



St. John the Baptist School



March 21, 2018

"Loving God, keep us close to You. always. Look into our hearts and help us to be open and honest with You. May the wonder of Your mercy open our hearts to receive all that You have to give us. Examine our thoughts, and strengthen us in Your love. Thank You for the countless times that You have forgiven us. By Your grace, soften our hearts. Let Your immeasurable mercy teach us to be merciful to others as well. May the Lord bless us, protect us, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen."

Lenten Reflection

- "Give up complaining-focus on gratitude.
 - Give up pessimism-become an optimist.
 - Give up harsh judgments-think kindly thoughts.
 - Give up worry—trust in God.
 - Give up discouragement-be full of hope.
 - Give up bitterness-turn to forgiveness.
 - Give up hatred-love one another.
 - Give up negativism- be positive.
 - Give up anger-become more patient.
 - Give up pettiness-practice tolerance.
 - Give up gloom-enjoy the beauty that is all around you.
 - Give up jealousy-pray for trust.
 - Give up gossiping-look for the good in others.
 - Give up sin-turn to virtue.
 - Give up giving up-have faith in our Lord."
- Easter is fast approaching. God is the most important part of our lives and our Lenten fast is an excellent way to improve that relationship. Let us all re-commit ourselves to Christ and His way of living. Spread the love and kindness of Christ to all those you meet.

Stations of the Cross

Fr. Foy is having Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. We hope you can join us.

StuCo Lenten Food Drive

It's that time of year again for StuCo to host our friendly competitive food drive during Lent. This year we'll be collecting for both S. John's Helping Hands Food Pantry and the local Little Food Pantries. We'll help out with specific items that the pantries need. Unfortunately, there are many families in need so any donation will be greatly appreciated.

The Black Team consists of 77 students from 1/2 preschool, kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 6th. The Gold Team consists of 76 students from 1/2 preschool, 2nd, 5th, 7th, and 8th. A weekly tally will be in the entryway of school. The team that collects the most items will get a jean/khaki and hat day, an ice-cream sundae bar, and a game day hour at 2:00 on Friday, April 6, 2018. Everyone that participates in the food drive will receive a NUT Pass for Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

The following is a list of items that we will be collecting during Lent:

- Week 1: February 12-16
Hamburger Helper
- Week 2: February 19-23
Canned Fruit
- Week 3: Feb. 26-Mar.2
Instant Oatmeal
- Week 4: March 5-9
Household Cleaners
- Week 5: March 12-16
Peanut Butter
- Week 6: March 19-23
Pop Tarts,
Granola / Breakfast Bars

Thank you so much for your generosity.

Jeans Day

Friday, March 23, students in grades seven, five, four, two, one, and kindergarten will have a jeans day for filling their tab jar. Thank you for collecting your tabs to benefit our school.

From the Principal:

Many of you have heard me talk positively about the merits of extended learning opportunities for students. With that said, summer school plans are being finalized for students across the region!

If you are interested in the Summer School program offered by the Washington School District, we will have pamphlets available for you to examine in the office. And, as in the past, St. John's is joining forces with other private regional schools to offer Summer School learning opportunities in math and reading. These regional private school offerings are by invitation, with the office contacting the parents of eligible students soon.

If you have any questions about summer learning options please don't hesitate to contact us.

Holy Week/Easter Break

There will be no school on Holy Thursday, March 29, Good Friday, March 30, and Easter Monday, April 1.

Many blessings to each of you and your families this Easter. May the glory of our Risen Christ fill your hearts and your homes with peace and joy all year.

SJG All Sports Pictures

Wednesday, March 21, athletic pictures will be taken by Wagner Photography starting at 5:00 p.m. Please bring your completed picture order form with payment at the time listed below.

5:00 Volleyball A Team

5:30 Volleyball B Team

Basketball B Team GIRLS—to be rescheduled

6:00 Basketball A Team GIRLS

6:30 Basketball A Team BOYS

6:45 Basketball B Team BOYS

Athletic Association Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone for your Show Me Dough orders to support our Athletic program. Orders will be ready for pick up in the gym after school on Thursday, March 22.

SJG Athletic Banquet

The Athletic Banquet will be Monday, May 7, starting at 6:00 p.m. at N-Sports. All SJG Volleyball and Basketball Jaguars along with their families are invited to attend at no cost.

Please contact Christina Morgan with any questions.

SJG Speech Team

We wish the best to our Speech Team members who have been selected to compete at the final Speech Meet of the year. Good Luck! 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 Thursday, March 22.

