



St. John the Baptist School



May 3, 2017

"Lord Jesus, help us to be inspired by Your love and guided by Your example. Most of all help us to accept the fact that we can't do everything alone. We need Your help on our life journey. Show us how to open our hearts and to share Your ways of love and kindness with all those around us. May we not ignore Your voice as You speak to us throughout the ordinary events of our day to guide us and give us direction. May the loving power of God, which raised Jesus to new life, strengthen us in hope, enrich us with His love, and fill us with joy in the faith, Amen."

From the Principal

We have had fun the last several days celebrating the outstanding work of our staff. Last week we saluted Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Durbin on Secretary's Day and this week our attention has turned to the wonderful work of our teachers. If you haven't had a chance to say "thank you" to our secretaries or your child's teacher(s), I urge you to do so. We are blessed to be surrounded by such dedicated individuals!

Allow me to share a quick story with you that I found up-lifting and inspiring. We took a phone call recently from a woman who had earlier visited many of our classrooms making presentations to our students. She told us she was so impressed with the children and their teachers that she wanted to do something special for them. That special something is the gift of a bicycle helmet! How delighted we were to learn that she was so touched by her visit to St. John's that she wanted to present a gift to each member of our school. Of course, the excellent behavior of our students is a direct reflection upon the positive parenting occurring in your homes. Thank you for sharing your children with us!

Mr. Menke

Teacher Appreciation Week

This week is National Teacher Appreciation week. Please let our teachers know how much we appreciate all they do for our children and school community.

THANK YOU SJG TEACHERS for ALL you do and for choosing to teach and share your talents with us at St. John's.

May Crowning Thursday, May 4, 2017

We will honor Mary on Thursday, May 4, with a May Crowning and a Living Rosary. All classes will be participating. Each child is asked to bring one flower. The second grade students will be wearing their First Communion outfits. They will be escorting the eighth grade students who will be crowning Mary. The crowning will take place after the 8:00 Mass at the outdoor statue or if raining, we will have the Rosary and Crowning of Mary in Church. We hope you can join us.

Dress Down Days

- *Friday, May 5, all students may wear athletic wear for Field Day.
- *Tuesday, May 9, all students whose parents have completed and returned the 2017-18 registration packet will have a NUT Pass. Thank you for helping us prepare for next school year.
- *Wednesday, May 10, all students who have a birthday in May, have a jeans day. Happy Birthday!
- *Friday, May 12, all students may dress in their STL Cardinal attire or red and white for Grandparents' Day

Field Day—Friday, May 5 11:30 Early Dismissal

Our SJG Field Day is Friday, May 5. Ms. Angie is preparing for this fun event at our school. We will dismiss school at 11:30 on this day. After School Care will not be provided on this half day.

A huge THANK YOU to all parents who have volunteered to help. If you would like to help, please contact Angie at 636-297-1053. Thank you.

Wed. 5/3/17: 6:30-7:45 PSR

Thurs. 5/4/17: Grade 5 will lead Mass Ministries

May Crowning / Praying the Rosary

3:00 Joggin Jaguars

Calendar Items

Fri. 5/5/17: Field Day—11:30 Early Dismissal

Sun. 5/7/17: Mother/Daughter Breakfast after 8:30 Mass

Mon. 5/8/17: Scholastic Book Fair arrives

Grades 4 & 5 Field Trip to the Earth's Classroom

Tues. 5/9/17: NUT Pass for completed Registration Packet

Athletic Meeting—Rescheduled

If you have a child that is interested in playing volleyball, basketball, or cheer next year, there will be an informational meeting for all parents. The meeting originally planned for May 3 has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for a later date. Thank you.

STEM Club

SJG STEM Club is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, May 16, from 3:00 to 4:30. STEM Club students may wear their STEM T-shirts with uniform pants to school on the day of their meetings. Miss Cara, Miss Moellering, Mrs. Nadler, Miss Patke, and Mrs. Stammering look forward to seeing you then!

SJG Speech Team

The final Speech Meet was held at Vianey High School this year. Our SJG Speech Team did an outstanding job.

Congratulations to:

Emma and Andrew Busch—Duet—received a trophy which was given to only the top 20% of the speeches.

Elizabeth Simily—Serious Monologue—received a gold ribbon for a perfect score

Everyone did a great job this year. We are proud of each of you!

