THE VOICE

St. John the Baptist Catholic School 12/6/19

News From Around Campus
Father Damien (Rector) and Mrs. Viles (Principal)

Dear Families,

Good afternoon! It is amazing to realize how quickly our school year is progressing, as we finish our first week of Advent. The beginning of Advent is the perfect time for us to begin our **Virtue of the Month** program. The virtue for the month of December is Hope. As we each try to live this theological virtue, we are reminded that as faith-filled Catholics we are never alone. We always have Christ at our side. Throughout the month, teachers will recognize students who are demonstrating the virtue of hope. We will have a drawing (for a small treat) each Friday morning at prayers. Additionally, we have included a document with details about the virtue of hope. Please use the document as a guide for discussions about hope at home.

Chamber Singers
I had the pleasure of attending the Advent Choir Festival at St. Edward the Confessor Parish School on Thursday. Our Chamber Singers performed two Advent songs for the audience. They did an outstanding job. Mrs. Itano was very proud of their efforts. We also thank Mrs, Itano for her dedication to our music program and our choirs.

Villain School Attending our fall production of Villain School was a perfect way to begin our Thanksgiving vacation. Thank you to all of our performers and the backstage crew. The students did a great job. The entire performance was filled with humor and life lessons. Thank you also to all of the moms and dads who helped to build sets, create costumes, and help with hair and makeup. Without all of our volunteers it would be impossible for our productions to be so successful! A special thank you to Mr. U for preparing our performers and making the whole thing happen!

Important Upcoming Events
Christmas Programs
We will have our annual Christmas programs this coming Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.
Tuesday (12/10 - 7 PM) Grades TK, K1, 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A the Children's Choir, Showtime Dancers, and Nativity drama students will perform.
Wednesday (12/11 - 7 PM) Grades K2, 1B, 2B, 3B, 4B, the Children's Choir, Showtime Dancers and Nativity drama students will perform.

God Bless,
Mrs. Viles & Fr. Damien

It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope.
~Pope Benedict XVI

THIS WEEK AT SJB

Monday 12/9
Spirit Monday

Tuesday 12/10
Confessions 1:10pm
(Grades 7&8)
Christmas Program
7pm in the Hall
(K-4 "A" Classes)

Wednesday 12/11
Recycle Wednesday
Christmas Program
7pm in the Hall
(K-4 "B" Classes)

Thursday 12/12
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Mass at 10AM
Formal Uniform

Friday 12/13

PRAYER BASKET

"This Virgin Mother of the Only begotten of God is called Mary, worthy of God, immaculate of the immaculate, one of the one." - Origen of Alexandria (244)

Wishing all of our SJB School Community a Happy 2nd Week of Advent!

Please Join Us During this time of Advent: Thursday Mornings, please join us in the Grotto immediately after Morning Prayers to pray a decade of the Rosary for our students, faculty, families and any special intentions. Everyone is welcome – Moms, Dads, younger siblings. It's a great opportunity to quiet ourselves during this Advent season of waiting in anticipation of the biggest birthday celebration of the year.

Prayer Basket: Every week we ask that our SJB families pray for our faculty/staff members, events, and other families at SJB. By the end of the school year it is our goal to have prayed for the whole school community by name. Let us lift up our prayers for the intentions of: Ms. Deverman, Learning Support Teacher. We pray for God's blessings on the families of: Taylor Hershelman; Mia Hidalgo; Ava and Ryan Hill; Gregory and James Hill; Isaac, Julius and Troy Hoang; Henry Houck; Collin and Evan Huang.

Special Intentions: We pray for the repose of the soul of Mr. James Frances Buote, father of Mrs. Leath. We ask for prayers for the continued healing and recovery of Mr. Desmond Silveira, one of our SJB School dads. We pray for all those special intentions in our prayer basket and those undergoing medical procedures and/or testing this week.

Prayer to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception (Feast Day 12/8/19) O most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit, look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession. O Most Holy Mother, receive my prayers as I present them to God. *(state your intentions here)* O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, you intercede for us with your Son. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen. www.amm.org

Prayer to Mary, our Lady of Guadalupe (Feast Day 12/12/19)

Dear mother, we love you. We thank you for your promise to help us in our need. We trust in your love that dries our tears and comforts us. Teach us to find our peace in your son, Jesus, and bless us every day of our lives. Help us to build a shrine in our hearts. Make it as beautiful as the one built for you on the mount of Tepeyac. A shrine full of trust, hope, and love of Jesus growing stronger each day. Mary, you have chosen to remain with us by giving us your most wonderful and holy self-image on Juan Diego's cloak. May we feel your loving presence as we look upon your face. Like Juan, give us the courage to bring your message of hope to everyone.

