



# St. John the Baptist School



January 10, 2018

"Lord Jesus, may everything we do begin with You, continue with Your help, and be done under your guidance. Open our eyes and our minds to help us see the world as You do. Open our ears so we may hear Your voice. Help us to share Your words with all those we meet. May we grow in Your love and spread that love with those around us. May the loving power of God, strengthen us in hope, enrich us with His love, and fill us with joy in the faith, we ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen."

## From the Principal:

We were faced with a difficult weather-related situation on Monday morning! When hazardous driving conditions exist or they have been predicted to occur, we try our best to make decisions in the timeliest fashion possible. When cancellations are being considered, it is our goal to reach a conclusion by 5:45 am and get the announcement launched before 6:00.

Certainly, we understand the challenges parents face when school has to be cancelled or when it has to be dismissed early. Please know we don't take this responsibility lightly! As you would expect, we want every such decision to reflect our desire to safeguard children and adults alike. Of course, it is very likely we will face similar issues in the days, weeks, and months to come. Thank you for your support and understanding regarding winter weather!

## NEW TAX BENEFIT FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS

The passage of the new tax legislation may provide great news for many of our St. John's parents. The potential for some tax relief associated with your tuition payments may now exist for you. Please see the attached information regarding this exciting possibility!

## Catholic Schools' Week

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools' Week the week of January 29 through February 2. A flyer will be coming home soon in the Wednesday folder with more information about this fun week at our school.

## Grade 8 Parent Meeting

Wednesday, January 10, there will be an 8th grade parent meeting regarding Confirmation. The meeting will begin at 6:30 in the Music room.

## KC Free Throw Contest

The KC Free Throw Contest for children in grades 3-8 will be held during PE classes on Thursday, January 11. Please return your completed contest forms by Thursday for your child to participate and advance to the next competition rounds. Thank you.

## Martin Luther King Day

### NO School

There will be no school on Monday, January 15, for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

## Pro-Life Trip

Please join us in prayer as members of our parish, our eighth grade students and their parents, Fr. Tim Foy, and Fr. Jeff Knight prepare to travel to Washington D.C. to participate in the Pro-Life march. They are leaving Tuesday, January 16 and plan to return on Sunday, January 21. We pray that they have a safe and prayerful trip.

## Home & School Meeting

Please join us for our Home & School meeting which is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. If at least one parent attends this meeting your child/children will receive a NUT Pass to be used on Friday, January 26.

## Jeans Day

All students in grades eight, six, five, three, two, and one will have a jeans day on Friday, January 12, for filling their tab jar. Thank you for collecting your tabs to benefit our school.

## Student of the Month

Our character word for December was Generosity. The following students were selected and recognized for their generosity in and outside of their classroom. We are proud of each of them and want to congratulate them for setting a good example for others.

Preschool: Aaron York / Bradley Kuenzel

Kdg.: Josie Bath

Grade 1: Ty Umphery / Roan Callahan

Grade 2: Audrey Schmelz/Tessa Umphery

Grade 3: Kendal Gilmor

Grade 4: Jacob Schwoeppe / William Kiser

Grade 5-8: Brooke Durbin

Nominations: Tristen Weidemann

David Goodson

## Open House and Registration Night

We are having an Open House and Registration Night for Preschool, Kindergarten, and children who will be entering grades one through eight who are new to our school. The theme this year is "Under the Big Top". We hope you can join us for a fun-filled night of activities on Wednesday, January 31, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please invite anyone you know who may be interested in attending St. John's next year.

## 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:

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 16, 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 Thursday, January 18. 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 636-667-1539

## 2018-19 Scholarship Information

All families have the opportunity to apply for all the scholarships offered using the online application at no cost. To make the process easier for families, one application is being used for all scholarships funded by the Catholic Education Office, the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri, and the Today & Tomorrow Educational Foundation. The Scholarship Office at TTEF will review your application and determine if your family is eligible for any awards based on each program's guidelines and funding availability.

Applications will be available online January 29. Please visit [www.ttef-stl.org](http://www.ttef-stl.org) and click "Apply Here".

Any family who would like to be considered for these programs, even if you are applying for re-qualification for one of these scholarships, must apply between January 29 and February 28, 2018. Also, it is important to remember that Alive In Christ is first-come, first-served, so families are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

## 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.

Congratulations to the Bobo family for selling the most raffle tickets during our Christmas break.

Also, if you need more raffle tickets, please contact the school office at 636-583-2392. We will have the drawings the night of the Dinner Auction so continue selling those tickets! Thank you.

## Dinner Auction MEET & GREET

January 17<sup>th</sup>

The annual MEET & GREET for the dinner auction committee/parent connection will be Wednesday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> any time you can make it for a few minutes 2:30-5:30. Reminder, this open time allows families to come when they can and pick up their dinner auction info and discuss any questions or ideas. Each family is expected to have someone represent them for just a few minutes - as the MEET & GREET will kick off Challenge #1 starting Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>! Also, reservations are on sale now and early bird drawing ends Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>! [sjgauction@gmail.com](mailto:sjgauction@gmail.com)

## Inclement Weather

During these winter months, 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 for these 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.

## SJG Grand Raffle

Congratulations to the following winners of our SJG Grand Raffle. Thank you to everyone who participated in any way and we appreciate your support of our church and school.

Grand Prize	\$5000—Joe & Marilyn Tobben
2nd Prize	\$2000—Ray & Brenda Ley
3rd Prize	\$1000—Todd Bobo
4th Prize	\$ 500—Crystal Whited and Jason Buhr

## Dodge Intrepid Raffle

Congratulations to David Utz, who was the winner of the Dodge Intrepid. We thank everyone for your generosity in supporting our church and school.

## 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](http://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.

## 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.

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Calendar

<p>01/07/18 "The Epiphany of the Lord" Mass Times 7/8:30/10:30</p>	<p>01/08/18 8:00 Mass</p>	<p>01/09/18 Adoration Pray with Jesus 8 am-6:45 pm 6:45 Perpetual Help Devotions 7:00 p.m. Mass  6:00 HOME Basketball Game Vs. IC</p>	<p>01/10/18 8:00 Mass Gr. 5-8 Attend Mass Gr. 6 Plan the Mass  Jan./July B-Day Jeans Day  3:15 Faculty Meeting  6:30 Grade 8 Parent Meeting in the Music re: Confirmation  6:30-7:45 PSR</p>	<p>01/11/18 8:00 All School Mass Gr. 5 Plan the Mass  6:00 HOME Basketball Game Vs. R2</p>	<p>01/12/18 8:00 Mass Gr. K-4 Attend Mass Gr. 2 Plan the Mass  6:00 HOME Basketball Game vs. St. Vincent's</p>	<p>01/13/18  Mass 6:00 p.m.  Don't forget to pick up your SCRIP cards after Mass. Every purchase helps our church and school!</p>
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