



SCHOOL NEWS

St. John the Baptist Catholic School Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar

MARCH

- 3** - Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner
- 7** - PTO Meeting at 4:15 pm
- 10** - Early Dismissal, Noon for Elementary and 11:30 am for Preschool
 - End of 2nd Trimester
 - PTO Spirit Day at Chuck E. Cheese Noon to 10 pm
- 12** - Family Prayer Service for Second Grade after the 11 o'clock Mass
- 13** - Preschool Picture Day
- 17** - Elementary School Report Cards Issued
 - Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner
- 18** - First Grade Retreat, 9:30 am to Noon at School
- 21** - Spirit Night at Great American Saloon, 4 pm - 9pm
- 24** -Early Dismissal, Elementary at 11 am and Preschool at 11:30 am
- 25/26** - Fourth Grade Students will read at the weekend masses
- 26** - Family Prayer Service for First Grade Students after 11 am Mass
- 27** - Mission Day
- 29** - Online Auction Begins!
- 31** Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner



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The holy season of Lent is upon us. May we take this time to increase our prayers, give alms to a charity, and to fast in some part of our

lives. Students have been doing an excellent job being reverent on Fridays during mass in the social hall. They have adapted to the new "church" and know the expectations of sitting quietly and genuflecting as we enter and exit mass. Our second graders received the sacrament of reconciliation on Saturday and it was inspiring to see so many children receiving this sacrament, but even more inspiring to see how many parents also participated in the sacrament that day. All elementary students are also participating in the Stations of the Cross each Friday as part of our Lenten journey.

My hope is that each and every one of you feel the love of Jesus during this next 40 days and that your faith is strengthened or renewed. Have a blessed Lent.

Easter Break

There will be an early dismissal on Wednesday, April 5 with the elementary students dismissing at Noon and the preschool students dismissing at 11:30 am. School will be closed for all students from Thursday, April 6 to Monday, April 10, 2023. Classes will resume for elementary students, Ms. Jackie's PK3 T/Th class and Ms. Debbie's PK4 class on Tuesday, April 11th. Class resumes for Ms. Kelly Ann's PK4 class and Mrs. Jackie's PK3 MWF class on Wednesday, April 11th. Enjoy the break!



Principal's Awards

These students have shown kindness, compassion and a willingness to help others on their own merit!



Autumn Hackler
 Juliana Hackler
 Emma Hollinger
 Evie Amparo
 Miriam Phillips

Aubree Taylor
 Owen Taylor

Lyla Webb

Christopher Buscemi
 Everly Antkowiak
 Sadie Slattery
 Ariella Corbin



Evelyn Loveland

Bennett Doyka
 Charlie Rudd
 Catelyn Schulze
 Ally Leh



Gemma Russo
 Sophie King
 Gia Webb
 Mason Baker

Isabelle Fitzgerald

Jackson Baker
 Pia Watson
 Aviana Fonti



Heidi Stello
 Catherine Savoie
 Fei Fei Stitt
 Skylar Fitzpatrick
 Lizzie Patera



Virtue Award Winners

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

K - Everley Laing

1st - Myra Davis

2nd - Reagan Wagner

3rd - Pia Watson

4th - Samantha Shaffer

5th - Danielle Whitcraft

6th - Owen Riddle



Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinners

St. John's Knights of Columbus will host Lenten Dinners on the following Fridays during Lent:

March 3th & 17th and 31st
 4 pm to 7 pm in Capitani Social Hall

The menu offers: crabcakes, fried fish or shrimp, pasta, mac & cheese, mozzarella sticks, baked potatoes and more!