Miss Hanratty, Mrs. Benz, Mrs. Wissmann, and Mrs. Margaret enjoy jogging with all our Jaguars! See you soon!

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-.

Re-Registration Packets

Please return the Re-Registration packets as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for completing the forms needed for the upcoming school year.

Meal Train for the Callahan Family

A Meal Train link has been set up for the Callahan family where you can sign-up to bring meals. The calendar is set up for Monday, Wednesday, and Friday through April. Items may go home with the Callahan children after school or items may be dropped off at their house in Union. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Tecklenburg or the school office.

Please go to: <https://mealtrain.com/20q567>

Bridget has recently become ill and is suffering from side effects of salmonella. This has been an incredibly difficult time and the generous gesture of dinner would be much appreciated by her and her family. Please keep Bridget and her family in your prayers. We pray that she will soon be feeling better.

Home & School Board Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for three Home & School Officers for the 2018-19 school year. We are accepting nominations for President, Vice President, and Secretary. Terms run for three years and begin in August. Thank you to Stacy Bockhorst, and Natalie Boley for their time and dedication to our school and whose terms are up in May. We also want to thank Michelle Bobo who will be returning as our Treasurer. Please email your nominations to office@sjgschool.org.

ATTENTION SPRING CLEANERS

SJG Student Council is sponsoring a gently used and/or new shoe drive with Shoeman Water Projects through the months of March & April. **Please tie or rubber band pairs of shoes together** and drop them in the designated shoe drive boxes in school or the vestibule of church. Thank you very much!

Church Cleaning

All families who have children in grades two and eight are asked to help clean and prepare the church for Easter, First Communion, and Confirmation. We will be cleaning the church on **Thursday, March 22, at 3:00**. Thank you.

REAP Retreat

Our 8th grade students along with our 8th grade PSR students will be attending the REAP Retreat in preparation for Confirmation on Friday, March 23, at Borgia Jesuit Hall.

"Paul-Apostle of Christ" Movie

All St. John's families are invited to see a movie at Great 8 Cinema in Union, MO. "Paul-Apostle of Christ" will be showing on Saturday, March 24 at 9:00 a.m. Tickets are available in the school office for \$8, which include admission, soda, and popcorn.

Spelling Bee

Everyone is invited to join us for our St. John's Spelling Bee which is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 28**, at 1:00 in the Parish Center. Good luck to all students in grades 4-8 as they have their classroom competitions.

Relay for Life

The Jordan Scheer Children's Relay for Life will be held on Friday, April 27, from 3:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Washington High School. Our team consists of students in grades three through six, along with teachers, staff members, and parents. To help our team raise money for the Relay-American Cancer Society, we will be holding different fundraisers between now and April 27. Thank you for your support.

Thursday, 3/22/18: Neon Day—Wear bright clothing

Thursday, 4/5/18: Go Cardinals—Wear Cardinal Red

Wed., 4/11/18: Cotton Candy

Tues. 4/17/18: Krispy Kreme Donut with milk

Easter Basket Raffle—3/19-3/23-tickets-\$.25 ea./ 6 for \$1

Links for Hope Chains are available for \$.10 each. These Hope Chains will be displayed at the Relay.

Luminaries are also available for \$.25 each. Students may decorate the bags in memory or in honor of loved ones who have been affected by cancer. These bags will be on display and lighted at the Relay.

StuCo Field Trip

Mrs. Koch, Miss Cara, and all our Student Counsel members will be going on a Field Trip to the Sheltered Workshop in Washington, on Tuesday, April 10, at 12:00.

First Communion

Please pray for our second grade students and our second grade PSR students as they prepare for their First Communion, which is scheduled for Sunday, April 15, at 1:00.

All second grade students will participate in a Day of Reflection at St. John's School, on Friday, April 13.

Monday, April 16, there will be no school for our second grade students.

Mid Term

Wednesday, April 18, is Mid Term. Progress Reports will go home on Wednesday, April 25.

Confirmation

Please pray for our eighth grade students and our eighth grade PSR students as they prepare for their Confirmation.

Confirmation is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's.

Grandparents' Day

We have set the date for our Grandparents' Day and/or Special Person Day at St. John's. This special day will be Monday, April 30. We will begin with Mass at 11:00 and then go to the Parish Center for lunch, classroom tours, pictures, and games to follow. Invitations and more information will be coming home soon.

Mark Your Calendars to Save a Life!

