

SCHOOL NEWS



St. John the Baptist Catholic School Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar!



Oct. 6: Blessing of Pets, Family Retreat for Grade 3 and Grade 4

Oct. 8: No school - Columbus Day Observance

Oct. 10: Claire's Gourmet Fundraiser Begins

Oct. 12: Progress Reports

Oct. 14: PTO Meeting in the School Library @ 10:15 AM; Children's Choir at 9 AM Mass

Oct. 18: BINGO

Oct. 24: Spirit Night at Panera

Oct. 25: Family Prayer Service for Grade 2

Oct. 25: Mission Day

Oct. 26: School Picture Day

Oct. 26: Trunk or Treat

Oct. 31: Claire's Gourmet fundraiser Ends

From the Principal's Desk...

Our virtue award for the month of October is Kindness/Encouragement. Your children are all so supportive of each other that I know this will be a difficult award for the teachers to pick just one student as outstanding in this area. Your children are just amazing! The kindness, patience and love they show for each other and the younger students is so beautiful. This really is a wonderful place to be each day. Thanks for sharing your children with us.



WE NEED YOU!

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! Reminder: All scholarship recipients must contribute 20 hours of volunteer service hours per year.

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



Upcoming Events



Our Third Annual All Cash Bingo will take place on Oct 18th at the New Freedom Community Center. This is our second largest fund raiser of the year and we need you! 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. Please tell your family and friends to get their tickets early as we have sold out in the past!



October 26th!

Our annual **Trunk or Treat** will take place in the parking lot of St. John's School on October 26th 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! Of course you don't have to decorate at all if you just want to come and Trick or Treat. This is a safe and fun environment for the whole family! Trick-or-Treaters in grades preschool through 6th grade are eligible to participate.



If baking is not one of your talents or even if it is, 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 10th to October 31st. Pick-up is scheduled for November 14th - just in time for Thanksgiving! Flyers will be sent home on October 10th with all the information. Thanks for your support!

Money for Coke Codes

We have a volunteer who collects Coke Codes for education and enters them to benefit our school. If you can please send in the codes that are found on the caps of coke bottles, we will enter them to get "free" money. This program runs much like the box tops! Thanks for your support!

Technology!



We are fortunate at our school to have purchased Chrome books for the 6th graders in preparation for York Catholic, which allowed us to redistribute the I-pads to other classrooms, making us almost one to one. While we are very happy to have the resources available for our students to use, we want to assure our families that this is just one tool for learning. Our greatest resource at St. Johns are our fabulous teachers that come day after day prepared to do their best for your children. They spend hours planning their lessons and then reflecting on what works or doesn't work and how they can make the lessons better. Thank you, teachers for your hard work and dedication!

STUDENT COUNCIL

SERVE

LEAD

INSPIRE

Elections were held in September and our Student Council Officers for this school year are: Jacob Kelchaw, President; Madeline Murphy, Vice-President; Nicholas David, Recording Secretary and Kendall Woods, Public Relations. The Student Council will be assisting with mission days, boxtops for education, donations as well as a variety of other student life activities. Congratulations to the newly elected and we look forward to their assistance and leadership!



Principal's Awards

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

The following students have earned the Principal's Award



Trent Mueck: Kindness to a classmate



Owen Mayer: Helping a younger student as they struggled to carry their backpack

Kendall Woods: Taking science notes for a class mate so they wouldn't get behind in their studies- without being asked by the teacher!

Aubree Taylor: For her perfect behavior in Spanish Class – She sets a good example to follow!

SUPER!

Joe Baker & Nicky Struck: For cleaning up the playground without being asked! Way to go for taking care of our school!



Scarlett Pennington-Lindley: Kindness to a friend in Choir

Asher Corbin: Kindness to a friend in Choir