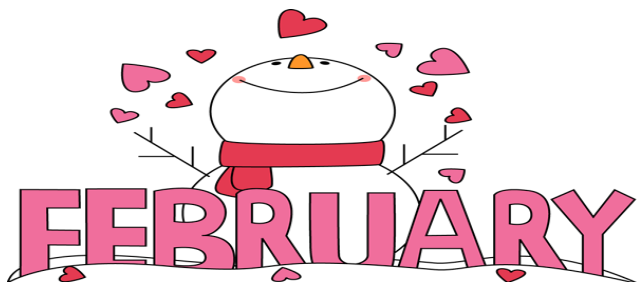




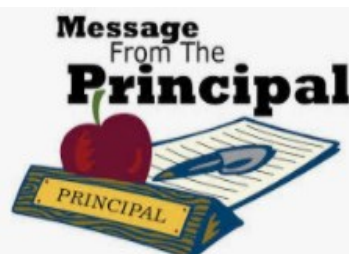
SCHOOL NEWS

St. John the Baptist Catholic School Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar



- 1 - CSW Class Color Day and BINGO
- York Catholic Guest Readers via ZOOM
- 2 - CSW Sports Shirt Day
- Geography Bee at 9:30 AM (grades 4-6)
- 3 - CSW Mismatch Day
- Faith Bee at 9:30 AM (grades 4-6)
- 4 - CSW Crazy Hair Day w/uniform
- Spelling Bee at 9:30 AM (grades 4-6)
- 5 - CSW School Spirit Day
- Elem. Students' Movie Day
- PK3 Vision Screening
- 10 - Preschool Valentine Celebration
- 11 - PK Parent Conference via ZOOM
- No Preschool Classes
- 12 - PK Parent Conference via ZOOM
- No Preschool Classes
- 15 - No School - President's Day
- 16 - Spirit Night at IHOP
- 17 - Ash Wednesday Mass at 9 AM
- 19 - Gertrude Hawk Candy Order Due
- 21 - PTO Meeting at 10:15 AM
- 22 - 2021/2022 Preschool Registration
- Mission Day
- 28 - 1st Grade Family Prayer Service at 11AM
in the Main Church



Registration for new families begins this weekend, and tomorrow we will meet many families as we open up our few remaining spots at our open house. Many of these families have shared with me that they

are interested in our school based on your recommendations, and we thank you for your kind words. Every year has brought new challenges to our little school, and this year has certainly been no exception. I am proud of the way we have weathered every storm by leaning into our faith and persevering. I am honored that so many of our current families have chosen to stay at St. Johns. This week, it appears we will be navigating around a snow storm, Catholic Schools Week, and opening up waiting lists for most of our grades for the 2021/2022 school year. I am confident that we will continue to lean into our faith and persevere. Perseverance is the virtue for the month of February at our school, and it will be usually difficult to pick our virtue winners this month. I will be praying for all of our students and their families for continued health and fortitude as we enter the Lenten season this month, and I ask that you do the same.

Principal's Awards

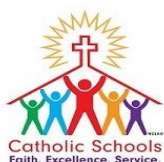
our students and their families for as we

Evan Waltemire is always friendly and courteous during dismissal and afternoon pick-up

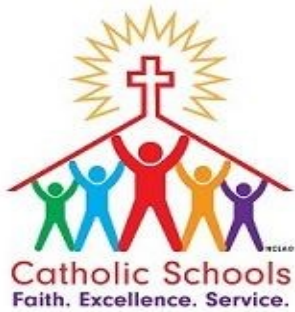
Hunter Bodoh was generous to a classmate at lunch

Eddie Piccone held a door for another student

Great job!



**Catholic Schools
Week (CSW) is here!**



Catholic Schools Week 2021

Catholic Schools week has arrived and will be celebrated from January 31, 2021 to February 6, 2021. This year the activities will be a little different from prior years but our enthusiasm and faith will keep us focused on the fun we will have celebrating our catholic school. The students will enjoy guest readers who will share their favorite stories. Our staff and students will participate in activities and themes each school day during Catholic Schools Week as follows:

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| Mon., Feb. 1 st | Wear your class color. (PK-Yellow, K-Blue, 1 st -Purple, 2 nd -Gray, 3 rd -Black, 4 th -Red, 5 th -Green, 6 th -White)
BINGO and Guest Readers via ZOOM |
| Tue., Feb. 2 nd | Wear your favorite sports shirt.
Geography Bee for grades 4, 5, 6 |
| Wed., Feb. 3 rd | Mismatch Day - wear clothes that don't match.
Faith Bee for grades 4, 5, 6 |
| Thur., Feb. 4 th | Crazy Hair Style Day
Spelling Bee for grades 4, 5, 6 |
| Fri., Feb. 5 th | School Spirit Day. Wear blue, green and items with the school logo
Movie Day - The PTO will supply the popcorn and drinks! |



Zoom links will be provided for the final rounds of the Geography, Faith and Spelling Bees. Please check your email for the links on the day of the competitions.

It's not too late to make a banner to celebrate Catholic School Week and St. John the Baptist Catholic School. The banners will be displayed in the hallways and social hall during the month of February. Catch the school spirit and join in the fun!



