



St. John the Baptist School



January 9, 2019

"Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many blessings of this past year and for the hope and joy that lies ahead in our new year. Help us in this new year to feel Your love and hear Your voice each day. Help us to take the time to stop and listen for Your guidance. Your love is all around us. We pray for peace, and for hope. We leave the past in Your hands, and step out into the new year knowing You will be with us and we thank You for our many blessings. We ask this and all things, through Christ, Our Lord, Amen."

From the Principal:

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! Allow me to use this space to share a few important items with you.

Second quarter/first semester reports cards are included in the Wednesday folder. This morning I congratulated students for their continued success and encouraged those who wish to achieve at higher levels to consider the second semester a fresh start to meet their goals.

The Regional Schools Steering Committee, along with officials from the Archdiocese, will be here Thursday evening to share their recommendations with us. Please consider attending this important meeting scheduled for 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

And finally, as we all know, winter weather and hazardous driving conditions can impact us with little to no warning here in the hills of Villa Ridge. Therefore, as we enter the heart of winter (it sure didn't feel that way early this week!) please make all the alternative plans necessary to respond to potential early dismissals, closures, and cancellations of school and/or After Care services because of challenging weather.

Grade 8 Parent Meeting

The 8th grade Parent Meeting has been rescheduled. The new date is Wednesday, January 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the fifth grade classroom.

Town Hall Meeting

We will have a meeting here at St. John's on Thursday, January 10, starting at 7:00 p.m. All parents, grandparents, parishioners, and all members of the St. John's family are encouraged to attend. If you are unable to make this meeting there are other meetings scheduled at different locations that you are welcome to attend. Your continued prayers are much appreciated. Thank you.

Report Cards

Thursday, December 20, was the end of second quarter. Report Cards are enclosed in the Wednesday Folders today. Please sign and return the envelope. The report card is yours to keep.

Kindergarten parents need to sign and return the report card and envelope.

Thank you.

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 15, at 4:00 p.m. and plan to return on Sunday, January 20. We pray that they have a safe and prayerful trip.

Martin Luther King Day

No School

There will be no school on Monday, January 21, for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Jeans Day

All students in grades seven, five, four, two, one, kindergarten, and preschool will have a jeans day on Friday, January 11, for filling their tab jar. Thank you for collecting your tabs to benefit our school.

SJG Dinner Auction News

The MEET AND GREET session will be Thursday, January 10, from 2:30 until 5:30 in the gym. All families are needed to stop by to pick up their Dinner Auction packet. Thank you for your help.

Congratulations to Dennis and Natalie Boley and their family. They sold the most raffle tickets during the Christmas break and are now exempt for all Dinner Auction challenges.

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Scholarship Information

All families have the opportunity to apply for all the scholarships offered using the online application at no cost. One application is being used for all scholarships funded by the Catholic Education Office, the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri, and the Today and 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 28. Please visit www.ttefstl.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 28 and February 28. All families are encouraged to apply as early as possible. If you have any questions or need assistance with the online application process, please contact our school office.

SJG Basketball Jaguars

We hope you can join us as we cheer loud and proud with our SJG Cheerleaders for our St. John's Basketball Jaguars.

Below is the game schedule for January:

Wednesday-Saturday, January 9-12 at Spring Bluff

B Boys Grade 6 Tournament

Sunday, January 13, at IC:

12:00 B Girls/1:00 5th Gr. Boys/2:00 A Girls/

3:00 6th Gr. Boys/4:00 A Boys

Monday-Saturday, January 14-19 at Borgia

B Girls and B Boys Grade 6 Tournament

Tuesday, January 15 at OLL

6:30 B Boys Grade 5

Friday, January 18, at HOME vs. Strain Japan:

5:30 B Girls / 6:30 5th Gr. Boys / 7:30 A Girls

Tuesday, January 22, at Borgia:

6:00 A Girls / 7:00 A Boys

Friday, January 25, at Spring Bluff:

5:30 5th Gr. Boys / 6:30 B Girls / 7:30 6th Gr. Boys

8:30 A Boys

Sunday, January 27, at HOME vs. Borgia:

12:00 B Girls / 1:00 5th Gr. Boys / 2:00 6th Gr. Boys

3:00 A Girls / 4:00 A Boys

Tuesday, January 29, at HOME vs. R2:

6:00 B Girls / 7:00 6th Gr. Boys / 8:00 A Boys

GO JAGUARS!

