



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John Parish

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September 2, 2015

Letter from the Principal

Dear SJCS Families,
Thanks to everyone who attended Back-to-School Night last week. It was great to see the church so full on that warm summer evening! I am certain that you enjoyed hearing from the teachers about all the exciting learning opportunities your students will experience this year.

Many times people will ask me about how well St. John Catholic School prepares our children for the future. I attended the 50th anniversary mass at Moreau Catholic High School last week, celebrated by Bishop Barber and priests from throughout the diocese. More than 1,000 students, teachers, principals and guests attended. **Paul John Evangelista**, SJCS Class of 2012, beautifully proclaimed the first reading. **Kristen Howard**, SJCS Class of 2010, was the alumni representative who read the Prayers of the Faithful. Was I proud that both lectors were SJCS graduates? You bet! We are inspiring our students to be active in their faith. This was a living example that we truly do educate the whole child: academically, physically, socially, emotionally ... and spiritually. May all of our students make us proud all the time!

Blessings,
Mrs. Rachel Gonsalves
Principal

2015-2016 Recess & Lunch Schedule

In order to increase supervision and ensure optimal student safety, here is this year's recess & lunch schedule:

10:00–10:15 K-2 Recess

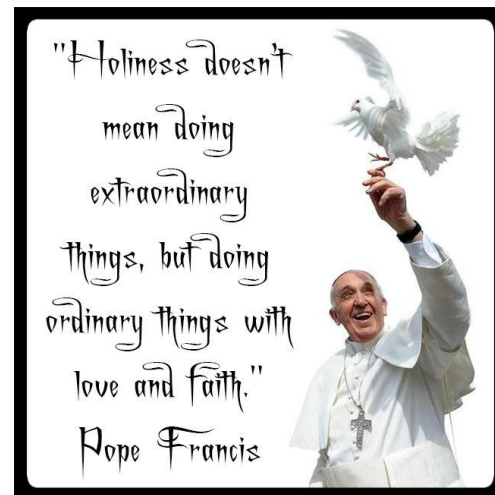
10:30-10:45 3-8 Recess

11:55-12:15 K-2 Lunch Recess

12:15-12:35 K-2 Eat

12:25-12:40 3-8 Eat

12:40-1:05 3-8 Lunch Recess



Safe Environment Training

All *new* parents that will volunteer at our school this year must complete this mandatory diocesan course. The training cost is \$8, payable to St. John School. Go to www.shieldthevulnerable.com to take the course. Once finished, print the certificate of completion and bring it in to the school office along with your check for payment. 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 to secure the
date and time that works best for you.

Celebrate San Lorenzo Carnival

Saturday, September 19, 2015

Celebrate the 70 years of San Lorenzo's
Village Homes Association with food,
games, music and even theater tours!
Come support your fellow Shamrocks at
their booth! It will be located on
Hesperian Blvd. between Paseo Grande
and Via Mercado.

NEW! Fingerprinting for Volunteers

October 8, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. to 8
p.m. a representative from the Dioceses
of Oakland will be on campus to
fingerprint volunteers. The cost is \$34.
We will set up an on-line site to make
your reservation. Please stay for our
monthly Parent Club meeting that
evening as well!

Adults who volunteer at our school,
including as chaperones or drivers on
field trips, must be fingerprinted.
This is a diocesan mandate. If you think
you might already be fingerprinted,
please check with the office staff who
have the SJCS report from the diocese. If
you have been fingerprinted for another
diocesan school, please let the office
know so we can transfer your report to
St. John. Thank you.

SJCS School Calendar

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

Student/Parent Handbook 2015-2016 and Photo Release

Did you return your signed forms?
Thank you for doing so in a timely
manner.

School Counseling Program

Enclosed in this week's envelope is the
Counseling Service Permission page.
Please take a few moments to read and
sign this important form, and return it in
your envelope tomorrow. We thank you
for your cooperation.



Capital Campaign Magic Show

You are invited to attend the St. John
Capital Campaign Magic Show
fundraiser, featuring Magician Dan
Chan, voted the Bay Area's Magician of
the Year, on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015 at
4:30 p.m. Ticket pricing:

- Premier Reserved: \$30; includes private Meet the Magician wine and cheese reception at 3:30 p.m.
- Regular Open Seating; \$20
- Bleacher Seating: \$10

For tickets, please call Louie Barranco at 510-278-5315.

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 **Parent Club**:

All parents/guardians of students who are presently enrolled in the school are considered members of St. John Catholic School Parent Club. General meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. during the school year.

Everyone is invited to assist and participate in making the group a representation of the school community.

The Parent Club aims to:

- *Secure the maximum involvement of the parent community in the educational experiences of their children;*
- *Promote a spirit of Christian community within the school community through social affairs, educational programs, and other group events;*
- *Provide financial assistance in the operation of the parish school through various fundraising efforts.*

School organizations may raise or expend funds only with the approval of the school Principal/Pastor. Any funds left at the end of the school year are put into the general school fund.

Students may participate in and cooperate with fundraising activities

conducted by the school or parish, provided such activities are in accord with policies and regulations in the diocesan Administrative Handbook.



Calendar Reminders

School Board Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 3 @ 6 p.m.

Labor Day – No School

Monday, Sept. 7

Parent Club Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 10 @ 7 p.m.

Capital Campaign Pancake Breakfast/Welcome Principal

Sunday, Sept. 13 @ 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

ITBS Testing

Sept. 14-18, 2015

8th Grade to Caritas Creek @ CYO

Sept. 21-25, 2015

Picture Day

Thursday, Sept. 24

Diocesan Fingerprinting at SJCS

Thursday, Oct. 8 @ 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

***Please remember to return your Wednesday Envelope with your student the following school day.**