

08/29/26

THE VOICE

St. John the Baptist Catholic School



Grace and peace to you all!

As we conclude our second full week back to school, and rest over the weekend to begin another in great joy, we ought to consider the great blessings we have had in our liturgical calendar this past week: the feast of a blessed Apostle (Bartholomew), the tearful and dedicated St. Monica – a mother whose unceasing petitions could not have gone unheard, her son, the spiritual giant Saint Augustine, and the Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist – our beloved School Patron. It is fitting that after many years of selfless toil and support from so many friends, benefactors, and families we can say that our new gym was blessed by the Abbot, named after our patron, on the Feast of the man whose name it holds in bright letters: *GYMNASIUM SANCTI JOANNIS BAPTISTAE – The Gymnasium of Saint John the Baptist*. The providence of God is amazing, and we should not miss it when it is writ so large before our eyes, in these grace-filled days of gratitude. Let these moments remind us of the faith we should constantly be grateful to have in our life, both personal and in this community. This faith is what draws us on to our eternal goal. Saint Augustine said it well: “We do not come to Christ by walking, but by believing; not by the movement of the body, but by the desires of the heart... Think not that thou art drawn against thy will; the mind is drawn also by love” (Augustine, *trac. Jn.*, 26.3).

~ Fr. Louis

Gym Dedication Thank you to the many hands who helped to make our gym dedication such a special moment for us. Thank you to Abbot John and Fr. Pascal for blessing our gymnasium. A beautiful plaque inscribed to Mrs. Judy Kelly and the Gym Fund Ladies is now on display in the lobby of the gym. Their dedication and inspiration is something that we can all aspire towards. A huge debt of gratitude to Jen Butscher and Tony Manrique for all of the many hours of planning and execution that went into our dedication event. Thank you as well to Mrs. Shauna Smith for all of her hard work setting up and supporting throughout the day! A special note of gratitude, as well, to our SJB Knights of Columbus for very generously providing and preparing all of the food served at the dedication. It was delicious, as usual - still the best fries in Orange County! Thank you, as well, to all of our families who came to support our dedication - it is truly what makes SJB so special!



Trimester 3 Honor Roll This week we will recognize our honor students from trimester 3 of last school year. (See the schedule in the calendar to the right)

Charleston Wrap Our Charleston Wrap fundraiser is in full swing! We had our first prize drawing on Friday morning at prayer. Five students were drawn out to punch the prize circles. Congratulations to Jacob P. 3B, Colin T. K2, Makenna D. TK2A, Holden R. 4A and Easton A. 2A. Your students can be entered into the drawing as well by turning in their slips each time they sell five items. (The box is in the front office!). All students who sell 3 items by Tuesday 9/1 will be able to have appropriate free dress on Thursday 9/3.

Back to School Nights Please be sure to plan for at least one parent per family to attend your grade level Back to School Nights. See the schedule below for the week of 9/14.

+ In Christ,
Mrs. Viles

CALENDAR

Monday 8/31

Spirit Monday
(Wear any SJB Spirit Shirt instead of your uniform shirt)

Tuesday 9/1

Spaghetti Dinner Tickets go on Sale at 10:00AM

Mass (1, 2, 3, 5, & 6)

3rd Trimester Honor Roll for last year's 6th Graders will be announced at morning prayer

Wednesday 9/2

\$5 Smoothies at the Gate



Thursday 9/3

3rd Trimester Honor Roll for last year's 7th Graders will be announced at morning prayer

Friday 9/4

Late Start 8:45 AM

Mass (TK2, K, 4, 7 & 8)

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.