St. John's Annual Spring Auction & Dinner

St. John's online auction is just a few weeks away! The online auction will begin on March 29th at 8 a.m. and ends on April 5th at 8 p.m. There are many exciting items on which to bid during this week-long online event. The excitement will continue with the Live Auction and Dinner on Saturday, May 6 at 6 pm. Please join us for a "Night at the Derby" at St. John's Capitani Social Hall. We are offering Luck of the Irish Early Ticket pricing of \$55 until March 17th. Tickets can be purchased at: <https://tinyurl.com/SJBDerbytickets>

We are still accepting donations of a good or service to be used in our online auction. Some examples include, (but are not limited to): restaurant gift cards, grocery or department store gift cards, tickets or passes to events, concerts, theater, museums, handmade items, services such as childcare, plumbing, legal, salon, etc., new items such as tools, jewelry, purses etc., direct sales donations such as Lu-LaRoe, Avon, Mary Kay, 31, Pampered Chef, Norwex, etc.

Every year, each grade contributes to a themed basket that is raffled or auctioned. Donations are key to making the class baskets a success. Class Auction Baskets are due to the school office by Friday, March 3th.

If you can make a donation in any way it would help to make the online auction a huge success!!! All auction items need to be sent to school by March 14th. If you have any questions, contact our Development Director, Sarah Shaffer, sshaffer1@sjbnf.org.



St. John's PTO

Volunteer Opportunities Available!

If you are badged there are lunch monitor, pretzel Tuesday, Good Shepherd assistant, library helper, Donuts with Dad, and PTO bulletin board opportunities available. Please help and make a difference at our school for our staff and students!

<https://sjbnfpto.org/volunteer>

Chuck E. Cheese Spirit Day!

Join in on the fun all day after SJB Elementary early dismissal on Friday March 10th. A special guest, Chuck E. Cheese himself will be cheering students on at Parent Pick-Up that day as a reminder! Bring in the event flyer that will be sent home with your students for coupons and to get credit for SJB PTO! Location: Chuck E. Cheese 2801 E Market Street, York, PA 17402

<https://sjbnfpto.org/spirit-nights>

Totally Catholic Jewelry Easter Fundraiser

After masses on March 11th, 12th, 25th & 26th, jewelry, crosses, rosaries, and more are available for purchase. Great gifts for Easter or upcoming Baptisms, First Communions, and Confirmations!

PTO Presents: Donuts With Dad

Early Sign-up is available now for Donuts with Dad attendees and volunteers! Thursday April 13th and Friday April 14th from 8am-8:40am sign-up one male adult with your student(s). A light breakfast of donuts, muffins, fruit, coffee, and juice will be provided in the social hall. Students that take the bus will miss this event as it starts before drop-off.

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PTO Officer Interest

Sadly, two of our officers will "graduate out" of SJB at the end of this year. Officer elections take place at our final May PTO meeting. Parents/Guardians of SJB students that are interested in officer opportunities, please email us by April at pto@sjbnf.org

PTO Meetings

Our next virtual meeting will be Tuesday, March 7 at 4:15 pm where we will discuss upcoming fundraisers, spirit nights, volunteer opportunities and more!

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Catholic Schools Week 2023

The students enjoyed an astronomy assembly, dress-down day, a movie day and some academic competitions during Catholic Schools Week. Fourth grader, Michaiiah Agamasire placed 1st in the Faith and Spelling Bees. Sixth grader, Adela Wooden was the 1st place winner in the Geography Bee. Congratulations to Michaiiah and Adela!

The Geography Bee lasted 15 rounds with Owen Rocco placing 2nd and Parker Watson placing 3rd. The Faith Bee lasted 4 rounds with Caroline Fitzgerald placing 2nd and Parker Watson placing 3rd. The Spelling Bee lasted 5 rounds with Camden Westcoat-Fuchs placing 2nd and Juliana Hackler placing 3rd.

The winners of the Spelling and Geography Bees will go to Harrisburg to compete against other schools in the Diocese. Best wishes for success to our St. John's students.

It's never too early to study for next year!

Also, a big thank you to our parents for the special treats for the St. John's staff during Catholic Schools week. Your generosity and thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.



Great American Saloon

March 21st is Spirit Night at the Great American Saloon from 4 pm to 9 pm. Great American Saloon is located at 20 Dairyland Square, Red Lion, PA 17356. This event is dine in or carryout. Use the following link to print the flyer to ensure we get 20% of the sale. <https://tinyurl.com/marchspiritnight2023>