A special thank you to Miss Hanratty and Mrs. Brueggemann for coordinating our SJG Speech Team this year.

Joggin Jaguars

The Joggin Jaguars will meet Thursday, May 4, from 3:00 to 4:00. Miss Hanratty, Mrs. Nadler, and Ms. Margaret look forward to jogging with you. Also, all parents are invited to join us for an awards ceremony which will begin at 3:40.

The Joggin Jaguars are sponsoring a Pet Drive to benefit the animals at the Franklin County Humane Society in Union. This event will run through Friday, May 5. A donation box is in the hallway by the school office. Also, any monetary donations may be sent to the office in an envelope marked for the Pet Drive. Thank you in advance for supporting the Joggin Jaguars and the FCHS.

Free Uniform Give-Away

Thank you to the many parents who have donated their uniforms to the school for other families to have for their children. We will have uniforms out in the gym on Friday, May 5, for parents to take for their children. If you are unable to come Friday, please call or email the school office to arrange a different time. Thank you.

SJG Mother-Daughter Breakfast

Our annual Mother-Daughter Breakfast will be on Sunday, May 7, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. John's. Please come join us as we celebrate our blessed Mother Mary and all mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts, nieces, daughters, and granddaughters. The cost of the breakfast is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children, twelve years of age and younger. Children under three are free. We will be serving ham, sausage, eggs, hash brown, and coffee cakes. Please RSVP to Linda Kulpa at 314-805-9123.

Field Trips

Grades 4 & 5 will be going to the Earth's Classroom on Monday, May 8.

Grades 6, 7, & 8 will be going to the Botanical Gardens on Thursday, May 18

Scholastic "BOGO" Book Fair

Our Scholastic "Buy One Get One Free" Book Fair will be here on Monday, May 8, and will be open on Tuesday, May 9, through Friday, May 12. The Book Fair will be set up in the Parish Center and will be open each morning and afternoon and also for our Pre-School Concert and Spring Play. If you are available to help with our Book Fair, please contact Angie Weidemann at 636-297-1053.

Kindergarten Mother's Day Tea

Mrs. Wissmann's Kindergarten class will have a Mother's Day Tea on Wednesday, May 10, at 2:00 p.m. All Kindergarten Mothers are invited and we look forward to this special day in our class to honor all Mothers.

Pre-School Spring Concert

Educational Fair and Spring Play

We hope you and your families can join us for our Spring Concert, Educational Fair, and Spring Play. The children have practiced and are excited to perform for you at these events. Please join us on Wednesday, May 10, for our Pre-School Music Concert starting at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, May 11, will be our Educational Fair and Spring Play. The classrooms will be open with educational and art displays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The Spring Play for all children in grades four through eight will begin at 7:00 p.m.

St. John's Library

Monday, May 8 will be the last day to check out books from our school library. All books need to be returned to the school library by Monday, May 15.

We also want to thank Mrs. Sara Maune for being our librarian. She does a wonderful job and we want her to know how much we appreciate her and all she does for our school library.

Grandparents' Day/Special Person Day

Our Grandparents' and/or Special Person Day at St. John's will be on Friday, May 12. An invitation and grandparent RSVP form was sent home last week. Please return the form and \$4 for each grandparent and/or special person by Friday, May 5.

Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. We will also be collecting baby items for Birthright. Mrs. Denise Smith will give a short presentation for Birthright at the end of Mass.

After Mass we will have a Ballpark themed lunch, classroom tours, baseball themed photo booth, and bingo.

Children may be dismissed with Grandparents.

Please share and invite your grandparents and special friends.

Contact Kelly Tecklenburg at 314-413-1533 or kellytecklenburg@gmail.com with any questions. Volunteers are needed for lunch help. Thank you.

Happy Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day to all our special Mothers and Grandmothers. We hope you have an enjoyable, beautiful day with your families on May 14.

Pre-School Mommy Make-Over

All Pre-School Mom's who have children in Miss Cara's and Mrs. Melissa's class are invited to a "Mommy Makeover" on Monday, May 15, at 8:30 in the gym. We hope you can come and enjoy this special time with your child.

