



# St. John the Baptist School



December 5, 2018

"Dear Lord Jesus, Your Church joyfully awaits the coming of our Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness. Pour forth Your blessings upon us as we light the second candle of our Advent wreath on Sunday. May its light reflect the splendor of Christ in our minds and in our hearts. Please guide us and help us to spread this shining light of joy to others during Advent and always. May the Light of Christ lead us to the joy of His kingdom, now and forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen."

## POSTPONED-School

### Informational Meeting

Unfortunately, we have been asked to postpone the re-scheduled school informational meeting that was set to take place on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Please accept our apologies for any confusion or inconvenience this postponement creates. After the area pastors complete their December meeting, another date will be communicated to everyone. As you will recall, Father Foy is interested in presenting timely information about our school and Catholic education in the region to all those interested (including grandparents, parishioners, and all members of the St. John's family). Your understanding and continued prayers are much appreciated.

### Student of the Month

Our character word for the month of November was Gratitude. The following students were selected and recognized for their gratitude 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: Gaige Breeden

Emery Spruell

Kdg.: Lilah Williams

Grade 1: Molly Myers

Addison Thurman

Grade 2: Roan Callahan

Miriam York

Grade 3: Ethan Lause

Grade 4: Mya Riegel

Grade 5: Cayden Roesch

Grade 6: Allison Nadler

Grade 7: Izzy Tobben

Grade 8: Blake Boley

## Oma's Soup Kitchen

### Wednesday December 5

Get the whole family together and join us at St. John's from 4:30-8:00 tonight, Wednesday, December 5. It's an eventful night full of free soup and lots of Christmas joy in exchange for monetary, hygiene, and food donations of what you can! All donations will go to assist St. John's, St. John's Helping Hands, and other community outreaches. There are lots of fun things planned this year. All are welcome! Email any questions to erploch@gmail.com. Thank you.

### Advent

During Advent, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Christ on Christmas Day. As we light the second candle on our Advent wreath on Sunday, we pray that God will help direct our minds and our hearts to love as Jesus loves.

### Dinner Auction Meeting

#### December 11, 2018

We are having a Dinner Auction meeting on Tuesday, December 11, at 7:00 in the Parish Center. We need your help to plan and prepare for the largest fundraiser at our school. Please consider coming to this meeting to help our school. We need this Dinner Auction to keep our school running, to be competitive with other schools, and to try to keep tuition costs down. We appreciate any time that you have to offer.

The date of our Dinner Auction is Saturday, February 23, 2019. Mark your calendars for this great event at our school and invite your family and friends to join us. Please consider giving your time and sharing your talents to help our school.

## Jeans Day

Friday, December 7, is a jeans day for all students in grades eight, seven, six, three, and one for filling their tab jar. Thank you for collecting tabs to benefit our school.

### Thank you!

We want to thank everyone who helped in any way with our successful Dartball Tournament this past Saturday. It was a great day! Everyone had a wonderful time while raising money for technology at our school. We raised \$3600 for our school's technology needs, which is amazing! THANK YOU! A very special thank you to our Dartball Committee, Miss Cara Aholt, Miss Lisa Moellering, Mrs. Diane Burke, and Mrs. Linda Stamminger, along with our entire staff for their hard work, time, and dedication to help St. John's School. We have a very special school community here at St. John's!

### THANK YOU—Jeans Day

If you made any kind of donation to the Dartball Tournament, played in the tournament and/or helped in any way, your child/children will have a Jeans Day on Thursday, December 6. Thank you!

## Holy Day—December 8

Saturday, December 8 is a Holy Day, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

#### Mass Times:

Friday, 12/7/18, 7:30 p.m. All are invited to the Cider Fest in the Parish Center after Mass.

Saturday, 12/8/18, 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

## SJG Basketball Jaguars

We hope you can join us as we cheer loud and proud for our St. John's Basketball Jaguars. Below is the game schedule for December:

Monday, 12/3 — Saturday, 12/8, at Borgia

A Boys Tournament

Thursday, December 13, at HOME vs. Spring Bluff:

6:00 B Boys-6th/7:00 A Boys

Friday, December 14, at Strain Japan:

5:30 B Girls/6:30 A Girls/7:30 A Boys

GO JAGUARS!

