



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish

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Letter from the Principal

All families are encouraged to join our school for Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 2 p.m. during Lent. If you have not yet joined us, please come this Friday, March 11th when our 1st and 5th grade students will lead us in this prayerful and contemplative tradition. We end our scheduled Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 18th with a presentation by our kindergarten and 8th grade classes.

I look forward to seeing many of you at tonight's Lenten Soup Night! Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. This is a good way to share a simple meal and enjoy friendship and fellowship with our community.

***God who created me,
You offer me new life through your Son
and through the gift of your
sacraments.***

***While I see new life all around me,
I don't always recognize the new life
you offer me.***

***Help me to grow this Lent
in an awareness
of the gifts you place in my life
and in a greater appreciation
for your care.***

Give me the courage to ask for help.

Amen.

Blessings,
Mrs. Rachel Gonsalves

REMINDER!

Financial aid deadlines are fast approaching! Please see the article about financial aid in this newsletter. Remember that in order to qualify for school-based tuition assistance, you must first apply for FACE or BASIC.

Are you read for the FUN RUN!

This week we began our exciting school-wide Fun Run fundraiser! Students attended an energetic and exciting kick-off rally on Monday, and they're enjoying daily events like dance parties during lunch!

Credits to your fundraising balance will be determined by the amount of money we raise as a school – the more pledges we receive, the greater our profits!

Remember that you can get pledges by forwarding our website link to your family and friends! Email the link

www.StJohnFunRun.com to your contacts with your child's name and grade.

If you have any questions about this fundraiser, please contact Mr. Enos at 510-276-6632 or at denos@csdo.org.

Welcome Ms. Samluk!

Please give a warm welcome to Ms. Donna Samluk, who will be joining us as the long-term sub for Mrs. Stalker in 5th grade. Ms. Samluk came to meet the class last week and led the students in a wonderful religion class that included making prayer gardens. While she will be working with Mrs. Stalker at the end of this week, she officially begins on Tuesday, March 15. Welcome to our family, Ms. Samluk!

Congratulations 8th Grade Boys! Diocesan CHAMPS!



Congratulations to the St. John CYO 8th Grade boys' team who won the championship game vs. St. Leander on Sunday, March 6. The St. John CYO cheerleaders also came to cheer on the team to victory.

SJCS 8th graders on the team included Isaiah Thomas, Patrick Ramos, and Jeremy Berena, coached by SJCS PE Teacher Joe Thomas and SJCS Alum Derek Hull-Jenkins.

Are You Up-to-Date?!

We will soon be distributing registration packets in March for the 2016-2017 school year. Packets will be available to those families who are up-to-date with their tuition and fee payments. Please make sure that you are in good financial standing with the school.

If you have any questions about your status, please contact Mrs. McClintock, our school bookkeeper, M-F 8 a.m.-3p.m. at 510-276-6632.

FACE and BASIC Financial Aid

Applications Now Available

FACE (Family Aid - Catholic Education) and BASIC financial aid applications are now available.

BASIC is available for new students whose families meet all the application requirements. **The deadline to apply is March 11, 2016.** For more information, please pick up an application in our school office or go to www.basicfund.org.

FACE applications are now available in the school office or by applying on-line at www.my.psas.org. This application requires documentation for income received in 2015. **The deadline to apply is March 16, 2016.**

NEW! Please read:

All families wishing to be considered for in-house tuition assistance through the school *must* first apply for FACE before the March 16, 2016 deadline. If you are currently receiving aid or wish to apply for the 2016-2017 school year, you must first complete a PSAS application and apply for FACE before consideration for in-house tuition assistance.

If you have any questions regarding FACE, BASIC, or in-house tuition assistance, please contact us. Deadlines established by FACE and BASIC are firm; a missed deadline will mean a missed opportunity.

Sharing God's Mercy – 2016 Bishop's Appeal

We continue to support the annual Bishop's Appeal. Our parish goal is \$28,500. If you were unable to contribute and pledge, you can pick up a Bishop's Appeal envelope in the Rectory. You can mail your contribution directly to the address given – please make sure to mark your donation from St. John the Baptist San Lorenzo so it's credited to our parish. For more information, please visit: <http://www.oakdiocese.org/giving/bishop-ps-appeal-2016>

Policy – Toys at School - Kendamas

It is school policy that toys be kept at home and not brought to school; however, we do recognize the fad and numerous benefits that come with the current Kendama craze.

At this time, we will allow Kendamas to be brought to school and they may be used *only* during morning recess and lunch recess. Kendamas may not be used in the mornings in the yard before assembly and prayer, in the hallways or classrooms at any time, or during dismissal. Kendamas must be stored in backpacks and must not be out and visible during these times.

This policy is for the safety of our students as well as to ensure their focus and attention. If Kendamas are out during non-authorized times, staff may collect them and will make arrangements to return the item at their discretion. Students may lose the privilege of bringing Kendamas to school if issues persist. The school is not responsible for loss or theft of personal items brought from home, including Kendamas.

Lenten Soup Night – TONIGHT **Sponsored by St. John Catholic School**

Join the St. John the Baptist Parish for Lenten Soup Night beginning at 5:30 p.m. tonight in the gym meeting room. This is a free event sponsored tonight by St. John Catholic School. It is a time for us to share a simple meal together in community. All are welcome.



Stations of the Cross, 2 p.m.

Friday, March 4 (PreK, 6th gr)

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

Friday, March 18 (Kdg, 8th)

Lenten Soup Supper

Wednesday: **March 9***

Tuesday: March 15

Gym Meeting Room, 5:30 p.m.

(*St. John Catholic School sponsored event)

No School – Teacher In-Service

Monday, March 14

SJCS Fun Run Day

Tuesday, March 22

MUSE Band Concert

Wednesday, March 23

Easter Break

March 24-April 1

School resumes April 4

Social Media

Don't forget to like us on Facebook, follow us on twitter, and tag us in your Instagram photos.



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