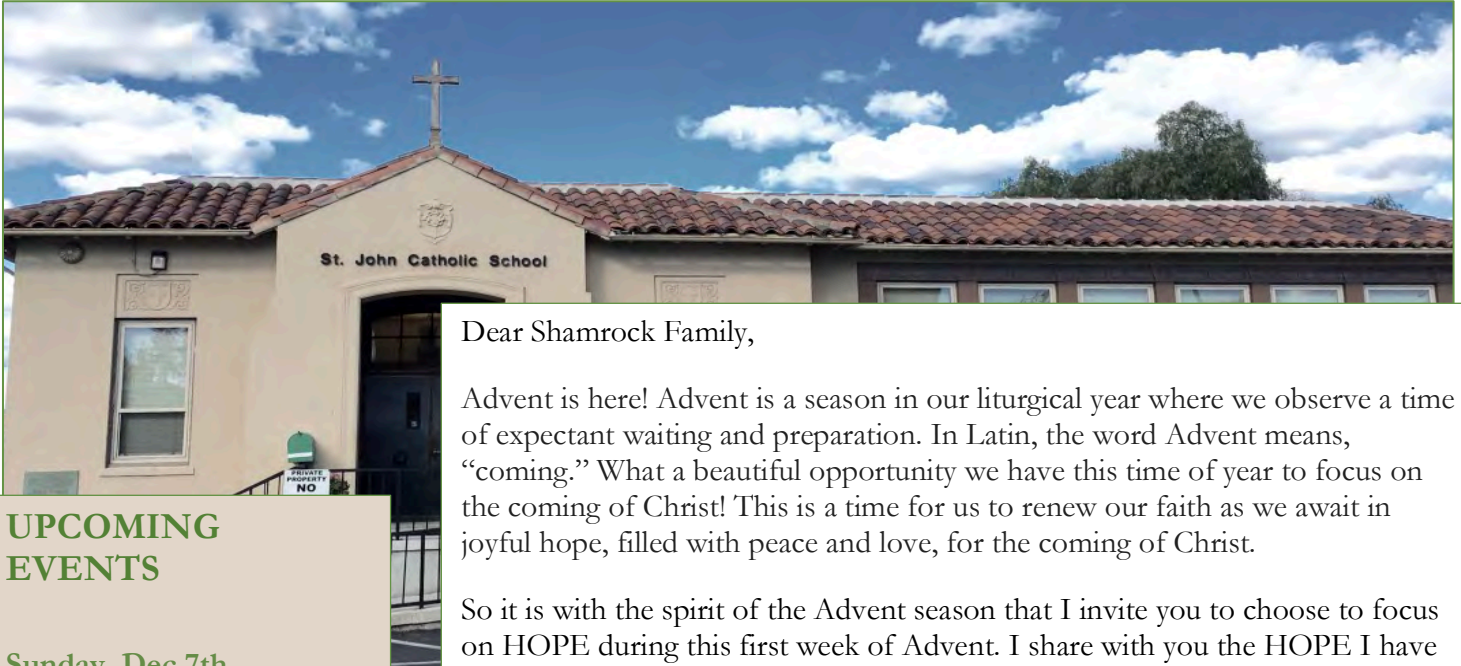


DECEMBER 4, 2019



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Dec 7th

Class Mass (5th & 3rd)

Tuesday, Dec 10th

Advent Reconciliation for students

Wednesday, Dec 11th

8th Grade Honor Roll

Advent Reconciliation for students

Thursday, Dec 12th

Santa Shop

PTG Meeting

Friday, Dec 13th

Santa Shop

Nacho Sale \$1

Tuesday, Dec 17th

Santa Pictures

Dear Shamrock Family,

Advent is here! Advent is a season in our liturgical year where we observe a time of expectant waiting and preparation. In Latin, the word Advent means, "coming." What a beautiful opportunity we have this time of year to focus on the coming of Christ! This is a time for us to renew our faith as we await in joyful hope, filled with peace and love, for the coming of Christ.

