



# St. John the Baptist School



December 20, 2017

"Dear Father, as we light the fourth candle on our Advent wreath this Sunday, we pray that this candle will remind us of the star that guided the Magi to the stable where Jesus lay. May this love of Christ fill our hearts with love and peace. Help us to love and care for others as You love others. Help us to remember that the gifts we share with each other at Christmas are reminders of the greatest gift that Jesus is to us. May this beautiful light guide us always to be who our Lord has created us to be. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen."

## From the Principal:

The entire staff at St. John's extends our wishes to you and yours to experience a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I know you will enjoy the additional time with your children, and I am certain you will cherish the reflection of Christmas Magic that will soon sparkle in their eyes. May we all embrace the blessed message of the nativity now and into 2018 "Peace on Earth and Good Will toward All!"

Thank you for helping to make St. John's a wonderful school and an extraordinary place to work! I look forward to seeing you and your child(ren) again on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Advent Project Thank you!

St. John's Helping Hands would like to send all the families and faculty of St. John's School a special THANK YOU! Thank you for the unbelievable generosity in giving to our St. John's Helping Hands by donating food, money, and toys. Your actions and response truly acknowledged the true "Spirit of Christmas" All is appreciated and many lives were touch by your generosity. God bless you all.

## Christmas Parties

Our Christmas classroom parties will be on Thursday, December 21, from 10:00 to 11:15. We will have an early dismissal at 11:30 on this day and there will be no After Care. Thank you to our room parents for making this day a special, fun day for all students.

## Christmas Break

We will dismiss at 11:30 on Thursday, December 21. School will be closed for the Christmas holiday from Friday, December 22 through Tuesday, January 2. We will return to school on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

We hope that each of you and your beautiful families have a blessed and joyous Christmas and a Happy New year.

## Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve, Sunday, 12/24/17:

4:00 p.m. / Midnight

Christmas Day, Monday, 12/25/17:

7:00 a.m./8:30 a.m. / 10:30 a.m.

## Christmas Eve 4:00 Mass

If your family is planning to attend the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, Mrs. Harfst needs your help in the choir. She needs your beautiful voices to help celebrate the birth of Jesus. Thank You.

## Jeans Day

Thursday, December 21, will be a jeans day for all students for the end of the month.

## Report Cards

Thursday, December 21, is the end of second quarter. Report Cards will go home on Friday, January 5, 2018.

## STJOHNOPLY RAFFLE CONTEST during Break!!

RAFFLE tickets are in Wednesday folders today for STJOHNOPLY's \$1,000 Cash Raffle and also for a Neato Robotics Vacuum (\$450 value)! Once again, the family who sells the MOST tickets during break will get free, automatic rewards FOR ALL upcoming weeks of dinner auction Challenges! That means you're family will not have to do any of the upcoming challenges, if you choose! Best of Luck-may we suggest starting break with a friendly game of monopoly and everyone gets the feel to spend some money on raffle tickets? Merry Christmas! GO!

## DINNER DANCE AUCTION

Remember to save the date for this fun event which is Saturday, February 24. Invite all your family and friends to join us for this exciting and fun evening!

This is the largest fundraiser for our school and each family will benefit from this event. We will need everyone's help to make our Dinner Auction a success. Call Marynell Ploch with any questions. Thank you.

## SJG Basketball Jaguars

SJG Basketball season is here. Our Basketball Jaguars are practicing and preparing for a great season!

We hope you can join us as we cheer for our SJG Jaguars at the following games:

Wednesday, 12/20/17 at 6:00 at HOME vs. Borgia

Tuesday, 1/9/18, at 6:00 at HOME vs. IC

Thursday, 1/11/18, at 6:00 at HOME vs. R2

Friday, 1/12/18, at 6:00 at HOME vs. St. Vincent's

Monday, 1/15/18, at 6:00 at HOME vs. OLL

Tuesday, 1/16/18, at 6:00 at IL

Thursday, 1/18/18, at 6:00 at HOME vs. OLL

Sunday, 1/21/18, at 12:00 at IC

Monday, 1/22/18, at 6:00 at IL

Friday, 1/26/18, at HOME vs. Lonedell

Monday, 1/29/18, at 6:00 at Spring Bluff

Thursday, 2/1/18, at 6:00 at HOME vs. St. Gertrude's

GO JAGUARS!

