

10/10/26

THE VOICE

St. John the Baptist Catholic School



Dear SJB Families,

May the pure Love of Christ reign in our Hearts!

I pray the Good Lord continues to bless each of your families as we make progress into the academic year. Things are well on their way at this point and we do well to stop and make sure we have our eyes continually on the right prize. At the end of the past week, all the teachers and I spent a brief moment in silent contemplation before the tabernacle wherein Our Lord rests quietly in the Blessed Sacrament. We focused our *lectio divina* (intentional contemplation on Sacred Scripture) time on the passage from scripture of Christ quietly asleep in the fishing boat in the middle of the storm. So often we let our life turn into a frantic storm of events and obligations and we forget to keep our eyes on *that prize* who *is* Christ. He is always there. Sometimes quietly asleep, resting in the hull of our heart. But He is there. Let us focus our eyes back on Him and keep making progress.

I have put together a scheduler for organizing some OFFICE HOURS in my new office. If you ever need to speak to me (confessions, blessings, spiritual or school content conversation) please feel free to schedule an appointment. There is a link to the scheduler and a map to my office on the next page.

God bless you all.

-Fr. Louis Hager, O.Praem

The month of October is filled with many exciting activities here at St. John's. We will celebrate **Red Ribbon Week** during the week of October 26. For the details of each day please see the flyer below. We encourage our students to participate in the campaign to fight drug use and to have some fun while doing it!

We will conclude the month with our annual **All Saints Day and Grandparent Day Celebration**. We have included a message below with the details for both the saints costumes and contest and the parade. There is also information regarding lunch with grandparents. Please note that it has changed from last year. We will not be tailgating on the field this year. We are working hard to heal our field.

Afternoon Dismissal

A quick reminder regarding pickup. All of the grade levels each have designated areas to wait to be picked up. Once parents arrive please keep your student(s) with you. Parents if you are waiting for older students or visiting with other parents at dismissal time, please be sure that you students are waiting with you. Students should not be running, chasing, playing tag etc. Additionally they should not climb the tree near the church entrance or play at the Our Lady of Lavang fountain. Thank you for your help! We truly appreciate it.

Additionally this Wednesday, we are happy to welcome our Associate Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Valadez to our campus. She will be here for part of the day to visit and see all of the exciting things happening at SJB.

+ In Christ,
Mrs. Viles

CALENDAR

Monday 10/12

Spirit Monday

Wednesday 10/14

\$5 Smoothies at the Gate

First Communion Parent Meeting 7PM in the Hall

Friday 10/16

Late Start 8:45

Early Dismissal

11:50 TK-K-1st

12:00 2nd-3rd-4th

12:10 5th-6th

12:20 7th-8th

Sunday 10/18

Family Mass 11:00AM

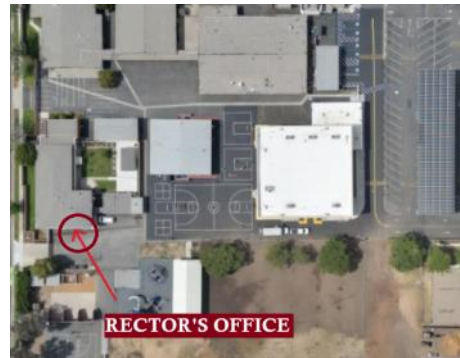
SAVE THE DATES

October 24

Chili Cookoff / Trunk or Treat

November 14th

Gala + Auction

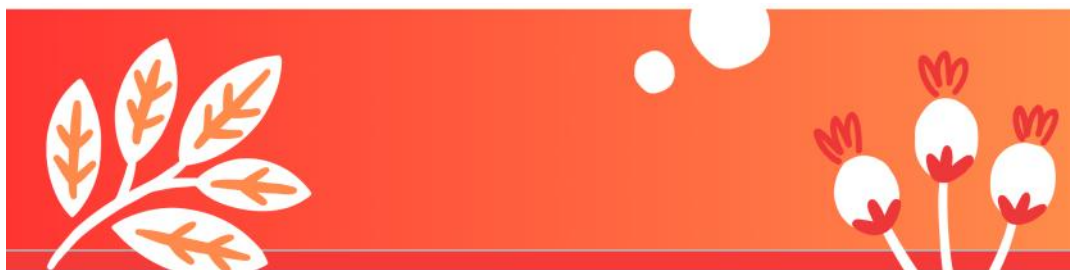


SJB SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

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.



Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience achieves everything. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.
St. Teresa of Avila



Responsibility

The moral habit of faithfully fulfilling one's obligations, using God-given gifts wisely, and accepting the consequences of one's words and actions.

Being reliable in your daily duties and being accountable for your behavior.





Spirituality

*"Pain and suffering have come into your life, but remember pain, sorrow, suffering are but the kiss of Jesus — a sign that you have come so close to Him that He can kiss you."
St. Mother 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. Kristen Welch and Miss Olivia Lee

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

Harriet, James and Teddy Casey; Claire Chamberlain; Connor Chen; Charlotte, Claire, and Edison Chesnie; Chloe Clancy; Kira Clark; and Edward, Margaret and Thomas Connolly

Special Intentions:

- We pray for all those in our SJB and family communities who are battling illness, including Maggie Garcia, Ashley Dennis, Yolanda Diaz and Patty De La Cruz.
- We pray for all family members of the SJB community who have passed away.
- 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
- During Respect Life Month, we pray for all those innocent lives that have been lost due to abortion.
- 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

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day
for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart, in union with
the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world,
in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends,
and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father. 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



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

BE A HERO.

STAY DRUG FREE™

RED RIBBON WEEK • OCTOBER 26-29

MONDAY 10/26

"DON'T GET TANGLED UP IN DRUGS!"

Create Tangled Crazy Hair – the crazier, the better!



TUESDAY 10/27

"BE RED-Y TO LIVE DRUG FREE!"

Wear as much red as you possibly can! Exchange each part of your uniform – red socks for white socks, red shorts for blue shorts, etc.



WEDNESDAY 10/28

"TEAM UP AGAINST DRUGS!"

Pick your favorite team & wear their gear or colors!

No pajamas, sweatpants or non-SJB shoes.



THURSDAY 10/29

"PUT DRUGS TO SLEEP!"

Wear your most comfortable Pajamas or Sweats.

No Slippers! (SJB Shoes only)





All Saints' Day & Grandparents' Day Friday, October 30, 2026

Our event will take place on the blacktop, under the lunch structure and on a portion of the field. There will be seating under easy-ups in addition to the lunch benches. Provided seating will be first come, first serve. A portion of the field will be open and available for picnicking. You are welcome to bring any items that will make picnicking comfortable and fun - blankets, chairs, easy-ups, etc. We kindly ask that you take home everything that you bring onto campus.

*Please plan to carpool whenever possible, as we have limited parking available. Campus gates will open at 11:00am for guests to enter.

*Students will eat lunch with their families picnic style on the grass, at the provided seating on the blacktop, or at the lunch benches from 11:30am-12:20pm. At 12:20pm the students will then return to the classroom to prepare for the All Saints' Parade. The Parade begins at 1pm.

*Following the Parade, students may be picked up from their classrooms.

GRANDPARENTS: During the lunch hour, your student will be inviting you to take a tour of their classroom! At their classroom you will see, and possibly take home, a special Grandparents' Day project they have made! After your classroom visit, or while you are waiting for the parade, please stop by the Hall for dessert & coffee!

Costume Contest

Dress up as your favorite Saint and WIN a prize! Categories may include:

**BEST IN EACH CLASS * MOST CREATIVE * MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE
* MOST UNIQUE * BEST OF THE BEST ***

SAINT COSTUME GUIDELINES

1. Dressing up as a Saint, Blessed, or a specific Angel such as Michael, Gabriel or Raphael is encouraged, but OPTIONAL (unless required by the teacher.) Students who do not dress up as a saint must come to school in full school uniform that day.
2. Boys must dress as male saints; girls must dress as female saints.
3. The costume must be recognized as a Saint's costume. Students can choose from any of the thousands of canonized or beatified Saints of the Catholic Church.
4. Students should be able to identify and say something about the Saint they represent.
5. Simplicity is encouraged. A Saint costume put together from things lying around the house is preferred to one purchased at a store or online.
6. Costumes should be comfortable for students to wear throughout the day, but jeans and a t-shirt that says "I am St. Mark" does not count as a costume.
7. Costumes and accessories must be safe (ex: "sword" should be made of cardboard or other soft material)
8. "Bloody" costumes are permitted for the martyrs, but please use sensitivity and good judgment as to the amount of blood. The "blood" should be of a substance which dries and does not remain wet.
9. The administration reserves the right to ask any student inappropriately dressed to change into their school uniform. If necessary, parents may need to come to school with the uniform.

