

09/26/26

# THE VOICE

St. John the Baptist Catholic School



Dear SJB Families,

*May the Perfect Love of Christ reign in our Hearts!*

"Mercy is an indispensable dimension of love; it is as it were love's second name". These words of Pope Saint John Paul II – a man of great mercy himself – shaped up the thrust of our devotional life this past Thursday, on which we celebrated our First All School Mass of the year. The 24th of September is the day on which we always commemorate the first beginnings of the Mercy Sisters, when Mother McAuley established the first house (there on Baggot street in Ireland) to bring the Mercy of God to those in need. "Mercy Day" we call it with great affection. And we do well to remember and give great thanks for that first little house of Mother McAuley, for without that there would eventually have been no sisters sent over across the pond to the once rural area of Orange County we call Costa Mesa to establish the little school we call Saint John's. We owe a great debt of gratitude to the initial and long lasting efforts of the Mercy Sisters here on our beloved campus. May we continue to bring to our students, and into our families the Mercy of God, for it is nothing other than our Love.

**-Fr. Louis Hager, O.Praem**

**Mercy Day** This past Thursday we celebrated Mercy Day with a beautiful Mass. Our Mercy Day celebration allows us to take the time to remember and thank the Mercy Sisters who took a huge leap of faith and traveled across the world from Ireland to Costa Mesa to begin our beautiful school. Mercy Day honors the opening of the first House of Mercy by Mother Catherine McCauley on Baggot Street in Dublin, Ireland to support poor, sick and uneducated women and children.

**Charleston Wrap Thank You!!** Our Charleston Wrap fundraising event came to a close this past week. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this campaign so successful. Our top individual winners were Scarlett S 7B, Grace G 7B, Francesca T 8B, Braiden W K2, Dean B 1B, Elisa G TK2B, Isabelle B 7A, Eva D 2B. Our top classes were 7B Mrs. Kelly, TK2B Mrs. Parker and 3B Mrs. Challita. The top classes all received pizza parties. All of the students received a popsicle on Mercy Day because we did so well!! We exceeded our goal of raising \$30,000. A very special thank you to our committee chairs Mrs. Natalie Smith and Mrs. Maryam Arsanious. Thank you for all of your hard work managing our fundraiser! We appreciate you!



**Parking Lot Follow Up** Thank you for parking on the field on Friday. We appreciate your cooperation. It alleviated a great deal of congestion. I do have one other parking lot item that I need to address. Mr. Jackson has asked me to bring this to your attention. PLEASE DO NOT drop your children off in the middle of the parking lot aisles. This is very dangerous. Our children should never be expected to get out of a car and navigate themselves between the cars through the aisles of the parking lot. I did speak with the students on Friday morning regarding this as well. They all know where they are allowed to exit their cars. If you ask, they should tell you to either use the drop-off car line between 7:30 and 7:50AM or park in a parking space and walk to the gate.

(Continued next page)

## CALENDAR

### Monday 9/28

Spirit Monday

### Tuesday 9/29

Dine Out Fundraiser —  
Sgt. Pepperoni's on  
Bristol — All DAY!  
(See flyer below)

### Wednesday 9/30

Hawaiian Shirt and Jeans  
\$2 Fundraiser  
  
\$5 Smoothies at the Gate

### Thursday 10/1

Pennies From Heaven  
Collections begin

### Friday 10/2

Late Start 8:45

## **SAVE THE DATES**

### Oct. 6—9

Parent Teacher  
Conferences

### October 24

Chili Cookoff / Trunk or  
Treat

### November 14<sup>th</sup>

Gala + Auction

**Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up** It is amazing to realize that we are only a week away from our fall Parent Teacher Conferences. Conferences will take place from October 6 to October 10. On Tuesday September 29 the link to schedule your conferences will be sent out via email to each family. Please be sure to schedule conferences for each of your children. If you have difficulty, contact the school office for assistance.

**Boo Gram Sales 2026** At SJB, it is a cherished tradition for the graduating class to give a gift to the school community in gratitude for the many blessings they received during their time here. This year the Class of 2027 has ambitious visions for our Class Gift. To make these plans a reality, we are launching our Boo Gram sales this week. For only \$6.00 you can purchase a theater sized box of M&Ms or Nerds for your favorite ghost or goblin. Orders are due October 9th, so don't delay and miss your chance to tell someone to **Have a Bootiful Halloween, You Are Too Cute to Spook** or to **Have a Spooktacular Halloween**. The dollars from these sales and our scheduled sweatshirt and jeans days will go toward **re-landscaping our grotto** and replacing the icons of **Catherine McAuley** and **St. Norbert**. Our goal is to provide beautiful flowers worthy of honoring our Blessed Mother and to install beautiful, durable icons that will stand as a lasting legacy of both the Mercy and Norbertine presence for future generations of students. Thank you in advance for your participation!

