



# SCHOOL NEWS

## St. John the Baptist Catholic School Newsletter

### Mark Your Calendar May

- 4 - First Energy Assembly for ES
- 6 - Give Local York ALL DAY!  
- ES Muffins with Moms at 8 am  
- PS Mother's Brunch at 10 am  
- PS No PK Classes  
- PTO Laser Alley Fundraiser
- 7 - First Holy Communion Mass at 11 am in the Main Church
- 8 - May Crowning at 9 am Mass
- 10 - PTO Meeting at 4:15 pm
- 11 - ES Band Festival at York Cath.
- 12 - Spirit Day at Sons of Sicily
- 13 - Faith Fun Fitness Day (5/20 rain date if needed)
- 16 - ES Spring Concert at 7 pm  
- Mission Day
- 17 PTO Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- 18 - Student Move-up Day
- 20 - PTO Potluck 6-8:30 pm (rain date is 5/20 if needed)
- 21 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Student to Read at Mass
- 22 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students to Read at Masses
- 23 - ES Band Concert at 7 pm  
- PK3 MWF Last Day of School
- 24 - PK3 T/Th Last Day of School
- 25 - PK4 Last Day of School  
- PK4 Graduation Celebration 5:30 pm
- 26 - Ascension Mass at 10:15 am
- 27 - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Mass-10 am  
- Spirit Night at Sweet Frog
- 30 - No School - Memorial Day
- June** - Tentative Elementary School - Last Day of School, Noon Dismissal
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The thing I most love about being back this year is seeing the community spirit in our school. Our jobs as parents and as a Catholic school is to get our children to heaven.

I have seen the example set by you and by our staff when we have heard of a need and see how everyone comes together to help in whatever way they can to support that need. Just this past week, I heard one of our children say they were nervous about getting up on the stage for the talent show and asked a friend to do it with her. Her friend said, "I would do anything for you" and proceeded to get up on the stage to support her. What a tribute to you - our parents as you lead by your example. Thank you for supporting our beautiful school community and the greater community at large. Your example has certainly set your children on the path to heaven. Thank you for sharing your beautiful children with us. I will miss seeing their smiling faces each day as they arrive with the smiles for their friends and their teachers. I will really miss all the hugs! You'll continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.



### Last Days of School For 2021/2022

It's hard to believe the school year is almost over and summer is right around the corner. Please check below for your child's last day.

**PK3 MWF - Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**PK3 T/Th—Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**PK4 - Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Elementary Students - Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> Tentative**

## Faith Fun Fitness Day

On Friday, May 13 (rain date is May 20) St. John's students will participate in Faith Fun Fitness Day. As in previous years, the students will do a faith walk/run and fitness exercises. The winning auction bidders will get to use their pitching skills to dunk the teachers and staff starting at 1 p.m.

Volunteers with clearance badges are needed to assist with elementary student activities from 8:45 am - 3pm. There are a few volunteer openings still available:

<https://tinyurl.com/5n8nhddv>

Preschool families, please note that there are no classes on Faith Fun Fitness Day and preschool students must be accompanied by an adult to participate in Faith, Fun, Fitness Day on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The preschool activities will start at 10 am on the front lawn of the church. Please plan to arrive at 10 am with your preschool student and guide them through the activities of the day. Bring your lunch to enjoy at noon and plan to stay for the dunk tank fun!

Thank you!  
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Fr. Wilke, Fr. Josh and Sr. Jane visited the classrooms on a regular basis to teach our faith and answer questions from the students.

We appreciate their guidance and support!



Please join us on May 6<sup>th</sup> for Give Local York. This year we are looking to go bigger and better and can only do it with your help! Please join us in this fundraising event and share with friends and family to help us meet our goal! Please click the link below and click on the **Fundraise** button to become a "fundraiser." You cannot donate until May 6<sup>th</sup> but you can help us get the word out now.

<https://tinyurl.com/GLY22SJBNE>



## Virtue Award Winners

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

- K - Super Student
- 1<sup>st</sup> - Mason Baker
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jackson Baker
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jacob Crone
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Super Student
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Super Student
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Genni McLain

## St. John's School Graduations!

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade** - There will be a 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Mass on Friday, May 27, 2022 at 10 am in the main church to celebrate our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. An awards ceremony and social will immediately follow at Capitani Hall.

