



# St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish

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## **Letter from the Principal**

This week we are preparing for one of the most memorable weeks in Catholic education – National Catholic Schools Week! Be sure to read this week's newsletter and the enclosed schedule so you and your family don't miss any of the fun and exciting events!

CSW celebrations really started last Friday with our first annual Alumni Basketball Game, followed by an exciting match with the SJCS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class vs. SJCS Faculty/Staff. We were thrilled with the enthusiastic support of all our students and families who truly exemplify what it means to have Shamrock Spirit. Thank you to those who coordinated the event, volunteered to serve, and those who came to support our school. We did make a small profit, and proceeds will go directly to our quality art education program headed by Mrs. Babcock. Thank you!

As a gentle reminder, please complete and return your *Intent to Return* forms by 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.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Saturday, January 30 at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited to join in this special sacrament.

Lastly, but perhaps most importantly, our pastor Fr. Mike Lacey made a very important announcement this past weekend at mass and in this week's parish bulletin:

*I am sharing important news, which isn't easy for me. In my homily last weekend, I did mention that in two months' time I'll be celebrating my 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. Now I must tell you that I am retiring as of July 1. This has not been an easy decision for me, but my energy level is greatly depleted due to some ongoing health issues... I will soon be able to tell you all the name of the new St. John the Baptist pastor. In the meantime, I will keep you all in my prayers and ask you all to pray for me.*

We keep Fr. Mike Lacey and our St. John the Baptist parish in our prayers.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Rachel Gonsalves

**A gentle reminder that Friday, January 29 is a noon dismissal so we can prepare our wonderful school to welcome visitors to our annual Open House on Sunday, January 31!**

## **Student Emergency Kits – DUE THIS FRIDAY!**

During the month of January, families will be asked to provide an emergency pack for their child(ren). Required supplies include two 16oz. bottles of water, six

high protein bars or one 2400-calorie Datrix food ration bar, and one pair of underwear. A letter to your child is recommended. All consumable items should not expire before June 2016.

For your reference, a sample kit is on display in the front office.

Supply kits can be turned in to your child's teacher now through January 29. These kits will be sent home at the end of the school year and will be collected in August for the 2016-2017 school year.

Thank you for helping keep your child ready and prepared in the event of an emergency.

### **CYO Crab Feed**

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

### **SCRIP Orders-DUE THURSDAY!**

Order forms are included in this week's envelope and due back to the school office this Thursday, January 28. Don't forget that a percentage of your SCRIP amount goes toward your family's \$300 fundraising obligation. Please note the upcoming bonuses on the back of the order form.

### **Parent Club Invitation**

The SJCS Parent Club will be hosting our next Coffee Chat Friday, January 29th, at 8:05am. Our theme will be Catholic Schools Week. Please stop by our Parent Club information table at Catholic Schools Week open house and save the date for our next general Parent Club meeting: Thursday, February 11th, at 6:30pm. We will be planning for our Spring Social/Auction.

### **Book Fair Volunteers Needed**

We welcome Mrs. Monica Gioukaris as the SJCS winter Book Fair coordinator. Our Scholastic Book Fair will run from January 28-February 2, and volunteers will

be needed to set up, help with sales, and pack up at the end of the fair. Please sign up to volunteer with the following link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094fa5ab2fa5fb6-open>

This is a great way to earn service hours and help our school!

### **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.

## **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 suggested donation is \$1 per student. Remember that all donations will be shared with other Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Oakland!



### **Science Fair**

Thursday, January 28, 6:30 p.m.

### **Coffee Chat**

Friday, January 29, 8:05 a.m.

### **Noon Dismissal – Open House Preparation**

Friday, January 29

### **First Reconciliation**

Saturday, January 30, 10 a.m.

### **Opening of Catholic Schools Week**

Sunday, January 31, 2016

8 a.m. Pancake Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Mass

10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Open  
House and Book Fair

(12:30-1:30 en espanol)

### **Ash Wednesday School Liturgy**

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

### **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.

### **Social Media**

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Instagram photos.



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