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 Spring Band Tour.

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.

Joggin Jaguars

Our next Joggin Jaguar session will be January 24, from 3:00 to 4:00. 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. Stammering 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.

SJG Speech Team

The next Speech practice will be Tuesday, January 22, from 3:10 to 4:00 in the 8th grade classroom. There will be NO speech practice on January 15. 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 at St. Catherine's. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Brueggemann at brueggemanti@sjgschool.org.

SJG Grand Raffle

Please consider helping our church and school by purchasing a grand raffle ticket.

Grand Prize: \$5000

2nd Prize: \$2000

3rd Prize \$500

4th Prize \$500

Tickets may be purchased individually or as a group. Tickets are \$100 each and only 250 will be sold. If you would like to purchase a ticket or have a family member or friend that would like a ticket, please contact the school office. We thank you for your support.

After School Care Position

We are happy to offer After School Care to our families at St. John's. Mrs. Jamie York, Miss Chelsea Kleekamp, Mrs. Amy Bath, and Mr. Caleb Kleekamp enjoy being with your children each afternoon, from 3:00 to 6:00. We are currently looking for another person to join our After School Care team. If you are interested or know of someone who may want to spend some fun, quality time with our SJG kids after school, please call the school office or email your resume and questions to office@sjgschool.org. Thank you.

Catholic Schools' Week

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools' Week the week of January 28 through February 1. A flyer will be coming home soon in the Wednesday folder with more information about this fun week at our school.

Open House and Registration Night

We are having an Open House and Registration Night for pre-school, kindergarten, and children who will be entering grades one through eight who are new to our school. The theme this year is "Winter Wonderland". We hope you can join us for a fun-filled night of activities on Wednesday, January 30, 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.

Inclement Weather

During these winter months, please have your plans in place to prepare for a possible early dismissal or the close of school. 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. 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.

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

*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. 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 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>01/06/19 Sunday Mass Times 7/8:30/10:30</p> <p>4:00 Basketball Games at IC</p>	<p>01/07/19 8:00 Mass ACRE Testing This week for Grades 5 and 8</p> <p>6:00 Basketball Games At IL</p> <p>Basketball Tournament at OLL A Boys/A Girls</p>	<p>01/08/19 Adoration Pray with Jesus 8 a.m.-6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Mass</p> <p>NUT Pass For Dinner Auc- tion participation</p> <p>1:00 DARE-Gr. 5</p> <p>3:00-4:00 Speech 5:30 Basketball Games at Borgia</p>	<p>01/09/19 8:00 Mass Gr. 5-8 Attend Mass Gr. 5 Plan the Mass</p> <p>Jan./July B-Day Jeans Day</p> <p>Report Cards go home today</p> <p>6:30-7:45 PSR 6:30 RCIA-MS Room</p>	<p>01/10/19 8:00 Mass All School Mass Gr. 8 Plan the Mass</p> <p>2:30-5:30 Dinner Auction Meet & Greet</p> <p>7:00 Town Hall Meeting</p>	<p>01/11/19 8:00 Mass Gr. K-4 Attend Mass Gr. 1 Plan the Mass</p> <p>Basketball Tournament at Spring Bluff B Boys 6th</p>	<p>01/12/19</p> <p>Mass 6:00 p.m.</p>
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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. We need to read labels of all foods where peanuts or peanut oil may be 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.