

SCHOOL NEWS



St. John the Baptist Catholic School Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar!

Oct. 1-3: 40 Hours Devotion, Fr. Anthony Dill is our guest homilist each evening at 7:00 PM

Oct. 5: Religious Ed. First grade Parent Meeting @ 6:15 PM

Oct. 7: Blessing of Pets on the Church Lawn at 10 AM

Oct. 9: NO SCHOOL, Columbus Day

Oct. 10: Claire's Gourmet Fund raiser Begins

Oct. 12: Mission Day – Wear Pink!

Oct. 13: Progress Reports go home and Blessing of the statues for our school after Mass

Oct. 14: Parish Italian Dinner

Oct. 19: York Catholic Band to Tour

Oct. 20: Spirit Night at Stonebridge Grill

Oct. 25: School Picture Day

Oct. 26: Religious Ed. Grade 2 Prayer Meeting at 6:15 PM

Oct. 27: Trunk or Treat 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Oct. 28: New Parishioner Wine and Cheese

Oct. 31: Claire's Gourmet Fund Raiser Ends

From the Principal's Desk...

I'm so very proud of your children. We welcomed 10 new students to our school this year in a variety of grades and your children have gone out their way to welcome them to the point that it feels like the new students have always been here. This is such a super way of living out their faith by welcoming the new children and reaching out to them to help them with our routines. I've seen the children invite a new shy student to play a game, or just eat lunch with them.

The response to the Missions last month further demonstrated the faith in the St. John's community. I'm overwhelmed by the generosity of our families and students! The combined efforts of our school and our religious education program, enabled us to send over \$1100 in gift cards and 7 large boxes of supplies to the Kindergarten classroom in Texas! And still more things are coming in. Mother Teresa said we can do small things with great love. It's amazing how all your donations added up to a great amount of help to our neighbors in Texas.



School Study Update from Fr. Sawicki

We are pleased to report the School Study Committee to Strengthen and Sustain Catholic Education in the York Deanery has completed the data gathering and interview stages and has moved into the analysis stage of its study.

All pastors and principals participated in individual interviews and each parish provided statistical data showing trends over the past 10-20 years. Parish members and school families were invited to participate in our School Study survey and we received four times the amount of responses expected. This collection amounted to over 150 pages of data to review. Thank you for your input! It will prove invaluable as we begin our analysis stage.

We will update you with our findings and recommendations when the committee completes its analysis. Your support throughout this process has been a blessing to the volunteers who are working toward Strengthening & Sustaining Catholic Education in the York Deanery.



Upcoming Events



Our Second Annual All Cash Bingo will take place on Nov. 2nd at the New Freedom Community Center. We sold out last year, so get your tickets early! Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$23 at the door. Doors open at 5 PM, games begin at 7 PM. Food is available to purchase from Tasteful Occasions.



October 27th!

Our annual Trunk or Treat will take place in the parking lot of St. John's School on October 27th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. A flyer will be sent home with more detail, but start thinking of decorating ideas for your trunk - there's a lot of competition for the first place prize for best decorated trunk! This is a safe and fun environment for the whole family! Trick-or-Treaters in grades preschool through 6th are eligible to participate.



If baking is not one of your talents, you'll want to seize the opportunity to purchase frozen baked goods from Claire's Gourmet. These items are convenient and absolutely delicious— you may have sampled some at our Back to School night! This sale will run from October 7th to October 31st. Flyers will be sent home on Oct. 7th with all the information. Thanks for your support!

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Parents, please consider lending a hand at one of our school events this year. It is very easy and convenient to do so. Just go into the St. John's school website and click on "Volunteer Sign Up" tab in the upper left hand corner. A listing of all of the events for this school year will pop up with a "view and sign up" link on the right side of the Listing. The volunteer opportunities are very detailed and also show the amount of time required for each task. After you sign up, you will even get an email confirming what you signed up for along with the date and time. It couldn't be easier! Earn enough volunteer hours and you may purchase Silent Auction tickets, two for the price of one.

Don't Delay! Click on this link today... <http://www.stjnschool.org/volunteer-sign-up/>

Ravens vs. Steelers Game Raffle



Thanks to all who participated in the Ravens vs. Steelers Game Raffle and a big thank you to the David Family for donating the game tickets. Fr. Bob pulled the winning ticket last week after the Friday Mass. And the winner is...Chris McGraw!

We now have a Student Council!

Elections were held last month and our new officers are: John Kelchaw, President; Jacob Kelchaw, Vice-president; Madeline Murphy, Public relations director; John Paul Watson, Treasurer; Luke Watson, recording secretary. The first action that our new student council wants to incorporate is to bring awareness to two things during the month of October. The first is breast cancer awareness month. So for mission day this month we are asking all of the children to wear pink and all donations will go to Hope house. The other action the student council would like to do is to rename the month of October to Soctober. This will involve donations of new socks for the entire month of October, and the children may wear crazy socks to school all month. Donations of socks will be given to the needy in our area. What a generous and great way to start out the new Student Council!





Mrs. Williams' 5th grade class lead the missions effort this month and packed school supplies to be shipped to a school in Texas.

Breakfast with Santa



Help Wanted, Donations Needed!

The planning has already begun for Breakfast with Santa. It's hard to believe this is our 8th year! This delightful holiday tradition will be on Saturday, December 2nd. The help of many volunteers make this event a huge success year after year. Please consider attending one of the seatings with your family and volunteering for the other one. Currently, the following donations are needed: baked goods, candy, holiday tissue paper, small gift bags and holiday ribbon.

Check the school website to see how you can help and donate!

Principal's Awards

This award is given for being kind, helpful and compassionate.

The following students have earned the Principal's Award



Luke Watson, Jacob McKnight and Abigail Sheldon all helped clean up the lunchroom after the Eclipse Open House.

Olivia Struck and Abigail Sheldon cooked all the hotdogs for Back to Football Friday.



Jack Uphouse, Jake Maly, Nicholas and Andrew David all helped at the Pit Beef Sale.