WHEN IN DOUBT, ASK AHEAD OF TIME TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENTS ON OCTOBER 30th!

PICNIC RESERVATION LINK COMING SOON!



GALA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Are Live!



Can't attend the Gala?

Join our volunteer team! It's a special way
to experience the evening, serve the school
and see the event up close.

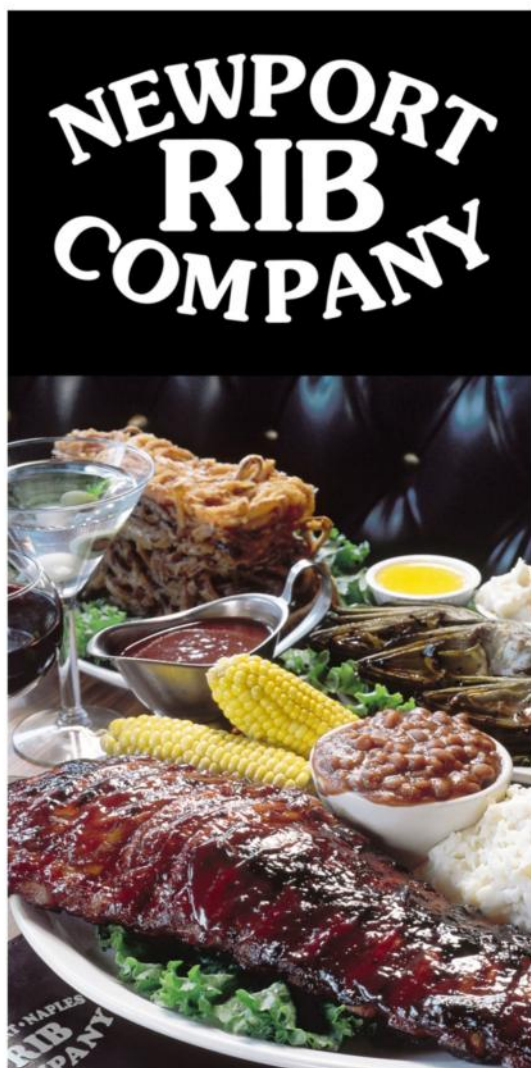


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sign up now!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE
FOR SJB



Rib Company Fundraiser Night!



Newport Rib Company
2196 Harbor Boulevard
Costa Mesa, CA 92627
(949) 631-2110

www.ribcompany.com

*"We Have A Lot
Of Competition...
But Our Ribs Don't"*

Supporting



Thursday October 22nd

Dine with Us: 4pm-9:00pm

Take-Out 10am-9:00pm

Please join
for a fundraising event at
Newport Rib Company.
Enjoy great food for a great cause!

**Newport Rib Company will
donate 20% of your bill to
St. John the Baptist School**

Dine-In or Take-Out

Bring in this flyer OR mention it to the staff,
and they will take care of the rest

Reservations recommended. Please call
Newport Rib Company (949) 631-2110
Tell them you're with the fundraiser

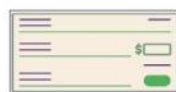
Online reservations:
RibCompany.com



PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

Please donate your extra change to help support the Respect Life ministries; not just pennies—quarters, dimes, nickels, dollars and checks are great too!!

The Junior & Senior classes that collect the most money will win a Pizza Party for their class & Gift Card for their teacher!



ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO SUPPORT RESPECT LIFE SHELTERS, CLINICS, AND CENTERS THAT GIVE IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM CARE TO ORANGE COUNTY WOMEN, CHILDREN, MEN, AND FAMILIES IN CRISIS.





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

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GROUP TRAINING

LIMITED AVAILABILITY –
DM @FourCTraining
TO BOOK

OCTOBER 5 – NOVEMBER 12

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY – FAIRMONT (San Juan Capistrano)

- 🏀 5:00–6:00 PM – Grades 5-6
- 🏀 6:00–7:00 PM – Grades 7-8
- 🏀 7:00–8:00 PM – Grades 9-10
- 🏀 8:00–9:00 PM – Grades 11-12

TUESDAY & THURSDAY – PAVILION (Rancho Mission Viejo)

- 🏀 6:30–7:30 PM – Grades 7-8
- 🏀 7:30–8:30 PM – Grades 9-10
- 🏀 8:30–9:30 PM – Grades 11-12

Individual Training Available by Appointment

For more information contact SJB Dad - Andrew Jones
alj6387@gmail.com 215-260-2334



**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
For More Information

13th ANNUAL

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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)

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.