## Athletic Association

### Show Me Dough Fundraiser

Butter Braids, Cookie Dough, and Pizzas are available to order. **Please return your order form with payment to school by Friday, December 7.** and make checks payable to St. John's Gildehaus Athletic Association, (SJGAA). The delivery date is December 18. We thank you in advance for your support. We are raising money for equipment for SJG athletics.

## Regional Band

We want to recognize all our SJG students who are members of the Regional Band. These students get up extra early two days a week to attend band class at Borgia Grade School. We are proud of you all and look forward to the Christmas Concert and the Spring Band Tour.

**We hope you can join us for the Regional Band Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 9, starting at 1:00 at Borgia High School.**

Our Advanced Band students are Aine Callahan, Kaylee Benhardt, Andrew Busch, Christian Collins, Hayden Ley, and Addison Schmelz.

Our Beginning Band students are Dani Benhardt, Nate & Will Clarkson, Wyatt Morgan, Sam Tecklenburg, Riley Zeitzmann, and Nathan Guzy.

For more information regarding our Regional Band, please contact Maggie Naud at 636-667-1539.

## SJG Speech Team

The next Speech practice will be Tuesday, December 11, from 3:10 to 4:00 in the 8th grade classroom. These practices are not mandatory, but are important for improvement and being selected to participate in the final meet. The next Speech competition is scheduled for Saturday, February 2. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Brueggemann

## Joggin Jaguars

Our next Joggin Jaguar session will be in January, from 3:00 to 4:00. A new schedule will be sent home to all joggers. If you have any questions or if your child can't make it on a Thursday, please contact Miss Hanratty at hanrattyb@sjgschool.org. Miss Hanratty, Mrs. Straatmann, Mrs. Wissmann, and Mrs. Stammeringer look forward to jogging with all our Jaguars!

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

## Advent Project

This year our Advent project will benefit St. John's Helping Hands, the American Cancer Society, St. Jude Children's Hospital, and the St. Patrick's Center. We will be collecting the following items:

Preschool and Kindergarten: will be collecting new toys and candy to benefit local families in need.

Grades 1 & 2: will be collecting money to help St. John's Helping Hands cover costs to help needy families in our area.

Grades 3 & 4: will be collecting money for the Children's Relay for Life to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Grade 5: will be collecting food products for St. John's Helping Hands. There is a great need for applesauce and cereal.

Grade 6: will be collecting money to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Grade 7: will be collecting paper towels, toilet paper, toothpaste, children's toothbrushes, and other household products for St. John's Helping Hands.

Grade 8: will be collecting socks, gloves, and other items for the St. Patrick's Center.

Please send in all items by Friday, December 14. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of many and for spreading the Christmas spirit to others.

## St. Jude Children's Hospital Fundraiser

Sixth grade students will be selling hot chocolate and coffee on Friday, December 14, during our morning drop off to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital as a part of their Advent Project. Also, we will have a NUT Pass day for \$1 on Tuesday, December 18 to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital. Thank you in advance for helping these children and their families.

## Bake Sale Tuesday, December 18

Students in third and fourth grades will have a Bake Sale on Tuesday, December 18, to benefit the American Cancer Society as a part of their Advent Project this year. Thank you for your generous support.

## Tune in to hear our 7th & 8th Grade Catholic Radio 1460AM

Our 7th and 8th grade students did a beautiful job singing at the Catholic Radio Station. Many of the students were also interviewed by the show's host, Patty Schneier. They represented St. John's well! Tell your family and friends to tune in on Tuesday, December 11 at 7:25 a.m. and it will air again on Friday, December 14 at 3:25 p.m. It is on Covenant Network Catholic Radio 1460 AM. You can also listen on your electronic device at ourcatholicradio.org. The following week Patty will archive our segment and you will be able to listen anytime at pattyschneier.com.

## Christmas Concert Wednesday, December 12

All students in grades kindergarten through three are practicing and working hard to prepare for our Christmas concert which is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. We hope you will invite your family and friends to join us for a special night to share some Christmas joy here at St. John's.

All students in grades 4-8 will perform at our Spring Musical which is scheduled for Thursday, May 2.

## Middle School Exam Schedule

### 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Literature - 12/18 and 12/19

ELA - 12/14 - 12/19 (formal writing assessment)

Science - 12/19

Math - 12/18

Social Studies - 12/14

Religion - 12/17

### 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Literature - 12/19

ELA - 12/18

Science - 12/20

Math - 12/14

Social Studies - 12/18

Religion - 12/17

### 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Literature - 12/18

ELA - 12/14 - 12/19 (formal writing assessment)

Science - 12/14

Math - 12/17

Social Studies - 12/19

Religion - 12/18

We will be using 12/20 as a make-up date for students who are absent during scheduled exams.

