



St. John the Baptist School



May 24, 2017

"Lord Jesus, at the end of this school year we give You thanks for our school, for Fr. Foy, Mr. Menke, and for all our teachers and staff members. We give thanks for the friendships that we have at St. John's. We are thankful for our faith and for the hope that has lifted our hearts in our daily struggles. We give thanks for our school community and we ask You to bless and keep us safe this summer. Bless our families as we relax and take our vacations. May our time together leave us with memories to cherish. Pour out Your love upon us that we may return to school renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together. May the loving power of God, strengthen us in hope, enrich us with His love, and fill us with joy in the faith, Amen."

From the Principal:

WOW; what a school year it has been! Collectively we faced great challenges from the Archdiocese's School Improvement Process to the loss of a pastor and the addition of another. Through it all, when we needed it the most, we could feel your support. That support and encouragement allowed us to reach the conclusion of another year of spiritual, academic, and social growth. Thank you for hanging in there with us through all of our ups and downs!

By God's grace, together we made it!
Have a great summer!

Mr. Menke

Student Council

Thank you Student Council for all that you did this year. Your wonderful ideas, hard work, and dedication means a lot to St. John's School. Have a great summer!

The 2017-18 Student Council members will be announced on Thursday. Thank you to everyone who completed their application.

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. If you would like to pick out uniforms for your children, please call or email the school office to arrange a time.

Thank you.

8th Grade Graduation

Congratulations to the following eighth grade students who will be graduating on Wednesday, May 24, at 7:00 p.m.

They are a fine group of young men and women. We are very proud of each of them and will miss them here at SJG.

Congratulations! We wish these students the very best and may God bless each of you as you move on to high school.

Joseph Geisert	Mackenzie Huck
Drew Jasper	Caleb Kleekamp
Elliott Ley	Isabelle Nieder
Elizabeth Simily	Nicholas Swoboda
Alyssa Wienstroer	Alex Wissmann

Last Day of School

Early 11:30 Dismissal

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.

This will be a jeans day for all students.

We hope you all have a fun, relaxing, and safe summer!

Open House & the First Day of School

All families are invited to our Open House and Ice Cream Social which will be Sunday, August 13, from 11:30 to 12:30.

We look forward to seeing all your sweet children back at school on Wednesday, August 16, 2017. We will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. on the first day. After School Care will not be provided on the first day.

Jeans Days

Thursday, May 25, all students will have a jeans day for the last day of school.

Bible Presentation

The presentation and blessing of the Bibles for the sixth grade students will be on Thursday, May 25, at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. We hope you can join us.

Student of the Month

Our word for the month of May is Tolerance. The following students were selected and recognized for demonstrating outstanding tolerance in and outside of their classroom. We are proud of them for setting a good example and doing their best each day.

Kdg.: Emily Straatmann & Miriam York

Grade 1: Morgan Gunn

Grade 2: Harry Benhardt & Mya Riegel

Grade 3: Jacob Schwoeppe &

Braydon Weggemann

Grade 4: Jacob Vondera & Haley Vondera

Grade 5-8: Winner: Ava Lou Ploch

Report Cards

The end of fourth quarter is May 25. 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. Also, the updated Parent Handbook will be available on our school website in June. A paper copy will be available upon request. Thank you.

Borgia Summer Camps

Registration for St. Francis Borgia Regional High School Summer Camps is now open. They offer camps for all ages. Go to www.borgiasummercamps.com for a complete list of all camps. Registration and payment is made online.

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 for your shopping and gift needs this summer. Pick up your orders after Masses every weekend. If you need additional copies of the order form go to www.sjgschool.org.

A very special THANK YOU to Laura Ley for coordinating our SCRIP program. We appreciate all you do to help raise money for St. John's School and which in turn helps to keep tuition costs down.

Thank you to all those who support the SCRIP Program!

Box Tops for Education

Please continue to clip and save your Box Tops over the summer. Thank you to everyone who sent in their Box Tops this year to benefit our school. A special THANK YOU to Marilyn Baggett for being our coordinator and trimming, counting, and mailing our Box Tops.

Thank you to everyone for participating and supporting our school!

Father Bannes Memorial Scholarship

We are proud and happy to announce that our Home & School Association along with Fr. Foy are offering a scholarship in memory of Fr. Bannes each year. Fr. Bannes lived a very joyful life through his deep prayer, his study of our faith, and his service to others. The Fr. Bannes Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a 7th grade student based on a written essay expressing how St. John's School has had an impact on their life. The students eligible for the Memorial Scholarship must be in 7th grade going on to their 8th grade year here at St. John's. Consideration will be given to all, but one student essay will be chosen based on how well it describes their joyful, faith-filled experiences here at St. John's. Fr. Foy will read the essays and make the final decision. The scholarship will be awarded on an annual basis and the money will be disbursed in August of the student's 8th grade year. The awarded amount will be \$500 toward tuition at St. John's School. A special thank you to our Home & School association for offering this opportunity to our seventh grade students and helping us keep the joy of Fr. Bannes' memory alive and strong in our school.

After School Care

Ms. Annette, Mrs. Jamie, Miss Chelsea, and Miss Abby enjoyed spending each afternoon with your children this year in After School Care. We had a great year and want to thank these ladies for their time and dedication to our school. We want to wish Miss Abby the very best as she moves on to college next year, so we will have one open position for After School Care. If you or if you know of someone who may be interested in joining our After School Care team, please contact Ms. Annette Kleekamp at 636-583-2392. We look forward to providing a fun and safe environment for our children in After School Care again next year.

Dinner Auction Items

Attached to this newsletter (and e-mail) is a list of items and services available for post-dinner auction bidding via e-mail! As in the past, these items were either received after our dinner auction or not won at the dinner auction. Again, if you would like to participate and win some great items at a great price to help top off our 2017 Dinner Auction totals, please e-mail or text your bid to marynellploch@gmail.com or 314-960-0917 with the Item # and amount of your bid by **10 PM on June 5, 2017**. Please include change in your bid amount! (#8 - Jamaica - \$5,000.17). Marynell will reply to your bids so you have confirmation they were received. Arrangements will then be made to deliver the winning items to you. Thank you all and have an amazing summer!