You are our mother and our inspiration. Hear our prayers and answer us.
Amen. www.catholicnewsagency.com

PARISH CORNER

Sunday, December 8th, is the Second Sunday of Advent. The Immaculate Conception Holy Day is moved to Monday, December 9th. Although it is not a holy day of obligation, you are encouraged to go to mass or make some other devotion to honor Our Lady. Fun Fact: The Blessed Mother under the title of The Immaculate Conception is the Patroness of the United States of America.

Help decorate our sanctuary for Christmas season. Would you like to honor a beloved family member or special friend this Christmas season? Each year in our Christmas bulletin, we print dedications in honor or in memory of someone special to you. The donations collected for these dedications are used to purchase poinsettias, green and advent wreaths that fill the Sanctuary during Advent and Christmas. For your convenience, envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church. Envelopes may be placed in the Sunday collection baskets or dropped off at the parish office. Thank you for your donations!

Friday, December 6th, please join us every First Friday at 3 PM in the Church to pray a Rosary, chaplet, and litany for our priests.

Smoothies at the Gate

$5 each

every Wednesday after school (weather permitting)

JUICE IT UP!

raw juice bar

Clover Choir Fundraiser

DING TEA

"Thirsty Thursdays" Bobas sponsored by Ding Tea $5.00 *(sold at the gate on Thursdays)*

"Fun Fridays" Special Treats $2.00 *(a variety of seasonal treats sold at the gate on Fridays)*

The Junior High Christmas Dance Showcase is Monday, December 16

Performance Times are as follows:

Period 1 8:30- 8:50

Period 2 9:20 - 9:40

Period 3 10:10 - 10:30

Period 5 12:10 - 12:30

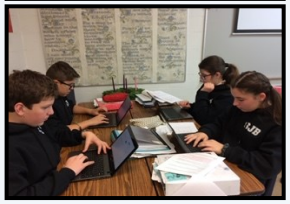
WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

The 8th grade was able to raise $400 from the Bundt Cake sale! This money will help fund the mural that will be painted on the side of the early education building.

Thank you SJB Families!

Classroom Happenings in 8A

8th Graders begin the rigorous work on their multigenre projects



STARS OF THE WEEK

Thank you for your support SJB Families!

The Bundt Cake fundraiser brought in $400 to go towards the mural that will be painted on the Early Education building.

Christmas Care Packages

TK- Gallon Ziploc Bags

Kinder- Tissue

1st Grade- Hand Wipes and Hand Sanitizer

2nd Grade- Q-tips and Mouthwash

3rd Grade- Lip Balm or Chapstick

4th Grade- Toothpaste, Tooth Brush

5th Grade- Lotion and Sunscreen (mini bottles)

6th Grade- Socks

7th Grade- Deodorant

8th Grade- Candy Canes and Water Bottles

Goal - 100 care packages

All Items Are Due By December 18

2nd Annual Teddy Bears for Tate

In honor of Mrs. Majdali's late nephew Tate, SJB is collecting new teddy bears with tags on them. Tate was born with a genetic disease Mowat-Wilson and passed away after only 3 weeks. The bears will be donated to Kaiser, where Tate spent most of his short life. The teddy bears are given to children when they meet their baby sibling for the first time in the hospital; as well as to children staying in the hospital over the holidays. Tate's parents and three sisters will deliver the new bears on Tate's 2nd birthday.

Due date is Friday, December 13, 2019
The Large family thanks you!

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Monday, December 16th immediately following the 5:30pm Mass.
Join us for carols sung by our school's award winning Chamber Choir.
We will bless the tree and remember our deceased loved ones in prayer.
Then we will light our beautiful tree and have some delicious refreshments!

Complimentary Hot Chocolate & Coffee!

Support our Clover Choir!

CHRISTMAS TREE MEMORIAL LIGHTS

Reserve your memorial lights today! The form is on the website & will be coming home soon!
Candle lights are $10.00 each and will be lit in honor of our deceased friends and family.
You will receive a memorial certificate and keepsake ornament to take home.

6th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Monday, December 16th immediately following the 5:30pm Mass.

Join us for carols sung by our award winning Chamber Choir

We will bless the tree and remember our deceased loved ones in prayer

Complimentary Coffee and Hot Chocolate

Bake Sale hosted by the Clover Choir

CHRISTMAS TREE MEMORIAL LIGHT ORDER FORM

Please light _____ candles on the Christmas Tree in memory of:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Christmas tree candle lights are $10.00 each. You purchase 1 light in honor of each person. A certificate will be issued to your family with the person's name on it. You will also receive a keepsake ornament to take home.

Family Name: _____

Oldest Child's Name & Grade: _____
(If parishioner, phone # or email address)

_____ candles at $10.00 = _____ (payable to SJB)