So it is with the spirit of the Advent season that I invite you to choose to focus on HOPE during this first week of Advent. I share with you the HOPE I have in the future of our school when I witness the love, care and concern of our St. John Catholic School staff. Their relentless preparation for and support of student learning, as well as their care toward the social and emotional well being of our students is admirable. I also am filled with HOPE when I observe kind, selfless involvement of parents and grandparents- those who serve not to seek anything other than a stronger parish/school community. Lastly, I am incredibly HOPEFUL for the future of our world when I recognize the generosity of our students. The love they share when creating cards for, donating food to, and curating and distributing food care packages to the less fortunate in our parish community is an absolute testament to their Christ-centeredness and drive to serve. I thank all those who donated to our canned food drive and in a very special way, thank our 6th grade class (pictured below) for their time shared assembling and gifting food packages over the Thanksgiving break.

With a Hopeful Heart,
Ms. Paige Child



Announcements

REMINDER

Service Hours and Fundraising status reports will go home before Christmas break. Please submit your green book before **December 11th** to ensure your hours are up to date. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Aimee at asire@csdo.org

BELL SCHEDULE

10:05 -10:25 K-2 Recess

10:40 -10:55 3-8 Recess

11:50 - 12:30 K-2 Recess

12:10-12:30 K-2 Lunch

12:15- 12:30 3-8 Lunch

12:30 – 12:55 3-8 Reces

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please visit our school website to access the school calendar.

<http://www.stjohncatholicsechool.org/calendar.html>

If you would like to subscribe to/ add our calendar to a device just add this link

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/ch3o3n0fpm4v0tpth3ntm38lq4%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics>

SCRIP SPECIAL – NO FEE ON CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

On December 5th and 6th only, you will get access to special bonuses and you do not pay the 2.6% per transaction fee when you pay with a Discover, Mastercard, or Visa credit card! Take advantage of this limited-time opportunity by simply entering your credit card information at checkout. It is the easiest way to feel good about giving back to SJCS during the holidays.

For more information about this deal or to enroll online, please contact Ms. Aimee.

LAST CALL FOR 2019 SCRIP ORDERS!!!!

Now is time to order SCRIP for your holiday grocery shopping and Christmas gift giving!

Please not that Dec.12 is the last SCRIP order before Christmas.

What is SCRIP?

SCRIP is Fundraising While You Shop®, it turns everyday shopping into cash for SJCS when families use retail gift cards to pay for everyday purchases (like gas and groceries) instead of the usual credit/debit card or other money.

How? Profits from your purchases count toward your family's annual \$300 fundraising obligation. Did you know there are over 700 retailers to choose from? Visit www.shopwithscrip.com for a complete list of participating vendors!

School Only Weekly Mass Beginning in January

After some safety concerns have been raised by parents regarding students being in attendance for Wednesday morning mass with the larger parish community, the school administration has decided to make the shift to having school-only weekly Wednesday mass beginning in the new year. This will mean that school students and staff will be the only people permitted to enter the church and be in attendance at school weekly masses. Students and supervising staff will enter the church through one door and that door will be closed and remain locked for the duration of mass. Student safety is the primary concern, alongside maintaining Catholic Identity, and the school administration is highly dedicated to both. Parent support and partnership is appreciated.

Catechists Needed

Our parish community is in desperate need of volunteers to be catechists for our parish confirmation classes. The 6:30pm Thursday confirmation class is low on leaders and would benefit greatly from faith-filled community members to guide young-adult confirmation students. If you are interested in giving an hour or so of your time each week to share your faith with the youth of our community, please email **Marriann Galang @ marri.galang@gmail.com** Up to 10 school service hours honored for volunteering!

An Invitation from Father Sergio

We are close to the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This celebration is very important in our community like many others. For this reason, it is an important time to celebrate together as a parish family. The prayer of the Holy Rosary is devotion of our Catholic Church that gives us the grace to receive blessings from our Lord Jesus Christ through the intercession of the Queen of Heaven.

I want to invite you once again to join this celebration, together with your whole group. I have added the calendar of the fays in which you are asked to be present and lead the Rosary. The way to organize the prayer of the Rosary is left to your own initiative. I invite the coordinators to agree on the organization of the Rosary. Hopefully you can put the service of the community their own initiative to make the Rosary an attractive way to invite our faithful to be in prayer.

The school community is invited to join in this celebration today, Wednesday, December 4th at 6:15pm, at the church. The rosary will take place between 6:30-7pm and then Spanish mass will follow. Please take this opportunity to bring your family to be part of this holy celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe!