+ In Christ,  
Mrs. Viles

### 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.



*Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.* St. Padre Pio



# Docility

The moral virtue of being teachable, humble, and open to receiving guidance from God, the Holy Spirit, and legitimate Church authority. It is the virtue of docility, or "teachableness," that opens our hearts and minds to receive counsel from prudent friends, mentors and teachers.

# Spirituality

*"Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer."  
- St. Padre Pio*

## **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:**

Ms. Gabriela Mourani and Mrs. Heather vanNierkerk

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

Isabelle Byrne; Chloe and John Caberto; Allison, Kaitlin and Zac Cadena; Meghan and Melody Caldwell; Andrea and Cassidy Calkin; and Graham and Madeline Callanan.

## **Special Intentions:**

- We pray for all those in our SJB and family communities who are battling illness, including Ashley Dennis, Yolanda Diaz and Patty De La Cruz
- We pray for all family members of the SJB community who have passed away including: 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 the homeless, the hungry and the lonely
- We pray for all unborn babies and their parents, especially for many mothers of the SJB community who are expecting babies
- 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**

*Dear Loving and Compassionate God, Giver of all gifts, we pray especially today for the mercy and love You give us. Open our hearts and minds to You. Give us the grace to accept your mercy. As we live each day, we pray for those less fortunate, especially those who are hurting, and whose wounds need to be healed. Help us become involved in ways that show them how deeply we care. Give us the personal courage to listen to their concerns and help them find the solutions to which they are entitled as Your children and our brothers and sisters. Amen.*

## **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](mailto:capfam613@gmail.com)



# SPOTLIGHT ON *Curriculum*

## *Mrs. Kelly* 4B

Mrs. Kelly's class was busy making eye-vision models this week to demonstrate how light passes through different parts of the eye. They loved seeing how the image was upside down on the "retina". Science is so much fun!





## 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%  
will be donated back to us!



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**MUSIC!**

Trunk or Treat  
Bounce Houses  
Pumpkin Carving  
Free Throw Contest  
Pie Eating Contest  
Watermelon Eating Contest  
Stein Holding Competition  
Beer & Margaritas  
Sweet Shoppe  
Hot Dogs, Burgers, Fries & Nachos  
and much more...

Register Chili Below



Visit [www.sjbkofc.org](http://www.sjbkofc.org)  
For More Information

**13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**

**CHILI**

**COOK OFF!**



**October 24th 2026**  
**11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

St. John the Baptist • 1021 Baker St. • Costa Mesa

# TRUNK OR TREAT

*at the Chili Cook Off*

OCTOBER 24TH

TRUNK OR TREAT

11:00 – 1:00

INFLATABLES, CONTESTS, COOK OFF

11:00 – 4:00

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

# OF PARTICIPANTS: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$13 = \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

\$13 PER CHILD PRESALE / \$15 AT THE DOOR  
INCLUDES UNLIMITED TRUNK OR TREATING,  
USE OF ALL INFLATABLE SLIDES/BOUNCERS/OBSTACLE COURSE &  
ALL CONTEST ENTRIES – PIE EATING, WATERMELON EATING, FREE THROW



SIGN ME UP TO DECORATE MY CAR & PASS OUT CANDY (3 FPH)



# The Master Key

CHARITY SPONSOR | \$ 12,000

ONE SPOT.  
ONE SPONSOR.  
ONE SPECIAL YEAR

**PICTURE THIS: FRONT ROW PARKING  
FOR ALL YOUR SJB EVENTS**

NOVEMBER 2026 - NOVEMBER 2027



## NEW EXTENDED EVENING PRIVILEGES

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE | FISH FRYS | FESTIVAL  
COMMUNION | GRADUATION | SPAGHETTI DINNER

**PREMIERE GALA TABLE FOR 12**  
PLUS YOUR FAMILY NAME OR LOGO RECOGNITION  
ON ALL GALA MARKETING

**ONLY ONE SPOT LEFT**  
**ONCE ITS CLAIMED, ITS GONE**



SCAN TO UNLOCK  
YOUR MASTER KEY

# Unlocking the Future

ANNUAL GALA + AUCTION



## **Charity Sponsor — \$12,000 — The Master Key**

***Opens every door. Leads with love.***

- Reserved Premier Table for 12 guests
- Premier Reserved Parking Space at St. John the Baptist Catholic School with custom signage- Valid for 2026 through the 2027 Gala
- Presenting Sponsor recognition from the stage, website and a dedicated social media spotlight
- Name or logo featured prominently on all event materials (print, digital, and web)



## **Faith Sponsor — \$7,000 — The Foundation Key**

***Rooted in belief. Unlocking Purpose.***

- Includes 12 Gala tickets
- Reserved Premier Table for 12 guests
- Recognition from the stage during the program
- Name or logo on all event materials (print, digital, and web)



## **Hope Sponsor — \$4,300 — The Promise Key**

***Opening doors to what's possible.***

- Includes 6 Gala tickets
- Reserved Group Seating for 6 guests
- Name or logo on event materials (print and digital)