## St. John's Ornament

St. John's Gildehaus Church glass ornaments are available for purchase in the school and parish offices for \$10 each. These keepsake ornaments would make a very special gift this season.

## Protecting God's Children

If you plan to volunteer, go on a field trip with your child, or attend classroom parties, 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—FCSR

### \*Commitment to Ethical Conduct Signature Form

Also, if you would like to volunteer to drive students for a field trip, we will need copies of your driver's license and vehicle insurance card. Please call the school office with any questions. supporting our school.

## St. John's SCRIP Program

Remember to take advantage of our SCRIP program.

While you are doing your Christmas and 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 of the order form go to [www.sjgschool.org](http://www.sjgschool.org). If you have any questions, please call Laura Ley at 636-583-2820. 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](http://btfe.com) for a complete list of participating brands and to learn more about how you can help our school.

Also, a reminder to check your Box Tops for an expiration date. Thank you to everyone for participating and supporting our school.

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## Calendar

<p>12/02/18 1st Sunday Of Advent Mass Times 7/8:30/10:30</p> <p>9:00-2:00 Parents' Day Out</p> <p>1:00 Basketball Games at OLL</p>	<p>12/03/18 8:00 Mass</p> <p>A Boys Basketball Tournament At Borgia</p>	<p>12/04/18 Adoration Pray with Jesus 8 a.m.-6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Mass</p> <p>3:10-4:00 Speech</p>	<p>12/05/18 8:00 Mass Gr. 5-8 Attend Mass Gr. 6 Plan the Mass Confession-Gr. 8/7 9:00 Preschool Making Gingerbread Houses</p> <p>4:30-8:00 Oma's Soup Kitchen</p> <p>6:30-7:45 PSR 6:30 RCIA-MS Room</p>	<p>12/06/18 8:00 Mass All School Mass Gr. 5 Plan the Mass Confession-Gr. 6/5</p> <p>B Girls/B Boys Basketball Tournament at IC</p>	<p>12/07/18 8:00 Mass Gr. K-4 Attend Mass Gr. 4 Plan the Mass Confession-Grades 4/3/2 Return Show Me Dough Order Forms With Payment</p> <p>Holy Day Mass 7:30 p.m. Cider Fest</p>	<p>12/08/18 Holy Day The Immacu- late Concep- tion of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Times: 6:00/8:00 a.m.</p> <p>Sunday Mass 6:00 p.m.</p>
<p>12/09/18 2nd Sunday Of Advent Mass Times 7/8:30/10:30</p>	<p>12/10/18 8:00 Mass</p>	<p>12/11/18 Adoration Pray with Jesus 8 a.m.-6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Mass</p> <p>3:10-4:00 Speech</p> <p>7:00 Dinner Auc- tion Meeting</p>	<p>12/12/18 8:00 Mass Gr. 5-8 Attend Mass Gr. 8 Plan the Mass</p> <p>Dec./June BDay Jeans Day Preschool(4/5) Field Trip to Dollar Tree 7:00 Christmas Con- cert Grades K-3</p> <p>6:30-7:45 PSR 6:30 RCIA-MS Room</p>	<p>12/13/18 8:00 Mass All School Mass Gr. 7 Plan the Mass</p> <p>3:00-4:00 Joggin Jaguars</p> <p>6:00 HOME Basketball Games Vs. Spring Bluff</p>	<p>12/14/18 8:00 Mass Gr. K-4 Attend Mass Gr. 3 Plan the Mass</p> <p>Grade 6 Hot Chocolate and Coffee Sales to benefit St. Jude's Hospital</p> <p>5:30 Basketball Games at Strain Japan</p>	<p>12/15/18</p> <p>Sunday Mass 6:00 p.m.</p>

### 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.

### Nut-Sensitive Environment

We have several students in our school with peanut allergies. Our school is a "nut-sensitive environment". Peanut butter and other peanut products are not served in our cafeteria. Nut-free sounds simple, but it also means reading labels of other foods where peanuts or peanut oil is hidden. Most items contain an allergy statement at the end of the listed ingredients.

Please do not send peanut products with your children. We want to keep these children safe from an allergic reaction. Thank you and we wish to express sincere appreciation for your support and understanding of this life-threatening allergy.