

10/17/26

THE VOICE

St. John the Baptist Catholic School



Dear SJB Families,

May the pure Love of God Reign in our Hearts!

We have reached another bench mark of the year for the life of our eldest students: *The Wacky Olympics*! It is a fun-spirited half-day of team-building 'olympic' activities, giving them all a chance to break from the routine of typical instruction for the sake of genuine camaraderie. It is also a good chance for all of us to remember that being filled with and acting from a fun-spirited attitude is actually a virtue... and a sorely needed one these days, when we are all so gloomy too often. If we do lack this virtue, we are morose or even depressed in our demeanor. But if on the flip side we find ourselves always joking around and never serious, we are considered foolhardy, or a buffoon. The middle position is right and good. It is to be filled with *mirth* – a true spirit of affability, easygoing character, enjoyable presence, an all around pleasant demeanor. These are the people that we always want to be around. They are easy to be with; they cost us almost nothing. We too should be this easy to be around. And we can through the *joyful* Heart of Our Lord, which gave Him such a demeanor and happy presence that everyone wanted to come and listen to Him speak. May God bless each one of you with such a spirit of joy.

-Fr. Louis Hager, O.Praem

Parent Auxiliary Executive Board

At this past Parent Auxiliary meeting we inducted our Parent Auxiliary Executive Board. Our board includes: Elissa Kaustinen, President; Kim Zak, Vice President; Briana DiPietro, Treasurer; Jennifer Youssef, Recording Secretary; and Giselle Peyus, Corresponding Secretary. Thank you for agreeing to lead our Parent Auxiliary - we appreciate your dedication to St. John's and look forward to a very exciting year!



Family Mass

Please join us for Family Mass this Sunday at 11:00 AM. We will have student ushers, lectors and cantors. Additionally our Children's Choir will be singing. Students who wear their school uniform, to represent SJB, can find Mrs. Viles or Mrs. Babcock after Mass and get a free dress ticket for Monday. Again we hope to see you there!

Upcoming October Events

Please be sure to check the flyers below for details about our activities planned for **Red Ribbon Week**. Additionally there is important information regarding **All Saints Day** costumes and our parade, as well as information about **Grandparents Day** and our picnic. We are very excited about both of these long standing SJB events.

Wacky Olympics

As Fr. Louis spoke about above, we had our 8th grade Wacky Olympics today. A huge thank you to all of the parents who came today and helped with games. We would also like to thank Mrs. Babcock for all of the time and preparation she put into researching, procuring and planning the logistics for each game and to Mr. Velez for setting up everything. It was a great morning of community building and fun! It was also history making for the Class of 2027 - the first class to have their Wacky Olympics in the gym! (Pictures of each team are on the next page.)

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CALENDAR

Sunday 10/18

Family Mass 11:00AM

Monday 10/19

Spirit Monday

Wednesday 10/21

\$5 Smoothies at the Gate

Benediction 1:50

Friday 10/23

Late Start 8:45

All School Mass 10:00AM

FORMAL UNIFORM

Saturday 10/24

Trunk or Treat

11:00 — 1:00

Chili Cookoff

11:00 — 4:00

SAVE THE DATES

October 26th - 29th

RED RIBBON WEEK

October 30th

Grandparents' Day

All Saints Day

November 14th

Gala + Auction



+ 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.



To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others.
St. John Paul II



Foresight

The virtue of looking ahead, anticipating future consequences, and making wise choices in the present to prepare for what lies ahead. Foresight helps us to pray before every big decision so we can better ensure that our decision is in accord with the will of God.



Spirituality

*"I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the Sacred Heart of Jesus."
~ St. Margaret Mary Alocoque*

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. Megan Macias and Mrs. Alma Garcia

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

Scottie and Taylor Cooper; Jack Cotton; Logan and Noah Coury; Jude and Liam Criger; Declan, Kellen and Nolan Crowder; Andrew and Lucy Cruz; Audrey Cruz; and Jairo Cruz.

Special Intentions:

- We pray for all those in our SJB community who are in need of healing and strength, 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 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.
 - We pray for all those affected by the fires around Orange County that God may continue to protect them, their homes and bring them comfort during this time.

Daily Prayer

"Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my Trust in Thee."

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



SPOTLIGHT ON *Curriculum*

Mrs. Babcock **8th Grade ELA**

The 8th graders have completed a close reading of *Lord of the Flies* and are composing a literary analysis. Literary critics claim that Golding framed his novel using six “hunts” to illustrate the boys’ gradual loss of civilization and descent into savagery. The students are using textual evidence to support the thesis that Golding’s technique, using the six: hunts” in this way, successfully demonstrates his themes about human nature, civilization, and the loss of innocence.





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)





AND



Our event will take place on October 30 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 family 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!



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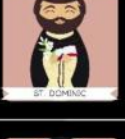
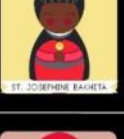
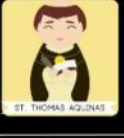
ALL SAINTS COSTUME CONTEST!

Categories may include: **BEST IN EACH CLASS * MOST CREATIVE**
* **MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE * MOST UNIQUE * BEST OF THE BEST** *

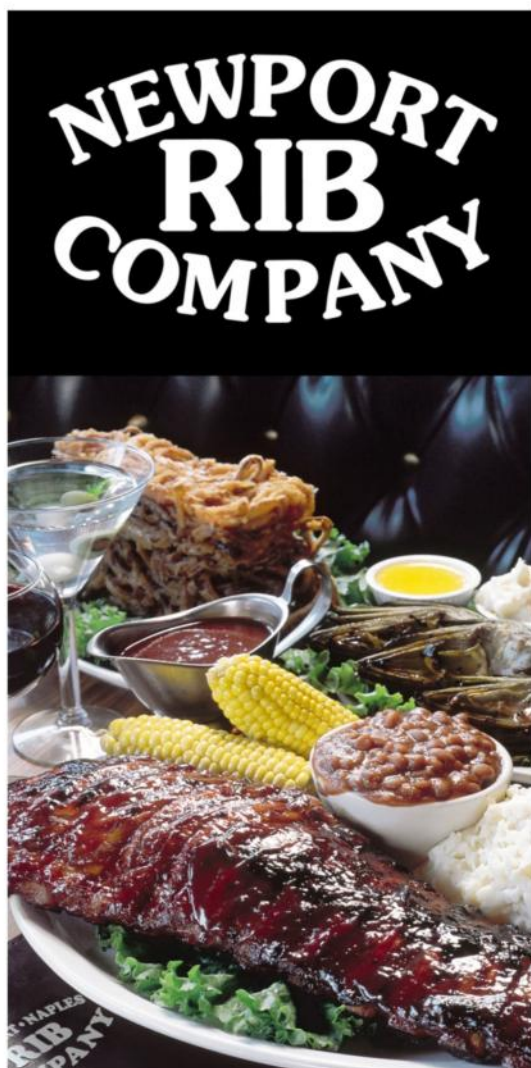
SAINT COSTUME GUIDELINES

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)
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 DISAPPOINTMENT!



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



Roman Catholic
Diocese of Orange

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH DAY

**Saturday, February 13th.
Guest Speakers.
Worship.
Roller Coasters.**

Middle School Youth Day is back! Join us on **Saturday February 13th, 2027** for an all-day event filled with faith, fellowship, and fun at **Knott's Berry Farm!**

Scan the QR code to join the interest list and learn more about MSYD 27!





**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

Ticket Pricing

- Early Bird — \$225 (through September 30, 2026)
- Standard — \$250 (**EXTENDED THROUGH OCTOBER 25th**)
- Late Registration — \$300

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ANNUAL GALA + AUCTION

Underwriting Opportunities

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

Father Pascal's Table- \$8,000- **SOLD**

Father Louis' Table- \$8,000- **SOLD**

Father Augustine's Table - \$8,000

The Sister's Table - \$5,000- **SOLD**

Principal Viles' Table- \$5,000- **SOLD**

SJB Staff Table - \$3,000- **SOLD**

Entertainment Sponsor: \$2,500

Videographer Sponsor- \$2,000

Photo Booth Sponsor: \$1,800

Bar Sponsor: \$1,500- **SOLD**

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.



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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FOR SJB



Unlocking the Future

ANNUAL GALA + AUCTION



CHARITY
Sponsor

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

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

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

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)