St. John's PTO

A list of events and meetings can be found at www.sjbnfpto.org Updates can be found on www.facebook.com/stjnpto or search by St. John the Baptist School PTO

Currently, the PTO is offering a meal delivery fundraiser. It's a local PA family business! No minimum orders or subscriptions. Check out WHAT a CROCK has to offer and how you can enjoy a delicious hot meal without the fuss. <https://whatacrockfundraisers.com/pages/stjb>



Keep Christ in Christmas Contest Results

St. John's elementary students participated in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" contest and the students in each class submitted a drawing of their idea of what it means. We have many talented artists at St. Johns and we are pleased to announce that one of our students won the division for ages 8-10:

Winner - Genna Sales

We have a few Honorable Mentions as well:

Hunter Bodoh - 3rd grade

Allie Scott - 5th grade

Luke Ruiz - 6th grade

Thanks to all participants. There were many beautiful pictures and designs.

Delicious Fundraisers!

Throughout the year St. John's offers many fundraisers. We strive to make a variety available so something appeals to everyone. Thank you for all of your fundraising purchases. Your support is very much appreciated!

Order forms and brochures have been sent home for Gertrude Hawk Chocolates and Freckled Moose Braided Breads.

These items can be ordered using the paper forms or by these links:



www.tinyurl.com/Gertrudehawk21

www.tinyurl.com/freckledMoose21



Gertrude Hawk Orders Due - February 19th
Freckled Moose Orders Due - March 10th

The products will be delivered prior to Easter and a pick-up date will be announced in March.

Spirit Night at IHOP

St. John's will have an eat in or carryout spirit night at IHOP on Pauline Drive in York on Fat Tuesday a/k/a Shrove Tuesday on February 16th from 4 pm - 8pm. You can RSVP but it's not required at www.tinyurl.com/ihopspiritnight21

Be sure to mention St. John's Spirit Night when placing your order and our school will receive 20% of the proceeds from each order!

St. John's Annual Spring Auction

St. John's Annual Auction is a few months away but will be here before we know it. This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year! This year our theme is - "St. Johns: Where Faith and Education Meet." The Auction will be a week-long virtual event this year and will take place online from April 14, 2021 at 8:00 am until April 21, 2021 at 8:00 pm. We are currently accepting donations and sponsorships. Please contact the school office for more information.

Every year, each grade contributes to a themed basket that is raffled or auctioned. By now you have probably been contacted about contributing to your child's class basket. Donations are key to making the class baskets a success.

More information about the Annual Auction will be coming in the next several weeks.



Vision
Screening
for PK3 Class



Vision Corps will be at our school to screen the PK3 students on Friday, February 5th. The screening process takes less than a minute and all safety measures will be in place including distancing and masks. A Vision Corps/KidSight packet was sent home in mid-January with additional information. Vision screening for the PK4 classes was conducted in September.

Preschool Picture Day



Lifetouch Photography will be at St. John's on Monday, March 1, 2021 for Preschool Picture Day. Students in PK3 and PK4 will be photographed individually, with siblings and as a class. COVID-19 safety precautions and protocols will be observed.

Picture information will be sent home in early February. Please return the form on or before March 1st. Picture proofs will be sent home in early March with ordering instructions.

2021-2022 School Registration

Elementary school registration for the 2021-2022 school year is now open to new families. We've had many inquiries from new families and anticipate filling every class. If you haven't registered your child and wish to return to St. John's School, do not delay any longer as we expect wait lists for most of the grade levels.

Preschool registration is just around the corner and will be accepted as follows:

- Feb. 22nd - Current Preschool Families
- Feb. 23rd - Parish and Former Preschool Families
- Feb. 24th - Registration will open to the public

Preschool registration forms were sent home in January and are also available on the preschool website: www.stjnschoolpreschool.org

The preschool will not have online registration this year. If you have questions, please contact Patty Mazziott at pmazziott@sjbnf.org or 717-235-3525 x230.

Virtue Award Winners

The following students exemplified to others the meaning of **prudence** through their actions, words and behavior during the month of December.

K - Gemma Cerceo

1st - Landyn Clasing

2nd - Fei Fei Stitt

3rd - Jackson Cernik

4th - Caroline Fitzgerald

5th - Annabelle Traband

6th - Ava Williams



Sumdog Competition

Our elementary classes competed against 1500 other classes in the LIU sponsored math contest. There were 5 students from St. Johns who placed in the top 50.

Congratulations to the following students for their expertise in math:

Gabe McLain - 5th grade

Summer Antkowiak - 6th grade

Parker Watson - 4th grade

Kate Benesch - 6th grade

Allie Scott - 5th grade

Keep up the good work!

A Lenten Prayer



Dearest Lord,

I hope to be more observant of your grace.

May you look upon my soul and may my sins erase.

May I know the sacrifice and cherish all you bless and act with courage to assist others who have less.

Prepare my soul for joy to come, and cleanse me of all sin.

I'll wear my faith and do my best to nurture it within.

With a humble heart, I hope to be your faithful servant for all to see.

Amen

Preschool Parent/Teacher ZOOM Conferences

Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences via ZOOM will be on February 11th and 12th. Please note that there are no preschool classes on Feb. 11 & 12.

Sign-ups for the conference will be via Signup Genius. A link will be sent via email from the preschool secretary, Patty Mazziott. The Signup Genius will include the ZOOM link. You are encouraged to install ZOOM on your device prior to the day of your conference if you have not used it before. Please check out www.zoom.us

Please note that the Parent/Teacher ZOOM conferences will be limited to 15 minutes and a "waiting room" will be in place. Your child's teacher will admit you to the conference when the previous one has ended. Please expect to receive 2 copies of your child's progress report a few days prior to the conferences and plan to have them available for the conference. After the conference, please sign one copy and return it to school the next time you are here as we are required to have a parent signed progress report on file for each student. Thank you for your assistance!