



# St. John Catholic School

## Educational Ministry of St. John Parish

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### Letter from the Principal

Dear SJCS Families,

Thank you for sharing with your children the excitement of Pope Francis' visit to the United States last week. It is wonderful to hear Pope Francis express the importance of things we hold dear: family and Catholic education. May the love he brought with him to our country continue to radiate in our lives.

This is an exciting week for us at St. John! Today, students in Grades 3-8 had an assembly to learn about the M.U.S.E. instrumental band program and the annual Blessing of the Animals to honor St. Francis of Assisi. This Friday we kick off our Fall Festival – don't forget that you can purchase wristbands until 9 a.m. tomorrow morning!

On Friday, all students must be picked up at dismissal or be checked in to SEP. At 3:30 p.m., families will be able to come and enjoy a school-only preview of the festival before it opens at 5 p.m. to the public. All students must be accompanied by an adult to participate.

Come and celebrate with our school and parish family! I look forward to seeing you!

Blessings,  
*Mrs. Rachel Gonsalves*  
Principal

### IMPORTANT FESTIVAL INFO

#### SJCS Festival Preview

SJCS students are invited to attend a special time to enjoy our Fall Festival games and activities on Friday, October 2 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Fall Festival will open to the public at 5 p.m.

Please note the following important information about the Preview:

- Pre-sale of the specially priced wristbands must be purchased by THURSDAY morning at 9 a.m., October 1<sup>st</sup>. After this time, wristbands will be available for purchase at the festival after 5 p.m. on Friday.
- Students attending the festival between 3:30-5 p.m. must be accompanied by an adult. Teachers and staff will not be available to supervise students as they will be working the game booths.
- Students in SEP may not attend the festival until they are signed out and accompanied to the festival by an adult.
- Pre-purchased wristbands will be distributed to students before dismissal on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### URGENT!

#### Student Pick Up on October 2

Parents are reminded that our parish and school Fall Festival begins on Friday, October 2. The lot between the church

and the rectory (Area 2) will *not* be accessible that day. Those who pick up students at the end of the day must use the entrance and exits on the west side of the church near the Maryknoll offices (former convent).

We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.



## Fall Festival

### St. John's Harvest Fall Festival

**Friday, October 2, and**

**Saturday, October 3, 2015**

\*Free Entertainment\* Live Music!!

\*Raffle\*Great Food!!

**Pancake Breakfast on Sunday!!**

**Each family is required to complete at least two (2) of their total required service hours at the festival, either in person or through donations.**

<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 **School Schedule**:

*The school day at St. John Catholic School begins promptly at 7:55 a.m. with our community gathering for morning prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and announcements. Students who arrive after morning announcements (approximately 8 a.m.) will be marked tardy.*

*Dismissal is at 2:50 p.m. each day except Wednesdays, when dismissal is 2:30 p.m. occasionally there will be minimum days with a noon dismissal.*

### Special Raffle for Tuition Assistance!

There will be a raffle for tuition assistance at the Fall Festival. Every hour there will be a prize given out, starting at noon.

1 Ticket - \$2.00

6 Tickets - \$10.00

18 Tickets for \$15.00

Arms Length for \$20

Prizes Include, Gift Cards, Gift Baskets and a bike.

### St. Vincent de Paul Service Activity

*Exercise your faith in action ... walk a mile in your neighbor's shoes!*

St. John Catholic School students and families are invited to participate in the St. Vincent de Paul's *Walk for the Poor* on Sunday, October 4 at Moreau Catholic High School from 1 p.m. to 4 pm.

Funds from this event go directly to our parish SVdeP to serve those in need.

If you are interested, please stop by the office for a registration packet and pledge sheets, or go to the school's Wednesday Newsletter file on our website to download the forms.

### You're invited!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Children's Mass will be held on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

There's no specific grade assigned this month so all grades are welcome to sing in the choir that day. Please arrive at 9 a.m. for a short rehearsal.

### 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](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0D4CA4AA2BAAF58-parent)

**Volunteer Opportunity**  
**Book Fair Help Needed**

Volunteer at our fall Scholastic Book Fair – an exciting celebration of reading with hundreds of fun, engaging, affordable books for kids to discover.

We need volunteers for the following dates and times:

Set Up - October 7 at 2:30pm

Book Fair – Tuesday 10/13 through Friday 10/16

Sign up to volunteer through SignUp Genius link:  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4eaaa72daafd0-fall>

Ms. Barbie

**SJCS School Calendar**

The calendar for this year will be available on our school website, [www.stjohncatholicschool.org](http://www.stjohncatholicschool.org). Please check it out to stay up-to-date!



**Calendar Reminders**

**School Board Meeting**

Thursday, October 1, 6 p.m.

**Progress Reports go home**

Friday, October 2

**Student of the Month Assembly**

Tuesday, October 6

**Moreau Administration Visit to SJCS**

Thursday, October 8, 1 p.m.

**Parent Club Meeting**

Thursday, October 8, 6:30 p.m.

**Diocesan Fingerprinting at SJCS**

Thursday, October 8  
5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Teacher In-Service, No School for Students**

Friday, October 9

**Columbus Day – No School for Students**

Monday, October 12

**Parent-Teacher Conferences**

October 14-16

Noon dismissal for students

**Scholastic Book Fair**

October 13-16, 2015



**Alumni Corner**

*by Daniela Hupke and Hillary Avelino*

On September 18, the St. John 8<sup>th</sup> grade class visited Moreau Catholic High School. Currently a senior at MCHS, Ryan Alquillera was one of the tour leaders for our class. Ryan graduated from SJCS in 2012. He is on Moreau's varsity football team, played basketball, and is a Link Crew leader.

Ryan was an amazing tour leader, and he gave great information about becoming a Mariner. He did a superior job of emphasizing the wonderful things Moreau has to offer to Hillary, Mariele, Daniela, and Ruhi.

Ryan is extremely good in chemistry, and wants to become a pharmacist. He hopes to attend UC San Diego. We definitely believe he will achieve his goals! Good Luck, Ryan!