Parish Christmas Concert

The 2nd annual St. John Catholic Church Christmas Concert will take place On Wednesday, December 18th at 7pm in the church. We invite our school families to attend. Our very own school choir and first grade class will be performing at this concert, so it would be wonderful to have the school community in attendance to support these participants. Come and enjoy music and ministry to prepare yourself for the Christmas holiday!

School Christmas Program

The St. John Catholic School Christmas Program will take place on Thursday, December 19th at 6:30pm in the church. Students are asked to be dressed in Christmas best attire and are to be dropped off at their homeroom classrooms at 6pm. From there, parents may head to the church to take their seats and teachers will escort classes over to the church prior to the 6:30pm start. We look very forward to celebrating the talent of our students along with the spirit of the Christmas season!

Christmas Eve Mass

School students grades K-8 are invited to take part in the Christmas Eve Mass at 4:30pm on December 24th. If your child might be interested, please see the participation form included below.

WHAT'S LOST CAN BE FOUND! /SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITY

Our Lost and Found bin, located just outside the school's science lab, is overflowing with jackets and sweatshirts, lunch pails, notebooks, and more. If you have any items "missing," please check the bin. Parents/students are requested to check the lost and found before December 19th. After the 19th, all remaining clothes will be washed and placed in uniform exchange. Thank you for your cooperation in returning items to the rightful owner. In addition we are looking for volunteers to take the left over lost and found to wash over winter break for exchange of service hours, if you are interested please contact Ms. Marlene for additional information at magutierrez@csdo.org

St. John Parish Christmas Eve Family Mass

Our Christmas Eve Family Mass will again be celebrated at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, December 24, 2019. Children from kindergarten through 8th grade are invited to take an active role in this liturgy. Participation can be in non-speaking acting roles in the Christmas Gospel drama, by singing in the choir, or as readers.

All who wish to participate must attend a required rehearsal on Saturday, December 21, in the church: at 9:30 a.m.

Parents are needed at both the rehearsal and the Mass to help guide the children who will be in the Gospel drama. Some simple costumes will be provided but most children will wear regular clothing.

Mass on Christmas Eve begins at 4:30 pm. All actors, readers and choir members must be in church by 4:00 pm.

Please fill out the form below and return the bottom portion of this page to school by Friday, December 13.

Keep this upper portion of the page for your own reference. Return the bottom part.

Christmas Eve Mass Children's Participation Form

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please check only one category for the child's preference:

_____ Actor roles, (non-speaking) The parts of Mary, Joseph, angels and shepherds will be determined on the day of the rehearsal.

_____ Choir

_____ Readers (must be 5th grade or older, with some experience reading at Mass)

_____ Parents - Can you help during the rehearsal and the Mass? _____ Yes _____ No

SCRIP ORDER 2019 - 2020

Family Name _____
 Name & Grade of oldest child _____

****Orders Due by December 12, 2019.

Entertainment	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Century Theaters	4%	\$25		
Century Theaters Single Admit	8.5%	\$11		
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	7%	\$10		
		\$25		
Retail	%	\$	QTY	Net \$
Amazon.com	2.25%	\$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.shopwithscrip.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, December 12 , 2019 10:00 AM.
Get a head start on 2019-2020 fundraising!

TOTAL \$ _____

- I will pick up my Scrip Order at the school office I will pick up my Scrip Order at SEP
 Please send home Scrip Order with eldest child

Purchased By (please print) _____ Phone # _____

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December 24 - 25 - CLOSED
December 31 - Closing at 4:00 PM
January 1 - CLOSED**

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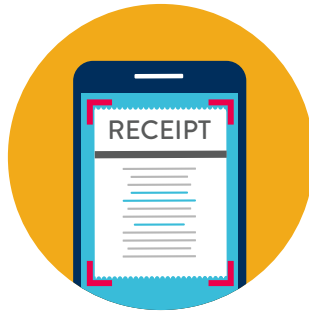


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THE OLD BOX TOPS CLIPS



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You can still clip and send them to school.

Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for your school. Make sure each one has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.

** All valid Box Tops clips submitted per the Program Rules by a Coordinator(s) of (an) eligible, enrolled school(s) will be honored.*

THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS



Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Top label.

If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. **Box Tops are still worth 10¢ each for your school.** The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.