**PK4** - There will be a ceremony for our graduating PK4 preschool students on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 5:30 pm in the Capitani Social Hall. Please note this is a time change from 7 pm to 5:30 pm as there is a vigil mass for the Feast of Our Lord's Ascension. Light refreshments will be served after the PK4 graduation.



**Cereal Box Dominoes...** Students lined the social hall at St. John's on April 13<sup>th</sup> to watch the cereal boxes tumble. Our school collected 376 boxes, surpassing last year by 66 boxes. The 376 boxes were arranged in a square spiral pattern and took 1 minutes and 17 seconds to fall. Many thanks to all who donated cereal for the Food Pantry!

## St. John's PTO

St. John's PTO will have its last meeting of the 21/22 school year on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 4 :15 p.m. New families are always welcome! For information regarding the elections of officers, please email [pto@sjbnf.org](mailto:pto@sjbnf.org)

PTO End of the Year Potluck is Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 6pm - 8:00 pm to celebrate the end of the school year. Bring a blanket and chairs, find a spot, fill a plate and have fun! It is requested that each family bring a covered dish as follows:

PreK-1st Grade: Appetizer or Salad

Grades 2-4 Main Dish

Grades 5 & 6 Dessert

[www.sjbnfpto.org](http://www.sjbnfpto.org) [www.facebook.com/stjnppto](https://www.facebook.com/stjnppto)

## St. John's Spirit Day/Night



May 6<sup>th</sup> at Laser Alleys from 6 pm - 8pm, the PTO is hosting a Bowling Fund-raiser. Tickets are \$17 and includes unlimited glow bowling, shoe rental & unlimited laser tag games!

Proceeds go to the school. Tickets MUST be purchased in advance. Last day to buy tickets is Wed. May 4, 2022. To buy tickets go to the online store on the Laser Alley website. Event will be hosted at Laser Alleys! 3905 E Market Street York, PA 17402

<https://laseralleys.pcsparty.com/store/>



May 12<sup>th</sup> at Sons of Sicily from 11 am-10 pm located in the Shrewsbury Square Shopping Center at 14645 Mount Airy Road. Dine in or carry out - 717-227-2270

## May Events Reminders and Details...

**May 6** - ES Muffins with Moms at 8 am , Please RSVP: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4FAEA829A5FD0-muffins>

**May 6** - PS Mother's Brunch at 10 am, Please RSVP: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4FAEA829A5FD0-mothers>

**May 9** - May Crowning by the First Communion Children will honor our Blessed Mother on Sun., May 9<sup>th</sup> at the 9 AM Mass. The children should wear their First Communion outfits and arrive at the main church at 8:45 AM.

**May 11** - Partner School Band Festival at 6:30 pm in the York Catholic in the auditorium

**May 16** - Elementary School Spring Concert at 7 pm in the main church. The students will showcase vocals under the direction of our music teachers, Mrs. Kelly Ann Miller and Mr. Joshua Vyskocil.

**May 23** - Elementary School Band Concert at 7 pm in the Capitani Social Hall. The instrumental students will perform pieces on their instruments under the direction of the instrumental teacher, Mrs. Laurie Kotter.

# St. John's 2021/2022 Fundraising

As we come to the end of the school year, it's a good time to look back at all we've accomplished. We've offered many fundraisers, monthly missions, spirit nights, and much more. St. John's PTO helped our school financially as well as with family fun activities. Our families have participated in our fundraisers, enjoyed spirit nights and supported our school throughout this year.

## Together we have achieved a great deal this year!

Our Development Director, Sarah Shaffer, brought us many opportunities to help raise funds for St. John's. She offered great variety and an appealing assortment to our families. This year, was our most successful auction event and we appreciate the financial support that each fundraiser has provided. Thank you for eating out on spirit nights, bidding on auction items, purchasing sheets, buying Scrip, Scholastic Books, Gertrude Hawk, Butter Braid and poinsettias. The on-going fundraisers such as Mabels, Rutters, Coke Rewards and Rite Aid will continue to run year round. Thank you to all for helping us to raise just over \$53,000. The fundraisers help us to meet expenses and stay within our budget.