*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.*

Psalms 107:1

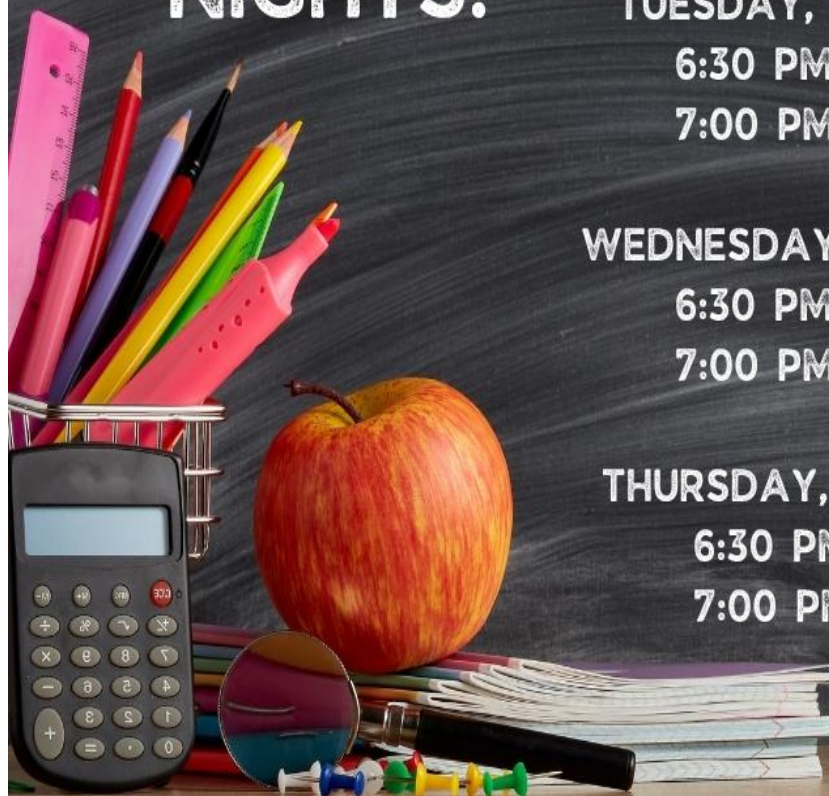
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS!

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

"Only one thing made me want to live a little longer, to see you a Christian before I die." ~ St. Monica

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.

This week let us lift our prayers for the intentions of: Rev. Pascal Nguyen and Rev. Louis Hager

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

Raynor and Redford Albers; Abigail and Andrew Alessandrini; Easton and Gabriel Alexander; Alice and Anthony Alti; Mikhail Alvarez; and Andre, Angela, Frederic, and Joseph Ambrow.

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 Carol Reilly, Rich and Russ Quinn, Mariana Mikhail and Jimmy Collins. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."
- We pray for all those affected by the floods in Nepal. May God continue to heal them and bring them comfort in this time of need.
- We pray for the homeless, the hungry and the lonely
- We pray for all unborn babies and their parents
- 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

Let us Remember our Patron, St. John the Baptist on the Feast of his Passion ~ Saturday, August 29th.
"O God, you raised up St. John the Baptist to prepare a perfect people for Christ. Fill your people with the joy of possessing His grace and direct the minds of all the faithful in the way of peace and salvation. Grant that as St. John was martyred for truth and justice, so we may energetically progress our Faith in you and lead others to the Way, the Truth and Eternal Life."

Special Intentions?

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

St. John the Baptist School



Our Organization ID:

11787



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Check-off your holiday gift list today and help our important cause.
From holiday to hostess to corporate gifts and more, our online store has something for every occasion - even if it's just for you!



1. REGISTER

REGISTER now as a participant at www.registercw.com to access our handy invitation tools in the Participant Dashboard. Very Important!

2. SHARE

INVITE 10+ friends and family to support our cause! Share a link to our sale using TEXT & EMAIL invitation tools. Don't forget to share on SOCIAL MEDIA, too!

3. SHOP

SHOP online and help us reach our GOAL today! With over 2,500 gift ideas there is something for everyone, including you!



● **LIVE: SJB GALA KICK-OFF FUNDRAISER**

SJB'S NFL SURVIVOR POOL IS BACK

PICK ONE NFL TEAM EACH WEEK TO WIN
YOUR TEAM WINS, YOU SURVIVE!

WINNER

VS

LOSER

NFL STARTS: SEPTEMBER 9TH
PICK ONLY ONE NFL TEAM EACH WEEK, BUT
YOU CAN'T PICK THE SAME PICK TWICE

\$20 EACH
2 ENTRIES PER
PERSON



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VENMO @CASEY-CROWDER-1

FPH REQUIREMENTS

All St. John the Baptist families are required to complete 25 hours of volunteer work for the benefit of the school community. This requirement is referred to as Family Participation Hours (FPH).

We offer the option at the beginning of the school year to buy out those hours for **\$750**

DEADLINE FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

*PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE FRONT OFFICE BY THE ABOVE DATE

FPH

BUY-OUT





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ANNUAL GALA & AUCTION

11.14.26

PENDRY

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CLICK TO UNLOCK THE EVENING



Charity

Charity is the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God.

Prayer for the Beatification of Mother Catherine:

Loving God, you chose Catherine McAuley for the service of your people who are poor, sick and uneducated. You inspired her to found the Sisters of Mercy so that these good works might endure. Give to each of us a portion of her compassionate spirit and an ardent desire to serve your suffering people. Bless all our undertakings and grant that union and charity may always thrive among us. Graciously hear our prayer for Catherine, and by granting the favors we ask through her intercession, hasten the day when her sanctity will be celebrated by the Church. Amen.

