



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John Parish

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Letter from the Principal

Dear SJCS Families,

This week marks an important week in the school year – ITBS standardized testing week for students in grades 2-8.

This test is important for us to help form instruction for whole class and individual students. We use these scores to help determine instructional materials, curriculum, and professional development for teachers. We thank you for your partnership in making sure your child is well rested and well nourished to do his/her very best!

Thank you to our PreK and 7th grade classes for hosting the 9:30 a.m. mass this past weekend. Congratulations to 7th grade lectors Sebastian Lopez and Lucas Bega, and to all the students who participated in the choir, as greeters, and as altar servers. I am so proud of you!

All families are invited each week to participate in our parish's weekend liturgical celebrations. *On weekends when YOUR class is hosting the mass, all families from those classes are expected to attend.* I look forward to seeing greater participation in the weeks to come!

Blessings,
Mrs. Rachel Gonsalves
Principal

Pope Francis' Visit to the United States



Soon we welcome Pope Francis to the United States for his first-ever visit to our country. Teachers will be sharing information about his visit with the classes, and we share this information with parents so you can stay informed as well. To follow the news:

www.facebook.com/TheCatholicVoice
www.CatholicVoiceOakland.org
www.catholicnews.com
www.catholicnewsagency.com
www.ewtn.com
www.worldmeeting2015.org

NEW! Consent to Contact

Enclosed in this week's envelope is the *Consent to Contact* form that needs to be signed and returned in your Wednesday envelope.

FCC regulations protect you from unwanted calls and text messages. The TCPA requires you to "opt in" to receive automated calls, including those from St. John Catholic School. Our automated phone call system is designed to contact families in the event of an emergency or to share important and vital information

about the school and community. We may use the system to advise you about an unscheduled school closure, for example. We will never sell or share your contact information without your consent.

Please approve, sign, and return the *Consent to Contact* form so we can keep you in the loop. Thank you!

Fingerprinting for Volunteers

October 8, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. @ SJCS. The cost is \$34. Bring payment and a photo I.D. with you. Volunteers must make an appointment. To sign up, go to:
www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0D4CA4AA2BAAF58-parent

Federal Title Funding Update

Did you know that our school participates in the federal program Title I/Title II, which provides funding for the following programs at St. John Catholic School:

Title I: Extra academic support to targeted students in reading, language arts, and math. Examples include student technology and leveled reading books and materials.

Title II: Professional development to ensure highly qualified staff and administrators. Examples include workshops for teachers, professional development reading materials, reading support specialists. This will include professional development workshops related to our new Common Core ELA and math curriculum materials.

We receive these funds from the San Lorenzo Unified School District annually. SLZUSD is responsible to administer these funds to our school. If you have any questions or concerns about these programs, please contact the principal; in addition, if you would like

to register a uniform complaint, please go to the SLZUSD website and click on the link for the policy & forms provided.

Best Wishes to Mr. Erwin!

It is with regret that we say good-bye to our music teacher, Mr. Chris Erwin. He has decided to pursue other opportunities in education, and we wish him the best of luck in this endeavor.

We are in the process of recruiting a music teacher to continue the work that Mr. Erwin had begun with our students. In the meantime, our talented multi-subject credentialed teachers will be developing a music lesson each week, and the junior high students will be working on a music capstone project supervised by their homeroom teachers.

Questionable (hair) Cuts Seen on Campus

Did you know that our school appearance code includes hairstyles? We've seen some questionable cuts on campus, so please make note of the following, and correct as necessary:

Hair must be neatly groomed. Extreme hairstyles and haircuts are not allowed. This includes, but is not limited to, hair designs, shaved heads, mohawks, fauxhawks, fades, and other extreme styles. Because styles change rapidly, faculty and staff reserve the right to determine appropriateness of hairstyles. Hair coloring and highlighting are not permitted.

Boys are to be clean-shaven at all times, and hair must not be longer than the top of the shirt collar.

If you have any questions, please ask your child's teacher for clarification. Thank you.



St John's Harvest Fall Festival

Friday, October 2, and

Saturday, October 3, 2015

***Free Entertainment* Live Music!!**

***Raffle* Great Food!!**

Come play and have fun!!

Pancake Breakfast on Sunday!!

For information regarding sponsorship or volunteering please call (510) 688-0669 or sjcsfallfestival@gmail.com

Please remember that each family is required to complete at least two (2) of their total required service hours at the festival. Sign up now!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094FA5AB2FA0F49-sjcs>

Handbook Reminder of the Week

Each week, look for a gentle reminder from our 2015-2016 Parent/Student Handbook. This week we will focus on the St. John Catholic School **Homework During Absences:**

Arrangements can be made with the child's teacher to collect homework assigned during an absence so the student may keep up with the learning continuum during an excused absence. Teachers are not required to provide homework or classwork in advance of family vacations and trips. Such trips and time away from the classroom are discouraged; they constitute unexcused absences and are not in the best academic interest of the child. Work should be made up in a timely fashion after the child returns to school.

Should an absence take place near the end of a grading period, be aware that work may not be completed and/or graded in time to meet the diocesan cutoff for grade submission, and missing work or missing tests may negatively impact a student's grade.

SJCS School Calendar

The calendar for this year will be available on our school website, www.stjohncatholicschool.org. Please check it out to stay up-to-date!



Healthy Hydration during P.E.

Students are expected to bring a refillable water bottle to school each day, especially on PE days. There is only one water fountain accessible during PE class. To ensure that each child can hydrate during physical activity, please provide your child with a refillable water bottle. Don't forget to clearly mark the bottle with your child's first and last name!

Thank you for your support in helping us ensure safe and productive PE classes for all of our children!



Calendar Reminders

ITBS Testing

Sept. 14-18, 2015

SLVHA Carnival

Saturday, September 19, 2015

8th Grade to Caritas Creek @ CYO

September 21-25, 2015

Picture Day

September 24, 2015

Diocesan Fingerprinting at SJCS

October 8, 2015

5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

THIS WEEKEND!!!



Carnival – 70 Years a Village Celebrate San Lorenzo 1945-2015

You are invited to attend this anniversary celebration marking the 70th anniversary of San Lorenzo Village!

Saturday, September 19, 2015

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Hesperian Blvd. between Paseo
Grande and Via Mercado**

*Games! Food! Lorenzo Theater Tours!
Music! Contests! St. John Catholic
School game booth!*