How much did the Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) raise this year? This year PTO raised \$12,000 and received almost \$6000 in grants/donations. How can Parents support the PTO? Buy a gift card raffle ticket in the Fall, an Advent calendar at Christmas, or a pretzel on Tuesdays. How do I/my child benefit? All fields trip were at no expense to the parents (field trips costs over \$4000), free basketballs to each child, new gym sports equipment, class room supplies, a renovated staff lounge for the teachers, many in school assemblies (dental, composting, sportsmanship, and soon a visit from a PA Senator), spirit nights (Titanium Athletics and Laser Alley), natural barrier for the playground, donuts with grownups, special gifts for our graduating 6<sup>th</sup> graders (we spend \$60 per child) and retirement gifts for our incredible staff. This year's summer goal? We hope to have enough left in the budget to purchase and install basketball hoop on our campus. Many thanks to all our Parents for your support. Please come out, enjoy some family/friend fun time and support our final spirit night at Laser Alley on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

St. John's Student Council lead and managed several community outreach projects which are listed below. These items and monies were donated to local organizations such as clothing banks, safe houses and homeless shelters. This group of students, under the supervision of Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Bodoh, were also able to purchase pickleball equipment including nets, balls and paddles!

Socktober - 1,489 pairs of socks

Mitten Tree - 219 items and \$105

Candy Grams - \$328

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students had a dental drive and collected over 3,000 items thanks to the generosity of St. John's families. Our families also contributed over 442 pounds of cereal! These items were donated to the Southern York County Food Bank.

The religious ed. and school students under the leadership of Sr. Jane raised over \$600 for the Lenten Sacrifice.

## Thank you for your support and generosity!

Our final fundraiser this year is Give Local York. Please share the information for Give Local York and know we appreciate your contributions to our school. <https://tinyurl.com/GLY22SJBNE>

### PK BUS RIDE

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, St. John's PK4 students will learn about bus safety and then board a school bus for a short ride!

Please be sure to return your child's permission slip.



### MOVE UP DAY AT SCHOOL

Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> will be a move up day for grades PK - Grade 5. In prior years, the students would move to the next year's classroom but this year, the teacher will come to visit them in their current classroom. Spending a little bit of time with the new teacher helps to alleviate some worries, even when they already know that teacher.

The students soon see that next year won't be so scary after all!



# St. John's Talent Show

St. John the Baptist Catholic School's First Talent Show was Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at Summit Grove. The audience enjoyed many acts featuring our talented students. The contestants were divided into three categories, dance, musical and stand-up. The many acts included dancing, singing, skits, magic, comedy, stop-motion photography, monologues and more! Each category had a Winner and Runner-up. Congratulations to the winners and all who participated. A big thank you to Mrs. Charlotte Bodoh for orchestrating this event!



## The School I Love

By: Mary Claire Carleton

St. John the Baptist is the school I love, it's true,  
From my Catholic faith, great friends, and wonderful teachers, too.

We learn about so many subjects and God most of all,  
And let's not forget—recess is always a ball!

Some memories include 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School, movies and popcorn, and Mission Day,  
Fundraiser Nights, virtue winners, and being part of Little Flowers are also great—I would say.

I smile when I see my brother and sister in the hallway  
And am greeted by my nice bus driver and family at the end of the day.

First grade has been great,  
Second grade at St. John's—I can't wait!



Many thanks to our departing faculty and staff who are not returning to St. John's School next year. We appreciate the years of dedication from Belinda Siperko, Joshua Vyskocil, Barb Brummett, JoAnn Gifford, Marianne Swade and Patti Miller. Best wishes to all!

The entire faculty and staff would like to thank the PTO for the support throughout the school year. We are thankful for the treats, surprises and many, many events that are organized and ran by the PTO. Our school is truly blessed to have so many parents who are able to volunteer their talents and time to enrich our school.

PTO Volunteer Appreciation Dinner! With help from Texas Roadhouse the PTO invites all parent volunteers to join is for light dinner of salad and pulled pork on Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Social Hall! Childcare will be provided. RSVP by Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> - <https://sjbnfpto.org/>