Pledge to the Cross

I pledge allegiance to the Cross of Christ, and to the faith for which it stands, one Church - Holy, Catholic and Apostolic, with grace and salvation for all.

Angel of God

Angel of God my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side to light and guard to rule and guide. Amen

The Our Father

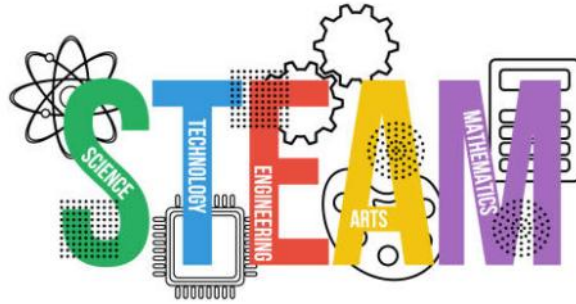
Páter noster, qui es in cáelis, sanctificétur nómen túum. Advéníat régnum túum. Fíat volúntas túa, sícut in cáelo et in térra.
Pánem nóstrum quotidiánum da nóbis hódie, et dimítte nóbis débíta nóstra, sícut et nos dimíttimus debitóribus nóstris. Et ne nos indúcas in tentatió-nem: sed líbera nos a málo. Amen.

The Hail Mary

Áve María, grátia pléna, Dóminus técum; benedícta tu in muliéribus, et benedíctus frúctus véntris túi, Jésus.

Sáncta María, Máter Déi, óra pro nóbis peccatóribus, nunc et in hóra mórtis nóstræ. Amen

SJB ROBOTICS



GRADES 4 — 8

INTRO TO ROBOTICS

Tuesdays from 2:45 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

9/1, 9/8, 9/22, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 11/5,
11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10, and 12/17
(No class on early dismissal days)

FULL

COST \$150

The class is limited to 10 participants who have not previously taken part in our Robotics Club

GRADES 4 — 8

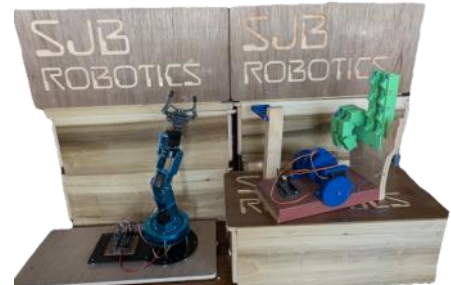
ADVANCED ROBOTICS

Thursdays from 2:55 p.m. — 4:40 p.m.

9/3, 9/10, 10/1, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5,
11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10, and 12/17
(No class on early dismissal days)

COST \$150

Open to 16 participants in 4th - 8th grade who have **completed a previous session of Robotics Club.**



REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE

(**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TOM DEVLIN**)

Choice of Session (circle one): ~~TUESDAY Intro to Robotics~~ THURSDAY— Advanced Robotics

Student Name _____ Homeroom _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent email: _____

Parent Cell Phone: _____

Parent Signature: _____

The poster features a decorative border of various autumn-themed illustrations including maple leaves, oak leaves, acorns, and ferns in shades of orange, red, brown, and green. The text is centered on a light cream background.

ITS TIME FOR SJB's

A small icon of two theater masks, one red and one green, with yellow ribbons.

Fall Drama

Come be a part of our theater family!

All new and returning 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th
grade students are welcome.

From beginners to seasoned actors, SJB's Theater Academy
offers a one of a kind experience and endless
growth opportunities for everyone!

Rehearsals start

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2nd

and continue Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
from 3pm-5pm in the Hall.

Program Tuition is \$250 and includes
lunch on school show day, Fall deral cast party,
a Drama Club T-shirt and more!

*Mandatory Parent Meeting: Wednesday 9/9 @ 5pm

I can't wait to share another amazing experience together.

Hope to see you there!



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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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.

Classes and performances
offered at the convenience
of your school location!

Students will perform at
Christmas Program
and SJB talent show!

Inspiration Dance



Little Flowers!

JK - 2nd grade

Friday

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Ballet and Tap



-Tuition-
9 monthly payments of \$75
Annual or Trimester
payment options

\$35 Registration Fee
includes costumes!
Contact: Miss Leah

sjb.inspirationdance@gmail.com

Starts: September 4

Ends: June 3

*No class on school
holidays or
noon dismissal*





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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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At St. John The Baptist

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:



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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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