing all things in God's love, we must thank our SJCS Parent Club, led by President Daisy Visitacion, for a wildly successful Welcome BBQ on Saturday, August 15! More than 100 friends came together to welcome new families and to catch up with longtime

friends. Thank you to everyone for contributing to the potluck and for sharing time and talents with our SJCS family.

Lastly I hope to see everyone at Back-to-School Night this Thursday at 6 p.m. in the church. All parents are expected to attend.

Blessings,

Mrs. Rachel Gonsalves

Principal

2015-2016 Recess & Lunch Schedule

In order to increase supervision and ensure optimal student safety, here is this year's recess & lunch schedule:

10:00–10:15 K-2 Recess
10:30-10:45 3-8 Recess

11:55-12:15 K-2 Lunch Recess
12:15-12:35 K-2 Eat
12:25-12:40 3-8 Eat
12:40-1:05 3-8 Lunch Recess

Prayer Corner

May your God be someone you can lean on in your weak or painful moments.

May you know God as your rock, your shelter, your strength, your wing of comfort and support. (Ps 94:18)



Fall Festival

St John's Harvest Fall Festival

Friday, October 2, and

Saturday, October 3, 2015

Free Entertainment Live
Music!!*Raffle*Great Food!!
Come play and have fun!!

Pancake Breakfast on Sunday!!

For information regarding sponsorship
or volunteering please call (510) 688-
0669 or sjcsfallfestival@gmail.com

**Please remember that each family is
required to complete at least two (2) of
their total required service hours at
the festival.** Sign up now to secure the
date and time that works best for you.

SJCS School Calendar

The calendar for this year will be
available later this week on our school
website, www.stjohncatholicschool.org.
Please check it out to stay up-to-date!

Student/Parent Handbook 2015-2016 and Photo Release

Enclosed in this week's envelope are the
Handbook and Photo Release signature
pages. Please take a few moments to
read and sign these important forms, and
return them in your envelope tomorrow.
We thank you for your cooperation.

NEW! Fingerprinting for Volunteers

Adults who volunteer at our school,
including as chaperones or drivers on
field trips, must be fingerprinted. *This is
a diocesan mandate.* We will set a date
this fall to offer fingerprinting services at
a SJCS Parent Club meeting. If you will
be volunteering or chaperoning before
this time, you must be fingerprinted
through the Diocese of Oakland Schools

Department offices in Oakland, or you
may make an appointment at
Fingerprinting Services of America, 225
W. Winton Avenue, Suite 120,
Hayward, CA. 1-800-513-2000. You
must pick up a form from the school
office and pay the \$34 fee to SJCS.

Safe Environment Training

All *new* parents that will volunteer at our
school this year must complete this
mandatory diocesan course. The training
cost is \$8, payable to St. John School.
Go to www.shieldthevulnerable.com to
take the course. Once finished, print the
certificate of completion and bring it in
to the school office along with your
check for payment. Thank you.

Welcome New Staff

It is with great pleasure that we
introduce two new staff members to our
SJCS family.

We welcome **Ms. Darlina Serrano**,
administrative assistant in our school
office. Ms. Serrano is a graduate of
University of the Pacific in Stockton,
and spent a year abroad studying in
Spain. She held a number of
administrative and management
positions while at UOP, and she is
looking forward to working with our
students and families at St. John.

We also welcome **Ms. Ashley Krisman**,
our fourth-grade teacher. Ms. Krisman is
a graduate of San Jose State University
and has recently completed coursework
for her multiple subject teaching
credential at Notre Dame de Namur
University in Belmont. She has
experience with children as a coach,
tutor, and teacher. We are so happy to
have Ms. Krisman join our SJCS family
this year!



Capital Campaign Magic Show

You are invited to attend the St. John Capital Campaign Magic Show fundraiser, featuring Magician Dan Chan, voted the Bay Area's Magician of the Year, on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. Ticket pricing:

- Premier Reserved: \$30; includes private Meet the Magician wine and cheese reception at 3:30 p.m.
- Regular Open Seating; \$20
- Bleacher Seating: \$10

For tickets, please call Louie Barranco at 510-278-5315.



Calendar Reminders

The 2015-2016 school calendar will be distributed with next week's envelope. Thank you for your patience while we finalize some important dates.

Back-to-School Night

Thursday, Aug. 27 @ 6 p.m.
in the Church

School Mass

Wednesday, Sept. 2 @ 8:30 a.m.

School Board Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 3 @ 6 p.m.

Labor Day – No School

Monday, Sept. 7

Parent Club Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 10 @ 7 p.m.

ITBS Testing

Sept. 14-18, 2015

Handbook Reminder of the Week

Each week, look for a gentle reminder from our 2015-2016 Parent/Student Handbook. This week we will focus on our uniform policy for footwear:

Foot Attire: Shoes must be solid gray, brown, black, or white with a rubber sole for safety and consistency purposes. Velcro must always be closed and secured, and shoelaces must be worn and tied at all times. Shoelaces must be white or black and complement the shoes. Socks must always be worn and must be visible at all times. Socks must be solid white or solid uniform green only. During cold weather, solid color green or white uniform tights may be worn under the jumper and skirt only. Leggings are not allowed.

Footwear styles that are *not* permitted include, but are not limited to, boots, sandals, clogs, platforms, open-toe shoes, jellies, slip-on shoes, flats, shoes with removable heels, and shoes with heels higher than one inch (1"). Because styles change rapidly, faculty and staff reserve the right to determine appropriateness of footwear.

Our SJCS uniform is a point of pride. Please check with your child's teacher if you have any questions. Thank you for helping us keep our school uniform *uniform!*