



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish

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Letter from the Principal

Happy Catholic Schools Week!

This past weekend we celebrated the opening of CSW at the 9:30 a.m. mass followed by Open House. Thank you to the many who helped showcase our wonderful school and celebrate our ministry in the parish. I would like to especially thank the Knights of Columbus for the Pancake Breakfast, School Board President Lehua Lee, Parent Club President Daisy Visitacion, Book Fair Chairperson Mrs. Monica Gioukaris, and **ALL** of the parent volunteers who helped make Open House a success! Thank you for sharing your Shamrock spirit.

Please do not forget to complete and return your *Intent to Return* forms by this Friday, February 5. This information will help us plan for the 2016-2017 school year to maintain the quality programs in place and perhaps add more programs in the future for our students.

Fr. Mike Lacey announced this past weekend that Fr. Sergio Lopez will be joining our St. John family as pastor, effective July 1, 2016. Fr. Sergio Lopez is currently the pastor of Corpus Christi in Niles (Fremont). We look forward to sharing our educational ministry with him!

Blessings,
Mrs. Rachel Gonsalves

Student Emergency Kits

Thank you to all of our families who brought in Student Emergency Kits. All kits are safely stored in our emergency supply shed. Our teachers will send home the kits the last week of school, and we ask families to return them in the fall with items that are fresh for the new school year. Thank you for helping keep your child ready and prepared in the event of an emergency.

Congratulations First Reconciliation Students!

The community of St. John Catholic School would like to congratulate the following 2nd grade students for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, January 30:

Masiela Aguilera-Calderon
Lorenzo Bracamonte
Arianna Chacon
Xavier Fitzgerald
Eleni Gioukaris
Adrian Gutierrez
Enevy Hinojos
Amariah Iglesias
Damian Lopez
Claire Maricle
Fernando Perez
Shyla Sales
Juliette Thompson
Ayana Wilmot

Thank you to Mrs. Elliot for preparing our children, to Ms. Dandan for providing the music to celebrate this special prayer service, and to Fr. Mike Lacey for celebrating this sacrament with our children and families.

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are noon dismissal days!**

Congratulations SJCS 2016 Science Fair Winners!

On Thursday, January 28, our community gathered to celebrate our students and projects presented for our annual SJCS Science Fair. The judges awarded ribbons to the following students for outstanding achievement. We congratulate you, and look forward to the next step in this annual science competition!

(Note: Students only in grades 7-8 may qualify for the diocesan science fair held at St. Joseph Notre Dame High School.)

4th Grade Honorable Mention

Isabella DeRosa
Caitlyn Colontuono

5th Grade Honorable Mention

Angelina Ornelas
Ana Paredes
Sophia Thompson
Joshua Hoffmann
Waileia Lee

6th Grade Honorable Mention

Miguel Dela Vega
Charlie Reed
Cristian Martinez

7th Grade

Honorable Mention - Tobenna Igwe
3rd Place - Troy Round
2nd Place - Sade Ngyen
1st Place - Jai Dhawan

8th Grade

Honorable Mention - Ericka Soliman
3rd Place - Daniela Hupke
2nd Place - Karill Alfonso-Yumul
1st Place - Kainoa Lee



CYO Crab Feed

CYO's annual crab feed is coming up this Saturday, February 6. Don't forget to order your all-you-can-eat crab feed tickets today, they are first come first serve!

Handbook Policy of the Week

This week we will provide a reminder from D. Appearance, Uniform, and Dress Codes

7. Non-uniform dress may be allowed on designated days. Modest and appropriate dress must be worn. Sundresses, bare midriffs, tank tops, cut-offs, athletic and biker shorts, mini skirts, backless, strapless, halter-neck, and any clothing with offensive or suggestive decals, logos, or messages are not allowed. In addition, fatigues, spandex or tight capris, leggings, long underwear, pj-type bottoms, oversized clothing or white "underwear type" t-shirts are not allowed.

Athletic attire may be allowed on days such as CSW Olympics Day, Field Day, and retreat days. Those days will be specified and approved by the Principal.

Students who do not follow this code may not be allowed to attend class or participate in any activity on the day the violation occurs. Students may be made to wait in the office until appropriate clothing is brought from home. The Principal reserves the right to determine uniform and non-uniform day compliance and the appropriateness of children's apparel and grooming. Because styles change rapidly, faculty and staff reserve the right to determine appropriateness of non-uniform attire.

Celebrating our Life-Long Learners!

This week SJCS is celebrating our Students of the Month for outstanding achievement and recognition of the Student Learning Expectation: A Life-Long Learner.

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These students stand out among their peers and consistently demonstrate the following attributes:

- Works cooperatively and independently to achieve a positive outcome
- Exhibits a continuing curiosity and enthusiasm for learning
- Uses problem-solving and critical thinking skills to learn from practice and experience
- Demonstrates age-appropriate mastery of basic curriculum, skills, and concepts
- Uses technology for learning and enjoyment
- Is aware of current events and global issues

We congratulate the following students as our Students of the Month!

8 th grade	Kainoa Lee
7 th grade	Sebastian Lopez
6 th grade	Justin Lai
5 th grade	Waileia Lee
4 th grade	Brooke Brown
3 rd grade	Jamie Amond
2 nd grade	Claire Maricle
1 st grade	Jeremy Samson
Kdg	Bennett Chambers
PreK	Teralani Visitacion

Free Dress Day – Catholic Schools Week Kids for Kids Fundraiser

St. John Catholic School will host a "Free Dress Day" fundraiser on February 4, 2016 during Catholic Schools Week. The purpose of our fundraiser is to support STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) programs benefitting deserving Catholic schools in our area.

Instead of wearing a uniform to school on Thursday, students are allowed to wear jeans/casual clothes (please adhere to the SJCS non-uniform dress code found in the Parent-Student Handbook). This is a way for our Kids to help other Kids. The

minimum donation is \$1 per student. Remember that all proceeds go to support Catholic schools in our diocese.



Noon Dismissal

Friday, February 5

St. John CYO Crab Feed

Saturday, February 6

Ash Wednesday School Liturgy

Wednesday, February 10, 10:30 a.m.

Noon Dismissal

Friday, February 12

Valentine's Day Class Celebrations

Friday, February 12, Noon dismissal

St. John Junior High Root Dance

Friday, February 12, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross, 2 p.m.

Friday, February 19 (2nd, 7th gr)

Friday, February 26 (3rd, 4th gr)

Friday, March 4 (PreK, 6th gr)

Friday, March 11 (1st, 5th gr)

Friday, March 18 (Kdg, 8th)

Lenten Soup Supper

Wednesdays: February 17, February 24, March 2, and **March 9***

Tuesday: March 15

Gym Meeting Room, 5:30 p.m.

(*St. John Catholic School sponsored event)

Assembly, Catholic Relief Services- Thomas Awiapo

Thursday, February 18, 2 p.m.

Lillian Black Arts Festival

Bishop O'Dowd High School

Sunday, February 28

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