

09/5/26

THE VOICE

St. John the Baptist Catholic School



Dear Families,
Grace and peace!

This entire past week of school we have been learning about and practicing the virtue of Charity – the greatest of the Three Theological Virtues, and indeed the greatest of all virtues. The culmination of listening to our virtue reading every morning at Morning Assembly reached a perfect summit on the final school day of the week (Friday), when we commemorated the First Friday of the month. Every First Friday being the typical day Holy Mother Church asks us to consider the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we had the opportunity to offer up our school Mass in honour of this Sacred Heart and to speak about why this is so important to our Catholic sensibilities. Since this Heart is "nothing but Love and Mercy," we essentially learn to love from it in a most perfect way. We begin to love by imitating many different people in our life. But we learn to love profoundly only by imitating this Heart. If we make a short study of the sorrows and joys which permeated the Heart of Christ whilst He moved about on earth, we would perhaps uncover the greatest mysteries in the created universe – since all of creation has been made out of the sheer diffusion of the love and goodness of God. Perhaps we can put it in the simple but profound terms of our little TK students after showing them a picture of the Sacred heart and asking them what does any heart do: The Heart Loves.

May God teach us this lesson every day, and give us the strength to accomplish it.

-Fr. Louis Hager, O.Praem.

Charleston Wrap

Thank you to all of the families who have been participating in our Charleston Wrap fundraiser. We truly appreciate your support. Congratulations to our drawing winners this week: Adrian M. 5B, Gabby C. 8A, Claire C. 2A, Francesca T. 8B, and George K. 5A. Remember to turn in your slips to the office to be included in the prize drawings.

Solar Project

A very special thank you to Mr. John Mourani, a member of our Parish Finance Council and an SJB Knight of Columbus, for his dedication, perseverance and leadership in completion of our St. John the Baptist Solar. The project is now complete and we are so appreciative of all the hard work that went into it.



Virtue of the Week

Our September virtues this year are:

Week of September 7 - Prudence

Week of September 14 - Justice

Week of September 21 - Orderliness

Week of September 28 - Docility

Congratulations to our first Virtue Drawing winners of the school year: Khai P. 3A, James P. 4A and Graham C. 3A.

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 September 14.

+ In Christ,
Mrs. Viles

CALENDAR

Monday 9/7

No School—Labor Day

Wednesday 9/9

\$5 Smoothies at the Gate

Norman's Uniform Sale
—Under the Lunch Structure

Friday 9/11

No School—Diocesan Teacher Convocation

Deadline to Buy-out your FPH obligation

SAVE THE DATE

September 18th

Spaghetti Dinner

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.



Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

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

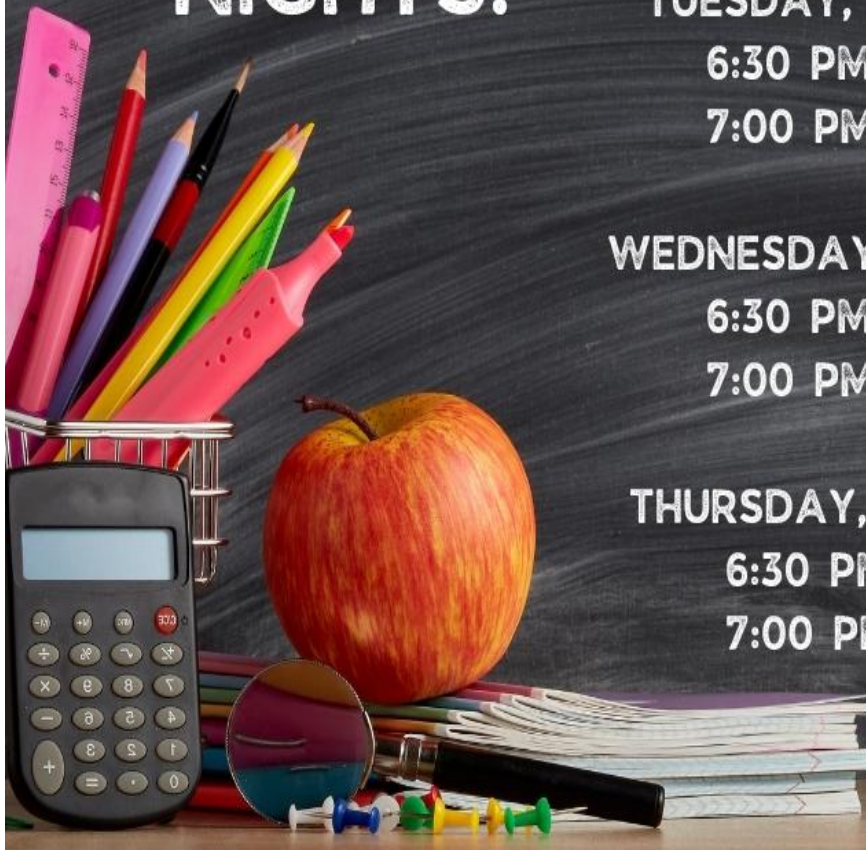
6:30 PM GRADE 4

7:00 PM GRADE 5

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

6:30 PM GRADE 6

7:00 PM GRADES 7 & 8



Spirituality

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love"
~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

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:

Mrs. Paula Viles and Mr. Chris Reilly

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

Jolene Andrade; Aiden Andrews; Kattleia Angeles; Sebastian Amanda;
Aiden and Ethan Arizabal; Nolan Arreguin; Kaia Azzario; Alexander and
Gabriel Baltazar; Nathan Becerra; and Cecilia and Regina Belland

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 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

Let us Remember St. Teresa of Calcutta, as we look upon her holy and sacrificial life. *"Saint Teresa of Calcutta, you allowed the thirsting love of Jesus on the Cross to become a living flame within you, and so became the light of His love to all. Obtain from the Heart of Jesus... [here make your request]. Teach me to allow Jesus to penetrate and possess my whole being so completely that my life, too, may radiate His light and love to others." Amen.*
St. Teresa of Calcutta. *Pray for Us.*

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*



Mrs. McLaughlin

2B

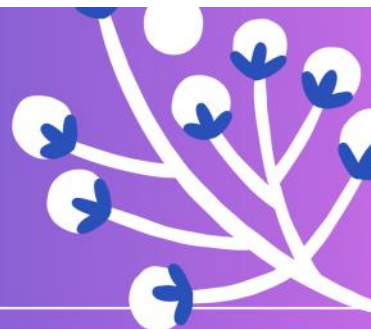
Our second graders put their problem-solving and teamwork skills to the test with Saving Fred! Students were challenged to rescue Fred, a gummy worm, by getting him through his gummy lifesaver “life preserver” without touching Fred or any of the materials with their hands. The only tools they were allowed to use were paper clips!

Working together, students brainstormed ideas, created a plan, tested their strategies, and made adjustments when things didn’t work. This hands-on activity encouraged critical thinking, communication, perseverance, and collaboration—all while having a little fun saving Fred!





Virtue of the Week



Prudence

Prudence is the cardinal virtue that disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and choose the right means to achieve it.

In other words, Prudence helps you think through things and act in ways that are right, good, and pleasing to God.



You're invited to SJB Moms Night

Lectio Divina

with Sr Gemma guiding us in this
contemplative prayer

Dinner at 6pm, Talk at 7pm
RSVP at pp.events/bnPKB6X5
or to sjbmoms@sjboc.org



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 3:30

Wed 9/30 vs SSJ 4:30

Mon 10/5 vs St. Hedwig 4:30

GRAND OPENING SALE



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
IRISH



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20% OFF Sitewide
Code SPIRIT20



SIDELINE
STORE

Exclusions apply.

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

St. John the Baptist School



Our Organization ID:

11787



REGISTER. SHARE. SHOP. SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER

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





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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RELEASE OF LIABILITY

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

REGISTER HERE:



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STRATEGIC Kids®



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:



(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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