SJG Student Council is sponsoring a **blood drive** with Mercy Hospital on **May 7 in the gym from 2:00-6:00 p.m.** All SJG students (families) that recruit a blood donor will receive a N.U.T. PASS and if two donors are recruited you'll also get a HAT PASS. If we get 50 donors each class will get an extra recess. Thank you for your support!

Report Card Envelopes

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.

SCRIP News

Remember to take advantage of our SCRIP program. While you are doing your weekly shopping, you can also benefit our school. All you need to do is 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 go to www.sjgschool.org. If you have any questions, please call Laura Ley at 636-583-2820 or our school office at 636-583-2392. Thank you for your generous support.

Box Tops for Education

Please continue clipping your Box Tops. Each coupon is worth 10 cents for our school! Box Tops can be found on hundreds of quality products. Visit btfe.com for a complete list of participating brands. A special thank you to Marilyn Baggett who is our Box Top coordinator. 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 the Archdiocesan website:

www.archstl.org

*Volunteer Background Check

*Acknowledge for Volunteer Screening Purposes
Signature Form

*Ethical Conduct Signature Form

Also, 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.

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Calendar

<p>03/18/18</p> <p>Mass Times 7/8:30/10:00</p> <p>Regional Art Fair At Borgia High School 11:00-2:00</p>	<p>03/19/18</p> <p>8:00 Mass</p> <p>Feast of St. Joseph</p> <p>All School Mass</p> <p>Gr. 6 Plan the Mass</p>	<p>03/20/18</p> <p>Adoration</p> <p>Pray with Jesus 8 am-6:45 pm</p> <p>6:45 Perpetual Help Devotions</p> <p>7:00 Mass</p> <p>Relay for Life</p> <p>Wear Green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day—\$1</p> <p>9:30 Regional Beginning Band Concert</p>	<p>03/21/18</p> <p>8:00 Mass</p> <p>Gr. 5-8 Attend Mass</p> <p>Gr. 5 Plan the Mass</p> <p>9:30 Confessions for grades 8/7/6</p> <p>Server Training for Grades 7/6</p> <p>5:00 All Sports Pictures in the Gym</p> <p>6:30 -7:45 PSR</p>	<p>03/22/18</p> <p>8:00 Mass</p> <p>8:45 Confessions for Grade 5</p> <p>Server Training for grade 8/5</p> <p>Relay for Life</p> <p>Wear Neon Colors</p> <p>3:00 Church Cleaning</p> <p>3:00 -4:00 Joggin Jaguars</p>	<p>03/23/18</p> <p>8:00</p> <p>Gr. K-4 Attend Mass</p> <p>Gr. 4 Plan the Mass</p> <p>9:30 Confessions for grades 4/3/2</p> <p>Grade 8 REAP Retreat at Borgia Jesuit Hall</p> <p>2:30 / 7:00 Stations of the Cross</p> <p>4:30-8:00 KC Fish Fry</p>	<p>03/24/18</p> <p>9:00</p> <p>Union Great 8 Cinema</p> <p>Showing "Paul Apostle of Christ"</p> <p>Tickets available for \$8</p> <p>Includes ticket, soda, and popcorn</p> <p>Mass 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Don't forget to pick up your SCRIP cards after Mass. Each purchase helps our church and school.</p>
<p>03/25/18</p> <p>Mass Times 7/8:30/10:00</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p>	<p>03/26/18</p> <p>8:00 Mass</p> <p>All School Mass</p> <p>Grade 7 Plan the Mass</p> <p>9:00</p> <p>95th Birthday Celebration with Leona Scharfenburg in the Parish Center</p> <p>Leona will also present the old school bell from the first St. John's School to Fr. Foy and Mr. Menke</p> <p>The bell will be displayed in the school entrance hallway.</p>	<p>03/27/18</p> <p>Adoration</p> <p>Pray with Jesus 8 am-6:45 pm</p> <p>6:45 Perpetual Help Devotions</p> <p>7:00 Mass</p>	<p>03/28/18</p> <p>8:00 Mass</p> <p>All School Mass</p> <p>Gr. 8 Plan the Mass</p> <p>Jeans Day</p> <p>1:00 Spelling Bee</p> <p>6:30 -7:45 PSR</p>	<p>03/29/18</p> <p>Holy Thursday</p> <p>No School</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Mass</p>	<p>03/30/18</p> <p>Good Friday</p> <p>No School</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Service</p>	<p>03/31/18</p> <p>Holy Saturday</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Mass</p>