

09/12/26

THE VOICE

St. John the Baptist Catholic School



Dear School Families,
Grace and Peace!

"Knowledge about the soul is one of the best kinds of knowledge a man can have." This was the opening line in our class discussion this week with the 8th grade religion classes. It is an incredibly true statement and the fruit of our intellectual dialogue in class proved as much! We are, each one of us, unique in the entire physical created order. Frail though we are (and the heat this week proved as much to all of us!), we have a capacity within us, from the TK-1 child all the way to the young budding academician in 8th grade, to reflect upon the grandest of concepts: Truth, Beauty, Goodness, Being. This makes us able to consider God Himself in a way that is a marvel even to the angels. How precious it is to be able to inspire (and be inspired by!) our youth in the encouragement and the formation of these magnificent thoughts. Let us beg this continued grace from our heavenly patron: *Saint John the Baptist!* **-Fr. Louis Hager, O.Praem.**

Back to School Nights Please be sure to plan for at least one parent from your family to attend the Back to School Nights beginning on Monday. Please note that I will be on campus each night to help any parents who have not been able to complete their registration in FACTS.

STAR Testing Throughout the next two weeks students will be taking our STAR Benchmark Testing. Please try to keep doctor/dentist appointments to a minimum. It really helps us out with makeup testing. We appreciate your support!

Parking Lot Reminders It does get quite busy in the parking lot each morning during those last few minutes before the bell. Coming to school just a few minutes earlier each day will offer a greater opportunity for a peaceful drop off! Also please note that the parking spaces with the **RESERVED SIGNS** are for those families who purchased the spot from the Gala. Please resist the temptation to park in one of those spots for "just one minute". These spots are **RESERVED AT ALL TIMES** between 7:00 AM and 5:30 PM on school days.

Charleston Wrap Our Charleston Wrap fundraiser sale is ending soon. Please be sure to turn in your slips to the front office. We will have our last drawing on Friday this week.



Picture Day A reminder that picture day is Wednesday, September 16, 2026. All students in grades TK-8 will have their picture taken. Students in grades K-8 should wear their formal uniform on Wednesday. A PDF of the formal uniform guidelines is attached to the bulletin email.

Spaghetti Dinner This Friday, September 18 is our annual Spaghetti Dinner. We still have a great need for volunteers. Please [sign-up](#) if you can! We look forward to an evening of great food, community and lots of fun! There will be a photo booth, face painting and lots of inflatable activities for the students to enjoy. We send a boundless amounts of thanks to Pizza d'Oro (the DiPietro family) for the delicious pasta that we will all enjoy

+ In Christ,
Mrs. Viles

CALENDAR

Monday—Thursday

Back to School Nights—
See schedule below

Monday 9/7

Spirit Monday

Spaghetti Dinner Ticket
Payments Due

Wednesday 9/16

Picture Day

FORMAL UNIFORM

\$5 Smoothies at the
Gate

Friday 9/18

Late Start 8:45

Spaghetti Dinner

SAVE THE DATE

November 14th

Gala + Auction

SJB SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT
IN THE NOBLE TRADITION OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION, WITH
CHRIST AS TEACHER AND GUIDE, IN PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE
AND TRUTH, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL
PREPARES THE WAY FOR STUDENTS TO EMBRACE THE
FULLNESS OF GOD'S LOVE IN THIS WORLD AND IN HEAVEN.



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

6:30 PM GRADES TK/K

7:00 PM GRADE 1

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

6:30 PM GRADE 2

7:00 PM GRADE 3

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

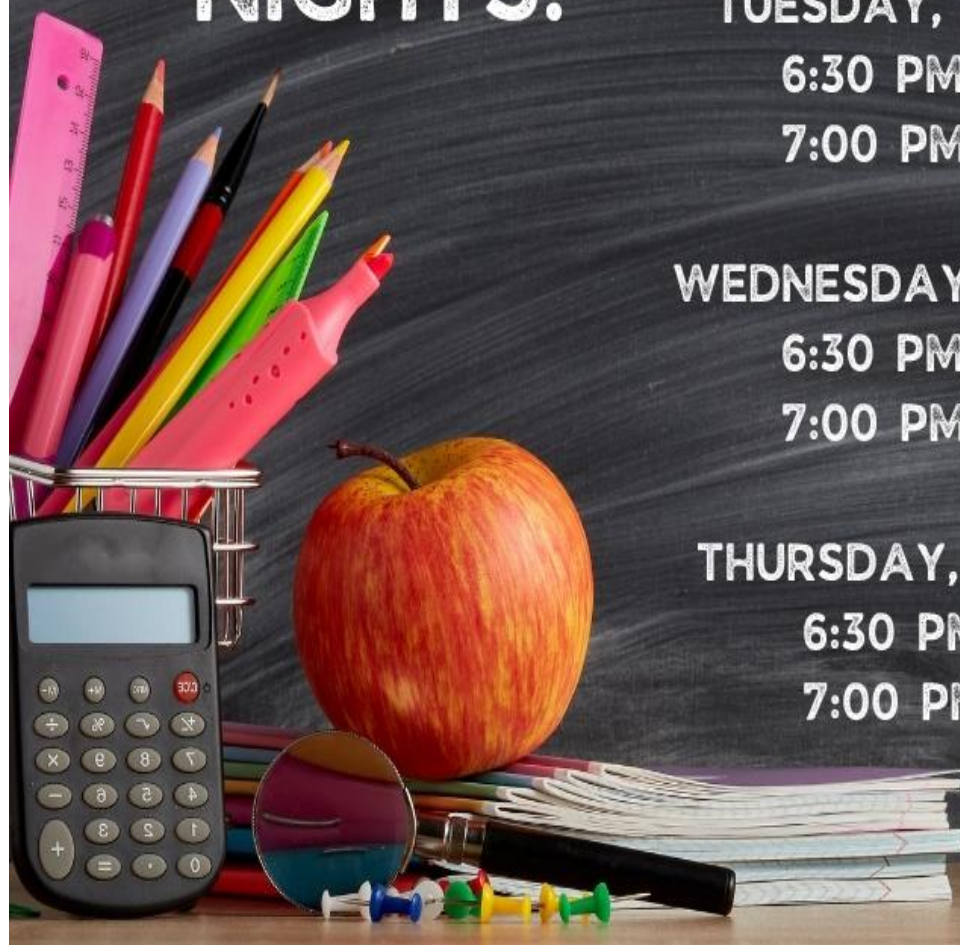
6:30 PM GRADE 4

7:00 PM GRADE 5

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

6:30 PM GRADE 6

7:00 PM GRADES 7 & 8



Spirituality

"Our hearts were made for You, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in You."

– Saint Augustine of Hippo

Thursday Morning Rosary

Please join Fr. Louis, and other members of our SJB school community, on Thursday mornings as he leads a decade of the Rosary for our students, staff and all our personal intentions. Parents, grandparents, older or younger siblings - all are welcome!

We meet immediately after the morning announcements. ds

This week let us lift our prayers for the intentions of:

Mrs. Teresa Lee and Mrs. Jennifer Butscher

We pray for God's blessings on the families of:

Aiden and Jacob Bernadino; Max Bernecker; Hayden and Tatum Berry; Leila Beshara; Zuzanna Bielecka; John Birdsall; Antonio Bonacci; Dean Boullon; Audrey and Jackson Bradley; and Easton and Emerson Bristow.

Special Intentions:

- We pray for all those in our SJB and family communities who are battling illness or disease especially Ashley Dennis, Yolanda Diaz and Patty De La Cruz.
- We pray for all family members of the SJB community who have passed away: especially Ann Janette O'Flynn, Carol Reilly, Rich and Russ Quinn, Mariana Mikhail, Jimmy Collins, Delina Skarles and Gloria Tomei
- We pray for all those affected by the hurricanes in Hawaii. May they find God's peace and comfort during this trying time.
- We pray for all the lives lost 25 years ago on 9/11 and for all their families that that they continue to find God's strength and love in such a great loss
- We pray for the homeless, the hungry and the lonely
- We pray for all unborn babies and their parents
- We pray for our country's leaders that they may continue to lead us through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- We pray for unity and peace in our Country; and we pray for those throughout the world that are affected by war. May they soon know peace.