## SJG Speech Team

Speech practice will be held on most Tuesdays in the 8th grade classroom from 3:10 to 4:00. These practices are not mandatory, but are important for improvement and being selected to participate in the final meet. Our next practice will be Tuesday, January 9, from 3:10 to 4:00. Please contact Mrs. Brueggemann if you have any questions.

## Joggin Jaguars

Joggin Jaguars will meet most Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:00. Our next session will be in January. Miss Hanratty, Mrs. Benz, Mrs. Wissmann, and Mrs. Margaret enjoy jogging with all our Jaguars! See you in January!

Please be cautious, alert, and on the lookout for young runners if you are traveling onto our school grounds each Thursday afternoon. Thank you for helping us keep every participant safe.

## Regional Band

Advanced Band class is scheduled for each Monday and Wednesday morning at Borgia Grade School at 7:00 a.m.

Beginning Band class is scheduled for each Tuesday and Thursday morning at Borgia Grade School at 7:00 a.m.

If you have any questions, please contact the band instructor, Ms. Maggie Naud, at 636-667-1539

## SJG Grand Raffle

Please help our church and school by purchasing a grand raffle ticket. The drawing will be held in January 2018.

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| Grand Prize | \$5000 |
| 2nd Prize   | \$2000 |
| 3rd Prize   | \$1000 |
| 4th Prize   | \$ 500 |

Tickets may be purchased individually or as a group. Tickets are \$100 each and only 250 will be sold. If you need additional tickets, we have them available in the school office. We thank you for your support.

## Dodge Intrepid Raffle

Benefit Raffle tickets for the 2000 Dodge Intrepid are still available. The drawing will be held in January 2018.

1 chance for \$5 or

3 chances for \$10

If you need additional tickets, please call the school office.

We thank you for your generosity in supporting our church and school.

## SJG Rock Star Shirts

We have a few extra SJG Rock Star shirts to purchase. They are \$10 each. Please contact Miss Moellering at moellering@sjgschool.org if you would like to purchase one. Thank you.

## Inclement Weather

With the winter months approaching, we need to think about the possibility of early dismissals and the close of school due to bad weather. We want you to know that safety is our main concern for all our families and staff members. If school is in session and the weather becomes hazardous it may be necessary for us to dismiss school early and we will not be able to provide after school care on these days. Please have your plans in place to prepare for the upcoming winter months. If we have to close school or dismiss early, a School Reach message will be sent out and the TV stations, 5, 4, & 2 will be notified. We will make every attempt to make the decision as early as possible.

## Flu Season

The symptoms of influenza (flu) include fever, cough, and sometimes body aches, headache, chills, and feeling tired. Some people have diarrhea and vomiting. The most important thing you can do to keep the flu from spreading is to keep your child at home if he or she is sick. Use the following checklist to help decide if you or someone in your family may have the flu:

- \*Does your child have a cough?
- \*Does your child have a sore throat?
- \*Does your child have a headache, body aches, or chills?
- \*Does your child have diarrhea or vomiting?
- \*Does your child have a fever of 100 degrees or more?

If your child has a fever of 100 degrees or more and a cough or sore throat, your child has an influenza-type illness. Keep your child home for at least 24 hours after they are free of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications. Send your child back to school after they are completely well for 24 hours. Thank you.

## St. John's SCRIP News

We are pleased to announce a new vendor to the program. We welcome Washington Green Spa & Wellness. This is a new business that has just opened in Washington located at 1713 Madison Ave., Washington, MO 63090. The telephone # is 636-283-5105. The owner is Regina Close; sister to Paula Riegel. We can order gift certificates in any amount and Regina has agreed to pay us 5%. **During the week of December 4<sup>th</sup> only, they will pay us 10%.** For now, this will be order only. If we see the demand increase, we may begin carrying \$25 or \$50 certificates. We would like to thank Regina for her generosity and for thinking of St. John's!

## 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.

## Box Tops for Education

Clipping Box Tops is an easy way to help earn cash for our school. Each one is worth 10¢ for our school!

Just look for the pink Box Tops on hundreds of products. All you have to do is clip them and send them to school.

Please help us find Box Tops to reach this school year's goal to earn **\$1,000**.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I'm here to help make our school's Box

Tops for Education™ program a huge success this year.

Thanks for your help!

Marilyn Baggett

Phone: (314) 568-2713 / Email: [baggettmf@gmail.com](mailto:baggettmf@gmail.com)

## 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 the Archdiocesan website:

[www.archstl.org](http://www.archstl.org)

\*Volunteer Background Check

\*Acknowledge for Volunteer Screening Purposes  
Signature Form

\*Ethical Conduct Signature Form

Also, throughout 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 also need copies of your driver's license, and insurance card as well as all of the above items.

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

**St. John the Baptist School**

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**Calendar**

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| <p>12/17/17<br/>Sunday Mass<br/>Times<br/>7/8:30/10:30<br/>Don't forget to pick up your SCRIP cards after Mass.<br/>Every purchase helps our church and school!</p> | <p>12/18/17<br/>8:00 Mass<br/>Rock Start Students Luncheon<br/>2:45 Raffle Drawings<br/>6:00 Basketball Games at OLL</p>   | <p>12/19/17<br/>Adoration<br/>Pray with Jesus<br/>8 am-6:45 pm<br/>6:45 Perpetual Help Devotions<br/>7:00 p.m. Mass<br/>3:00 Speech</p> | <p>12/20/17<br/>8:00 Mass<br/>Gr. 5-8 Attend Mass<br/>Gr. 6 Plan the Mass<br/>6:00 HOME Basketball Games vs. Borgia<br/>6:30-7:45 PSR</p> | <p>12/21/17<br/>8:00 Mass<br/>All School Mass<br/>Gr. 5 Plan the Mass<br/>10:00-11:15 Christmas Parties<br/>11:30 Early Dismissal<br/>No After School Care</p> | <p>12/22/17<br/>8:00 Mass<br/>No School<br/>School will resume on Wednesday, January 3, 2018<br/>Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!</p> | <p>12/23/17<br/>Mass<br/>6:00 p.m.<br/>Don't forget to pick up your SCRIP cards after Mass.<br/>Every purchase helps our church and school!</p> |
| <p>12/24/17<br/>4th Sunday of Advent<br/>Mass Times<br/>7/8:30/10:30<br/>Christmas Eve<br/>Mass Times<br/>4:00 / Midnight</p>                                       | <p>12/25/17<br/>Merry Christmas!<br/>Mass Times:<br/>7/8:30/10:30<br/>Many blessings to each of you and your families!</p> | <p>12/26/17<br/>Adoration<br/>Pray with Jesus<br/>8 am-6:45 pm<br/>6:45 Perpetual Help Devotions<br/>7:00 p.m. Mass</p>                 | <p>12/27/17<br/>8:00 Mass</p>   | <p>12/28/17<br/>8:00 Mass</p>  | <p>12/29/17<br/>8:00 Mass</p>  | <p>12/30/17<br/>Mass<br/>6:00 p.m.<br/>Don't forget to pick up your SCRIP cards after Mass.<br/>Every purchase helps our church and school!</p> |

**2017 Fall Exam Schedule**

|                    | <b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> | <b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> | <b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>December 14</b> | Math                        | Math                        | Social Studies              |
| <b>December 15</b> | Social Studies              | Literature                  | Science                     |
| <b>December 18</b> | None Today                  | Science                     | Religion                    |
| <b>December 19</b> | Science                     | Religion                    | Literature                  |
| <b>December 20</b> | Religion                    | Social Studies              | Algebra                     |

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Genius Hour presentations will take the place of exams this fall and run from December 6<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup>.  
6<sup>th</sup> grade will be completing literature projects at school during the exam period and will present their projects on December 20.  
The makeup day for any missed exams will be Thursday, December 21.