## **Service Sponsor — \$2,700 — The Guiding Key**

***Serving others. Opening hearts.***

- Includes 4 Gala tickets
- Reserved Group Seating for 4 guests
- Name or logo on select event materials (print and digital)

# Unlocking the Future

ANNUAL GALA + AUCTION

## Underwriting Opportunities

Father Abbot John's Table- \$15,000

Father Pascal's Table- \$8,000

Father Louis' Table- \$8,000

Father Augustine's Table - \$8,000

The Sister's Table - \$5,000

Principal Viles' Table- \$5,000

SJB Staff Table - \$3,000

Entertainment Sponsor: \$2,500

Videographer Sponsor- \$2,000

Photo Booth Sponsor: \$1,800

Bar Sponsor: \$1,500

Live Entertainment Donation: \$500

Floral Arrangement Donation- Large: \$300 | Smal: \$150

## In-Kind Donations

We gratefully accept in-kind donations to enhance our auction offerings, including:

- Vacation home stays or timeshares
- Restaurant or retail gift cards
- Professional services (photography, fitness, beauty, etc.)
- Tickets to concerts, sporting events, or entertainment experiences
- Wine, spirits, or curated gift baskets
- Hosted buy-In parties or unique experiences

All in-kind donors will be recognized in auction materials and during the event. Donation forms and tax receipts are available upon request.

# Unlocking the Future

ANNUAL GALA + AUCTION

## Ticket Pricing

- Early Bird — \$225 (through September 30, 2026)
- Standard — \$250 (through October 16, 2026)
- Late Registration — \$300

## Contact Us



[GALAAUCTION@SJBSCHOOL.NET](mailto:GALAAUCTION@SJBSCHOOL.NET)



[@SJBANNUALGALA](https://www.instagram.com/SJBANNUALGALA)



[SJBANNUALGALA.MAXGIVING.BID/](https://www.sjbannualgala.maxgiving.bid/)

# 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



## Girls B Volleyball

Tues 9/15 vs St. Irenaeus 4:30

Thurs 10/1 vs SSJ 4:30

Mon 10/5 vs St. Hedwig 4:30

Mon 10/12 vs OLQA 4:30

Mon 10/19 vs St. Bonaventure 4:30



## 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

## SALE ENDS SEPTEMBER 30th!



**20% OFF Sitewide**  
**Code SPIRIT20**



# SIDELINE STORE

Exclusions apply.



# EXPERIENCE MATER DEI

## WELCOME TO THE 2026-2027 ADMISSIONS SEASON!

Welcome to the 2026-2027 Mater Dei High School admissions season! We are excited to begin this journey with you and invite your family to discover what makes the Monarch community so special.

At Mater Dei, **Honor, Glory, and Love** are more than words—they are values that guide the way we educate, serve, and support our students. We believe in developing the whole person: academically, spiritually, personally, and through the many opportunities that make the Mater Dei experience unique.

Whether you are just beginning to explore Mater Dei or are already considering becoming a Monarch, our Admissions Team is here to help you every step of the way.

## YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE

**Admissions Applications: Available now!**  
[CLICK HERE](#) to Apply!

**Tuition Assistance Applications: Open Now!**

**Early Admissions and Tuition Assistance  
Deadline: December 7, 2026**



## Mater Dei Celebrates Mass of the Holy Spirit



*From Paul's Letter to the Colossians~  
From the day we heard about you, we do  
not cease praying for you  
and asking that you may be filled with  
the knowledge of God's will*

Mater Dei is deeply grateful for the ability to share in our Catholic Faith with students, faculty, staff, and families. Mass of the Holy Spirit was a celebration of the many gifts and the powerful ways we come together to build up the Spirit here at Mater Dei.

## Notes and Reminders

- Applications for the 2027-2028 school year are available NOW!
- We invite prospective families to experience Mater Dei firsthand through **Shadow Days, Campus Tours, Open House, and more.** Shadow Days are an opportunity for students to spend the day on campus, experience Monarch spirit, and see what makes Mater Dei unique. Campus tours offer the whole family an overview of our mission, academics, extracurricular opportunities, and student life.
- Please mark your calendar for **Open House on Wednesday, October 7.** Explore our academic, athletic, arts, and student-life programs and discover whether Mater Dei is the right fit for your family.
- The **Early Acceptance and Tuition Assistance deadline is December 7, 2026.** Students who complete the Early Acceptance process secure their place in the Class of 2031 and receive priority Tuition Assistance notifications.

You can start the application, schedule a Shadow Day or Tour, or RSVP for Open House at [www.materdei.org/admissions](http://www.materdei.org/admissions)!



# 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

# Discover What Makes JSerra *Different*

## Open House

MONDAY, OCT. 5

5:30 - 8:00 PM

JSERRA PAVILION

Tour our **beautiful campus**

Meet our **faculty** and  
**coaches**

See **academics**, **arts**, and  
**athletics programs** up close

Ask questions **in person**

Interact with current  
students and experience our  
**warm community**



We can't wait to welcome *you*  
SCAN TO REGISTER



JSERRA  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL