

09/02/22

THE VOICE

St. John the Baptist Catholic School



Dear St. John's Families,
Thank you again to all of our parents who attended the Mandatory Parent Meeting this past Wednesday evening. It was so nice to have all of us gathered together to meet our new parents and review our policies and procedures and hear about some of the exciting events that are just around the corner. Highlights included:

Welcoming our new families

Uniform policy review.

- Spirit Monday is the only day for spirit wear. Any of the various shirts from activities, sports, clubs, events along with school shorts.
- The PE uniform is worn to school on PE days.

Parking lot safety - always at the forefront of our thoughts

- Be patient and kind
- Drive slowly
- Park in stalls correctly and between the lines
- Follow the arrows
- Never drop off students in the aisles or near the church (either park and walk in or use the drop off line)

Auxiliary News from our new president Charity Hauke



Charleston Wrap



Our Charleston Wrap sale is in full swing. Students have all brought their information packets home this week. If you don't have one or need additional order forms they are in the front office. We had our first Charleston Wrap drawing this morning at prayers. Students are entered into the drawing when they turn in their items sold slips. Our first RoboRace winners are Noah Soriano 5A; Joseph Somo 5B; & Maddy Kolbenschlag 5B

Back to School Nights - are coming up the week of September 12. This is an excellent way for parents to get information from your child's teacher regarding this school year. Teachers will talk about curriculum, homework, policies and procedures etc. The schedule includes:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

6:30 PM GRADES TK/K
7:00 PM GRADE 1

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

6:30 PM GRADES 4
7:00 PM GRADE 5

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

6:30 PM GRADES 2
7:00 PM GRADE 3

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

6:30 PM GRADES 6
7:00 PM GRADES 7 AND 8

Spaghetti Dinner - be on the lookout for information regarding our annual Spaghetti Dinner. Tickets will go on sale next week. Come and enjoy some delicious spaghetti (from Pizza d'Oro), see old friends and make new ones, listen to music while your children play on the blacktop. A variety of exciting activities will be available!

Virtue of the Month

Charity is our Virtue for the month of September. How can I be a charitable person? The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us to love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God (CCC 1822).

+Together in Christ,
Mrs. Viles and Fr. Damien

CALENDAR

Monday 9/5

NO SCHOOL

Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday 9/6

Mass (2, 4, 5, & 6)

Wednesday 9/7

\$5 Smoothies at the Gate

Friday 9/9

Mass (K, 1,3, 7 & 8)

9/12—9/15

Back to School Nights

(See schedule at left and in the school calendar)

Wednesday 9/14

Norman's Uniforms Sale

On Campus 2:30—6:00 PM

Monday 9/19

NO SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE

September 23rd

Spaghetti Dinner

November 12th

Gala + Auction



*I put before you the one great thing to love on earth:
the Blessed Sacrament.* JRR Tolkien

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.



Counselor's Corner

I hope everyone has had a good couple weeks of school and that your students are acclimating well. We are back to “routines” with getting up early, homework, extra curricular activities, etc. It can be very overwhelming for everyone. So, what can we do to provide positivity for our children this school year? Here are 3 things that I personally do with my own children:

1. On the car-ride to school in the morning, we pray together. We say a few traditional prayers and then, everyone prays for one intention and states one thing we are grateful for the day.
2. During pickup, as a parent we want to bombard them with questions about their day and we get frustrated with the too often response of “fine.” Let your children decompress from their work day and simply “be” with them - sing songs they like, speak to them about *your day*, and then, slowly venture into concrete questions such as, “*who did you play with at recess today? What feedback did you receive on your project? Any interesting new facts you learned in Science?*” *If there are complaints, listen. Do NOT fix their complaints. Listen and then ask them how they will remedy that complaint. Do not allow negativity and challenge your child to reframe the situation into something positive and as a learning lesson.*
3. End your day how you start it - with prayer. Pray as a family. We focus on gratitude. Afterwards, depending on how your child’s day was, we want to encourage empowerment and get them to think about the positive choices they will make the following day.

I hope these few exercises create a more peaceful way to help our children (and ourselves) get through our days with hope and confidence.

If you are interested in more ways to help our children navigate the rigor and stress of school, please join me for our first “Coffee with the Counselor” on Friday, September 16th,

Much Blessings this year!

Charise Casiano, LMFT



Latin Phrase of the Month

September	<i>In Hoc Signo Vinces</i>	In this sign you shall conquer.
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September: Constantine, the first emperor of Rome to make Christianity legal, heard these words before the battle of the Milvian bridge where he defeated his rival, Galerius. He had soldiers put crosses on their shields and armor, and because of that won the battle!

In = in, meaning something we can trust, have faith in (similar to *Credo in unum Deum*)

Hoc= this, emphatic. Not in any old sign, but in *this sign*.

Signo = sign. Sign of the Cross. A sign is an object that stands for something else. Cross of Jesus is the ultimate sign of God's Love.

Vinces= Conquer. Constantine conquered with Cross. We conquer sin and satan when we make sign of the Cross, accept our daily crosses, have Crucifixes in rooms...

Lunchtime Rule Reminder



Please remember that Parents may not bring in forgotten lunches. If a student has forgotten his or her lunch, he or she will need to get an 'emergency' lunch from Mr. Eric / Ngo Simple Foods. The family will be billed \$6.00 Please talk to your children so that they know the procedure. Thank you!



NEW Dismissal Schedule

Regular	(Early)	
2:20	(11:50)	TK - K - 1st
2:30	(12:00)	2nd - 3rd - 4th
2:40	(12:10)	5th - 6th
2:50	(12:20)	7th - 8th

Morning Drop Off

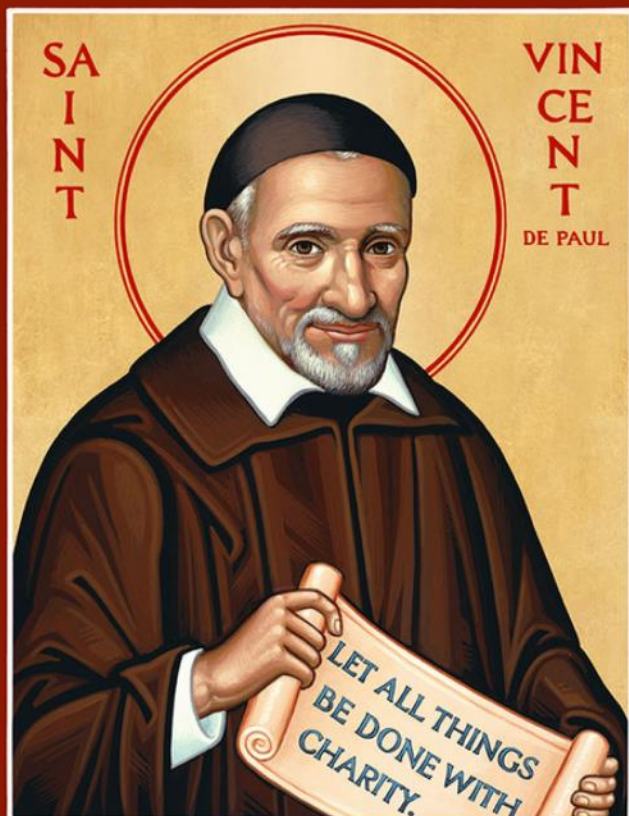
The Gates close at 7:53 so that students will be in their line, ready to begin Morning Prayer, by 7:55 at the latest.

If you are later than 7:53 you will have to enter through the Front Office.

This applies to TK – 8th grade.
No exceptions.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:

CHARITY



What Is It?

The virtue of charity is loving God with all your heart, mind and strength and your neighbor as yourself.

"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" (CCC 1822). St. Paul tells us that love (charity) is the greatest of the theological virtues: "So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor. 13:13).



How Do the Saints Teach Us To Put It Into Practice?

"Charity is the root of all good works."
-Saint Augustine

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them."
-Mother Teresa

"What really matters in life is that we are loved by Christ and that we love Him in return. In comparison to the love of Jesus, everything else is secondary. And, without the love of Jesus, everything is useless."
- Saint John Paul II



POSTS FROM OUR PARISH



Family Night is TONIGHT!-- September 2, 2022

Family Night is a communal event offered by St John the Baptist for the whole family. The purpose of this event is to provide regular monthly fellowship for Catholic families and to grow our parish community. Family nights start with a meal and includes impromptu opportunities to mingle and meet new people. These events always conclude with prayer as a community which is most often done through a Holy Hour and Confession.

Childcare is also offered throughout the event. It is for children 6yrs old and under that are walking and potty trained. This service allows parents with very little ones to mingle more freely. There is limited space in the childcare building at these events. Therefore, this service is only available at Family Nights on a first come first service basis.

If you would like more information please visit the parish website or sign up for our family ministry emails.

We truly hope you come and check out this fun and simple gathering for the entire parish community. Feel free to invite your extended family and friends!

Dear SJB Family,

As many of you already know, the past few months have been difficult for our family. On May 2, 2022, the kids and I were in a high impact car accident on the way home from school. Although the kids and I were not seriously injured, we did go to the emergency room to get checked out due to soreness and bruising.

Upon the E.R. visit, it was discovered that I had an Oligodendroglioma, in other words, a cancerous brain tumor. It was a quick diagnosis but it needed to be removed. So on May 17, 2022 I underwent brain surgery where doctors successfully removed 92% of it. However, it was a long recovery because they not only went into the part of my brain that controls the sensation on the left side of my body, but they also had to go into the part that controls my left side motor ability.

With that said, I temporarily lost control of the left side of my body and had a three week stay in acute rehab at the hospital. During that time, I was going through extensive therapy to regain control of my left arm and leg as well as to learn to walk and control my attention and endurance.

I came home on June 10, 2022 and continued receiving in home therapy for 12 more weeks. Yet, I was only home for one week and then I lost my only sister, Brenda Washicko, to Pancreatic Cancer on June 17th.

Throughout therapy, I was not able to drive and the kids attended the YMCA daily.

To say the least, the last few months have been difficult, but Praise Jesus for my SJB family and the outpouring of love and support! I want to thank everyone and extend my gratitude. We were extremely touched by the way SJB responded to our family in our time of need. Thank you to everyone for all the thoughtful, kind, and heartfelt love that was expressed to the Neumann family. We are honored to be part of a Christ centered community.

Much Love,

The Neumann Family (Teresa, Jason, Noah 1A and Catherine TK2).





Spirituality

Prayer for a New School Year:

Lord, as our children return for their new school year, protect their coming and going. May they find diligence, kindness, enjoyment, strength of character, friendship, wisdom, & a place of refuge in the shadow of your wings. Amen. (catholicmom.com)

Thursday Morning Decade!

Join us Thursday Mornings immediately after morning announcements. We meet in the grotto with Fr. Damien to pray a decade of the Rosary for our students, faculty, families and any special intentions. Everyone is welcome!

Prayer Basket:

This week let us lift up our prayers for the intentions of:

All of our SJB Staff, Priests and Sisters

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

Judy Adly; Christian Aiad; Abigail and Benjamin Alessandrini; Brian Almas; Felix and Seraphine Alquaddoomi; James Alyn; Andre, Angela, Frederic and Isaac Ambrow; Stella Ammann; Isaac Arambula; and Sebastian Aranda.

Special Intentions:

- We pray for the continued healing of Ms. Hart, Mrs. Itano's mother.
- We pray for all those special intentions included in our prayer basket
- We pray for those undergoing medical procedures and/or testing this week.

PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

As the sun rises to bring in the new day:

We remember those who descend into the earth, their work begins in darkness, pulling from the earth, the resources we steward.

We remember those who work inside a building away from the light and brightness of the day.

We remember those who work outside in the harsh elements of our world, the bitter cold and sweltering heat of extremes.

We remember those who do not have a job to go to, who are struggling to meet the needs of their daily living expenses, for whom the day becomes long and arduous.

As the sun sets to bring in the evening of rest:

We remember those who work in the night.

We remember those who are trying to recover from their labor and toils of the day.


We remember those who participate in unsafe and dangerous work.

We pray for a renewed sense of dignity in their lives and in their work.

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the worker. Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities. Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work. Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation. Be with the children who are not able to run and play, but instead must put in a hard day's work to help their family afford to eat, to live. Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign! We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (usccb.org)

Your Special Intentions

Do you have a special intention you'd like our SJB community to join you in prayer for? If so, please email Suzanne Mello @ daveandsuz5to2@gmail.com and your request can be added to this Spirituality Insert in the weekly bulletin.



DUE FRIDAY 9/9

SJB 2022-2023 Student Emergency Kits



Dear Parents,

Thank you for your past cooperation with putting together an emergency kit for your child. Many returning families may have their kits at home. Please take the time to replace expired snacks and update individual supplies. Families new to St. John's will need to build their kits from scratch, following the guidelines below. These kits will be kept in storage bins in case of an emergency, which would require your child to remain at school for an extended period of time. The personalized kits will be returned to the students at the end of this school year.

Small first aid kit

- This can be as simple as a small packet of tissue, wet wipes, a few band aids, and a tube of antibiotic ointment

Emergency thermal/mylar blanket

- This can serve as a poncho, as something to sit on, as a blanket to keep warm, 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

Non-perishable Snacks (2-4 items)

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, a 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 returned to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, September 9, 2022.

Thank you,
Mr. Urbaniec and the SJB Emergency Committee

SAVE THE DATE!

Join us on Friday, September 23rd from 5:30 - 9:00PM

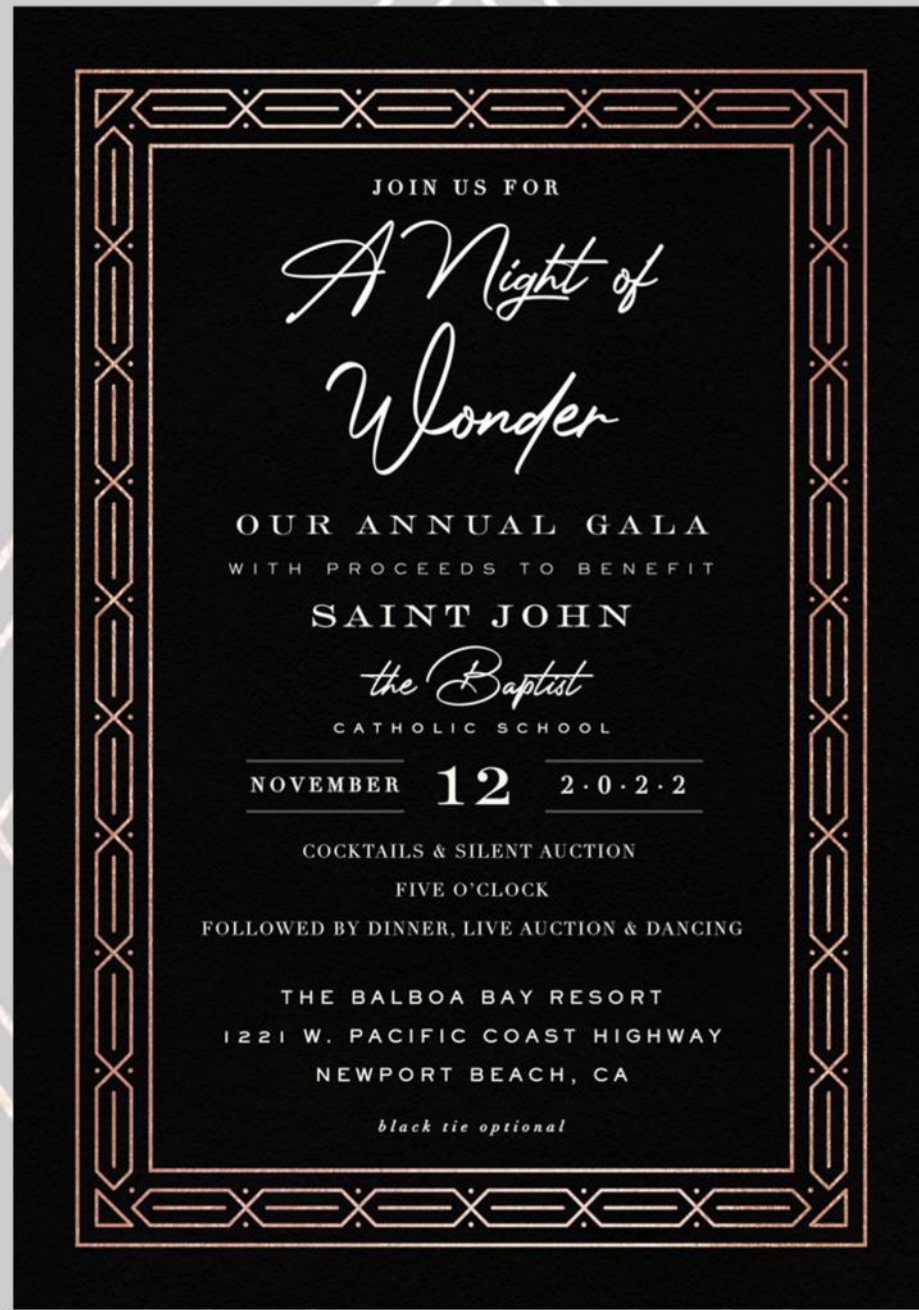
FOR OUR ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Enjoy Food, Drinks, Music, Games, Prizes and so much more!

The dinner takes place outdoors in our courtyard - temporarily transformed into the Piazza di SJB - while the school's blacktop area is filled with a variety of games and activities.



Spaghetti Dinner



[EARLY BIRD TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW](#)

Individual EARLY BIRD Ticket Price is: \$150

After 9/23/22 Individual Ticket Price goes up \$200

[BE SURE TO SECURE THAT RSVP WITH PAYMENT ASAP](#)

Checks are preferred and can be dropped off in our school office
or [click here to pay by credit card.](#)

2022 SJB GALA SPONSOR LEVELS

SILVER SPONSOR | \$2,500

- 10 Person Table with Preferred Seating
 - VIP Guest Check-In
 - Complimentary Valet
 - Hosted Premium Wine at Table
- Opportunity to place a Quarter-Page Ad in the Event Program

GOLD SPONSOR | \$3,500

- 10-12 Person Table with Preferred Seating
 - VIP Guest Check-In
 - Complimentary Valet
 - Hosted Premium Wine at Table
- Opportunity to place a Half-Page Ad in the Event Program

PLATINUM SPONSOR | \$5,000

- 10-12 Person Table with Preferred Seating
 - VIP Guest Check-In
 - Complimentary Valet
- Complimentary Cocktails during the Event
 - Hosted Premium Wine at Table
- Opportunity to place a Full-Page Ad in the Event Program

INDIVIDUAL UNDERWRITING OPPORTUNITIES

- The Sister's Table - \$1,500
- The Norbertine Priest's Table - \$1,500
 - SJB Faculty Table- \$1,500
 - SJB Staff Table - \$1,500
- Floral Arrangement Donation- \$150
- Floral Centerpiece Donation- \$75

CHECKS are preferred for Charitable Contributions.

Please contact Corinne Wells, if you are interested in sponsoring the Gala.

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