Daily Prayer

Today, we call upon the Blessed Mother as we celebrate her Holy Name:

O Blessed Mother Mary, we honor your most holy name and call upon you with love and devotion. Guide us to your son, Jesus Christ, and protect us from all harm. May we always find refuge under your mantle of grace and Mercy. Amen.

Do you know someone in need of prayers? Do you need extra prayers?
If you have a special intention, and you'd like our SJB community to join you in prayer,
please email Meg Cappelletti at capfam613@gmail.com



SPOTLIGHT ON *Curriculum*

Ms. Newland 4A

Our fourth graders have been investigating the structures and functions of the human body and discovering how different body systems work together to help us move. Students explored the relationship between bones, muscles, joints, and tendons by constructing their own models of a human hand. As they manipulated the strings, which represented tendons, they observed how the pulling force caused the fingers to bend at the joints. Through this hands-on investigation, students discovered how the musculoskeletal system works as an interconnected system, with muscles and tendons working together to move bones at the joints.





Virtue of the Week

Justice

Justice is the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbor.

In other words, practicing the virtue of justice helps you give to God what belongs to God and give to others what belongs to them.

LOST AND FOUND



**THESE ITEMS CANNOT BE
RETURNED TO THEIR OWNERS
BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT LABELED**

**LABEL
ALL
ITEMS**





SPREADING LOVE FOR A CAUSE

DATE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

ALL DAY!

SGT. PEPPERONI'S

NEWPORT BEACH (2300 SE BRISTOL ST STE F)

DINE-IN . TAKEOUT . DELIVERY

Mention us when you make your
purchase at Sgt. Pepps, and 20%
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FALL SPORTS HOME GAMES

Girls A Volleyball

Tues 9/15 vs St. Irenaeus 3:30

Thurs 10/1 vs SSJ 3:30

Mon 10/5 vs St. Hedwig 3:30

Mon 10/12 vs OLQA 3:30

Mon 10/19 vs St. Bonaventure 3:30



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Boys A Football

Wed 9/16 vs OLQA 3:30

Mon 9/21 vs St. Bonaventure 3:30

Mon 9/28 vs St. Irenaeus 3:30

Mon 10/5 vs St. Hedwig 3:30



Boys B Football

Wed 9/16 vs OLQA 4:30

Mon 9/21 vs St. Bonaventure 4:30

Mon 9/28 vs St. Irenaeus 4:30

Wed 9/30 vs SSJ 3:30

Mon 10/5 vs St. Hedwig 4:30

GRAND OPENING SALE



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
IRISH

LEAH

IRISH

20% OFF Sitewide
Code SPIRIT20



SIDELINE
STORE



Exclusions apply.

DUE SEPTEMBER 18th

SJB 2026-2027 Student Emergency Kits



Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support of our emergency kit process. Students who attended St. John's last year received their kits back at the end of last school year. Please check everything in your kit and replenish items for this school year. New families please follow the guidelines below for creating an emergency kit for your child(ren).

All kits will be kept in storage in case of an emergency which would require your child to remain at school for an extended period of time. The personalized kits will again be returned at the end of this current school year.

Small first aid kit

- This can be as simple as a small packet of tissue, wet wipes, a few bandaids and a tube of antibiotic ointment

Emergency thermal/mylar blanket

- This can serve as a poncho, something to sit on, to keep warm with, etc.

Comfort item

- Small stuffed animal or toy
- Mini coloring book with colored pencils
- Deck of cards

A family photo and/or letter to your child

Snacks

Recommended food items to include:

Canned Tuna (water pack)	Raisins
Vienna sausage	Applesauce
Canned chicken	Fruit sticks
Canned, unsalted nuts	Canned fruit
Graham crackers	Crackers
Granola bars	Canned pudding
Fruit juice (small package)	Dried fruit

- Please include plastic eating utensils if needed
- All foods should have pull top lids or open easily. None should require a can opener.
- No food should require heating, microwave, added water, etc.

*Other items such as water, medical supplies, etc. will be provided by the school.

Please have all items packed and sealed in the gallon size Ziploc bag and return to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, September 18.

Thank you,

Fr. Louis, Mrs. Viles, Mr. Reilly and the SJB Emergency Committee



DISCOVER ROSARY ACADEMY

Home Information Night for Future Royals.

COSTA MESA & SURROUNDING AREAS

Join us for an intimate evening with the Rosary Academy community and discover what makes the Royal experience unique. Learn more about our college-preparatory academics, pathways, athletics, leadership opportunities, and the sisterhood that defines Rosary.



**Monday,
October 12**
6:00pm-8:00pm



McCarthy House
1773 Oriole Dr.
Costa Mesa, CA
92626



**scan to
RSVP**

Welcoming Families from

Costa Mesa • Newport Beach • Huntington Beach • Long Beach • Los Alamitos

Questions?

Kerry McCarthy at (619) 992-3731



SAVE THE DATE

Unlocking the Future

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL
ANNUAL GALA & AUCTION

11.14.26

PENDRY

NEWPORT BEACH

WHERE FAITH OPENS EVERY DOOR

CLICK TO UNLOCK THE EVENING



GRIT ACADEMY SOCCER

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

DISCIPLINE. HARDWORK. SKILL.

Train with purpose. Play with heart.



DATES

9/18 - 11/6



DAY

FRIDAY



TIME

2:45p - 3:45p



LOCATION

SJB Athletic Field



PRICE

\$175



8 WEEK SESSION



ALL AGES

SIGN UP TODAY!

STUDENT NAME: _____

STUDENT HOMEROOM: _____

PARENT NAME: _____

PARENT EMAIL: _____

PARENT CELL NUMBER: _____



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BUILDING CHARACTER.
ONE SESSION AT A TIME.*

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RISK INVOLVED IN SPORTS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Participation in sports and physical activities involves inherent risks, including but not limited to injury, illness, or other health-related issues. By signing up, I acknowledge that I understand these risks and voluntarily assume all responsibility for any injury, loss, or damage that may occur. I hereby release and hold harmless St. John the Baptist Catholic School, Grit Academy Sports, its coaches, volunteers, and affiliates from any and all liability.

BE GRITTY.



STRATEGIC Kids®



At St. John The Baptist



We bring the ancient game of Chess to life in this educational and engaging program! This program, designed for beginners and seasoned players, offers a learning experience that combines a new and engaging lesson each session, friendly gameplay, and opportunities to build new friendships! The best part? The program culminates in an exciting tournament where students can showcase their newfound skills and compete for amazing prizes!

Chess teaches

- Abstract Reasoning
- Pattern Recognition
 - Sportsmanship
 - Patience
- Problem-Solving
- Strategic Thinking

Date: Tuesday

Time: 2:45 PM to 3:45 PM

Location: TBA

Grades: 1-5

Early Fall

Dates: 09/15 to 11/03

**Skip
Dates:** 10/06/2026

Fees: \$112

Late Fall

Dates: 11/10 to 01/12

**Skip
Dates:** 11/24, 12/22, 12/29

Fees: \$112

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Visual Arts

Early Fall: Discover the art of cartooning through a world of styles and smiles! In Cartoon Craze, students will explore everything from classic Disney and playful chibi characters to expressive manga art and creative typography design. They'll learn how to bring personality and motion to their drawings while developing their own unique cartooning style.

Every class blends imagination, storytelling, and plenty of fun!

Late Fall: Young storytellers will dream up heroes, villains, and epic worlds—then bring them to life through art and writing! Students learn how to plan panels, draw expressive characters, and craft exciting storylines while creating their very own comic book masterpiece.

Visual Arts teach

- Emotional Expression
 - Self-Confidence
- Empathy & Perspective
 - Collaboration
 - Focus & Patience
 - Cultural Awareness

REGISTER HERE:



(or visit strategickids.com)

Date: Monday

Time: 2:45 PM to 3:45 PM

Location: TBA

Grades: 1-5

Early Fall

Dates: 09/14 to 11/02

Skip Dates: None

Fees: \$128

Late Fall

Dates: 11/09 to 01/11

Skip Dates: 11/23, 12/21, 12/28

Fees: \$112



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