



# St. John Catholic School

*Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish*

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## **Letter from the Principal**

Today we begin the Lenten season, and during this Year of Mercy, we give thanks and praise to God for his kindness and mercy toward us. Pope Francis calls us to live Lent intensely –pay close attention to the endless ways God shows us compassion and mercy, and today is the day we can begin acting with greater kindness and mercy toward others (as well as ourselves.) So let us begin today, the first day of Lent, to grow closer to God with openness and generosity.

Many are taught that we must “give up” something during Lent; rather, I challenge you to DO something to fill your spirit and soul this Lenten season. DO something kind for someone else. DO go to Mass each Sunday, and strive to make this a habit if it’s not already. DO pray as you begin your day. DO be forgiving to others as God is to you. What else can you DO?

Blessings,  
Mrs. Rachel Gonsalves

## **Thank You Knights of Columbus!**

A GREAT big THANK YOU to the Knights of Columbus for hosting the Pancake Breakfast on January 31. All proceeds from the breakfast were donated to St. John Catholic School. We appreciate the Knights’ generosity and commitment to our parish Catholic elementary school!

## **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.



## **Now Accepting Applications for the 2016-2017 School Year**

Please share the good news about St. John Catholic School with your friends and family! We are accepting applications now for grades PreK-7 for the 2016-2017 school year. Applications are available in the school office, and new student testing begins the week of February 22.

## **Intent to Return Forms Now (Over)Due**

Thank you to the 60% of our families who returned the *Intent to Return* forms! – but that means 40% haven’t! This information is important to SJCS for planning and budgeting purposes for the upcoming school year. Please let us know if you will return to SJCS in the fall. We want to plan that you will continue to be a member of our school family community!

### **Congratulations SJCS Students Representing at Diocesan Science Fair**

We are proud of our students who represented St. John Catholic School at the Diocesan Science Fair this past Saturday at St. Joseph Notre Dame. Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, Daniela Hupke, Erika Soliman, Kainoa Lee, and 7<sup>th</sup> grader Sade Nguyen for taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place in various categories. Our 7<sup>th</sup> grader, Jai Dhawan, took 1<sup>st</sup> place and Finalist honors and will be moving on to the Alameda County Science Fair in March!

### **Congratulations Open House Raffle Winners!**

Thank you to all who attended our Catholic Schools Week Open House. Families that brought "Future Shamrocks" with them and all Future Shamrocks that turned in their SJCS Passport were entered into a drawing for a \$100 Target gift card. Congratulations to Sophia Thompson, our current "Shamrock" family winner and congratulations to Michael Burns, our "Future Shamrock" winner. Please see Ms. Darlina Serrano in the office to claim your prize.

### **Handbook Policy of the Week**

This week we will provide a reminder from *II. Academic Information; F. Grading and Related Topics;*

#### **4. Characteristics That Support Learning**

Work Habits and Behavior/Social Development/Effort criteria are reflected separately from academic achievement on report cards in the Diocese of Oakland. Work Habit and Behavior/Social Development/Effort scores are earned in grades 1-8 beginning in the 2015-2016 school year using the following codes:

E – Exceeds: Student consistently demonstrates the characteristic

M – Meets: Student demonstrates the characteristic most or some of the time

N – Needs Improvement: Student seldom demonstrates the characteristic

#### **Work Habits**

1. Shows positive attitude towards learning
2. Listens attentively
3. Follows directions
4. Is a self-directed learner
5. Demonstrates self confidence and seeks help appropriately
6. Organizes self, materials, and belongings
7. Completes quality classroom assignments on time
8. Completes and returns quality homework on time
9. Produces quality work consistently
10. Has appropriate attention span
11. Works to ability

#### **Behavior/Social Development/Effort**

12. Actively serves and enriches the community
13. Contributes to the learning environment
14. Practices self-management skills
15. Cooperates with others and solves problems appropriately
16. Collaborates effectively with others
17. Takes responsibility for his/her own choices and actions
18. Follows classroom and school routines and procedures
19. Respectful of rights, opinions, and property of others

### **SCRIP Orders - due February 18**

Order forms are included in this week's envelope and due back to the school office on Thursday, February 18. Don't forget that a percentage of your SCRIP amount goes toward your family's \$300 fundraising obligation.



**Parent Club Meeting**

Thursday, February 11, 6:30 p.m.

**Noon Dismissal - Valentine's Day  
(observed @ SJCS)**

Friday, February 12

**St. John Junior High Root Dance**

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

**St. John CYO Cheerleading  
Exhibition Day**

Saturday, February 13, 10 a.m. @ St. John  
Gym

**No School – Presidents' Day**

Monday, February 15

**Stations of the Cross, 2 p.m.**

Friday, February 19 (2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> gr)

Friday, February 26 (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> gr)

Friday, March 4 (PreK, 6<sup>th</sup> gr)

Friday, March 11 (1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> gr)

Friday, March 18 (Kdg, 8<sup>th</sup>)

**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.

**Parent Coffee Chat**

Friday, February 26, 8:05 a.m.

**End of Trimester 2**

Friday, February 26

**Lillian Black Arts Festival**

Bishop O'Dowd High School

Sunday, February 28

**Social Media**

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follow us on twitter, and tag us in your  
Instagram photos.



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