Exam Schedule for Grades 6-7-8

Grade 8 Exams: Tuesday, 5/16/17—Monday, 5/22/17

Grades 7 & 6 Exams: Wednesday, 5/17/17—Wed. 5/24/17

Volleyball Game

8th Grade vs. Teachers/Parents

We hope you can join us for a fun Volleyball Game with our 8th grade students on Wednesday, May 17, at 2:00 p.m.

SJG Graduation

Our Kindergarten Graduation is scheduled for Monday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m. The last day for our kindergarten students is Monday, May 22.

Our 8th Grade Graduation is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24, at 7:00 p.m. The last day for our 8th grade students is Tuesday, May 23.

We hope you can join us for these very special events at our school!

We wish these students the very best as they move on to first grade and to high school. Congratulations! We are proud of each of you!

Last Day of School

Our last day of school is Thursday, May 25. We will have an early dismissal at 11:30 on this day. After School Care will not be provided on this half day.

Report Card Envelope with Postage

Fourth Quarter Report Cards will be sent home in early June, along with the school calendar and supply list. Please send in a self addressed, stamped envelope for each child. Thank you.

Relay for Life

We would like to send out a huge THANK YOU to all parents and students who went above and beyond this year to make this Relay for Life a huge success. We love seeing how proud our students get at the Relay when our school's name is announced for raising the most money. It is always amazing to see our small school do amazing things. Thank you!

Also, we want to congratulate the following students for collecting the top pledges to benefit the American Cancer Society:

Wyatt Morgan—\$150

Addison Schmelz—\$60

Claire Gilmor—\$135

Riley Zeitzmann—\$60

Kaylee Benhardt—\$90

Our school collected a total of \$4121! Great Job!

St. John's Relay Committee

5579 Gildehaus Road
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Washington Summer School

For information regarding the School District of Washington's Summer School program, SOAR—Elevate to New Heights, please contact Kim Hunt at 636-390-9150 or kim.hunt@washington.k12.mo.us or visit www.washington.k12.mo.us.

Meramec Valley Summer School

The Summer Journey program is being offered through the Meramec Valley R3 School District at Coleman Elementary for K-4 students and the Meramec Valley Middle school for 6th-8th students. The program will begin on Thursday, May 25 and continue through Wednesday, June 28, 2017. Before and After School Care will also be provided. For more information, go to www.mvr3.k12.mo.us and click on Summer Journey.

Scrip Program

Please keep the SCRIP program in mind. We have great options in \$5 and \$10 denominations. For example:

Dairy Delight	\$ 5	Orange Leaf	\$ 5
Millers Grill	\$ 5	Dairy Queen	\$10
Dominos Pizza	\$10	Imo's	\$10
Great 8 Cinema	\$10	Krispy Kreme	\$10
Steak-N-Shake	\$10	Subway	\$10

Fill out the order form, attach your payment, and return it to school. Your order will be filled and sent home with your child. If you need additional copies call the school office or go to www.sjgschool.org. Thank you for your generous support!

Box Tops for Education

Please continue to clip Box Top coupons. Each coupon is worth 10 cents for our school! Box tops can be found on hundreds of quality products from brands like these:

General Mills	Ziploc
Pillsbury	Kleenex
Betty Crocker	Hefty

Visit btfe.com for a complete list of participating brands and to learn more about how you can help our school.

A special thank you to Marilyn Baggett for volunteering to be the Box Top coordinator for our school.

Thank you to everyone for participating and supporting our school!

Protecting God's Children

If you plan to volunteer this school year, or go on a field trip with your child, you are required to complete the following items:

- * Attend "Protecting God's Children" Workshop:
For upcoming workshops go to www.archstl.org
- * Volunteer Background Check
- Acknowledge for Volunteer Screening Signature Form
- * Commitment to Ethical Conduct Form

If you have completed all the above items in the past, someone from the school office will call you if updates are needed.

Volunteer Registration

During the school year we will be asking for volunteers to drive for some of our class field trips. If you would like to volunteer to drive students, we will need copies of your driver's license, and insurance card. We will also need to make sure that all your paperwork for the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Program, "Protecting God's Children", is up to date. If you plan to volunteer to drive this year, please send in copies of your driver's license and insurance card to the school office. Thank you.

SJG Facebook Page

Like us on facebook at St. John the Baptist School-Gildehaus and see pictures of all the fun, extra activities going on at our school. Also, keep up to date with our school calendar events and menu. A special thank you to Bridget Callahan for updating our information.
