



St. John the Baptist
Catholic School

eGazette

January 10, 2018

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Dear Parents, Guardians, Alumni, and Friends,

Happy New Year! Our faculty and staff were happy to welcome our students and families back after our Christmas break. This past Sunday our Church celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, and in many classrooms students also recalled the visit of the Magi to the newborn Jesus: *"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary, his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."* (Matthew 2:9-12) One of the ways we also marked this special feast was by blessing our classings and marking above our doorways 20+C+M+B+18. This is significant of the Magi's visit to baby Jesus.

There are many opportunities to volunteer below and earn your parent hours. Please consider the opportunities listed below. Parent volunteer commitments must be met in order to register your son/daughter for the following school year. Please remember to log your volunteer hours. If you have questions about your hours, please contact the school office.

As we prepare for Catholic Schools Week and registration for the 2018-19 school year I will be available at the Napa Mom's Expo this Saturday, January 13th from 9AM-Noon to answer questions about our school, with a particular focus on our TK/Kindergarten program. Do you know of any friends, families, or neighbors searching for a faith-filled Catholic School experience? Please refer them to our school and to visit my table at the Napa Mom's Expo. The Expo is being held at Las Flores Community Center, 4300 Linda Vista Avenue. Look for incentives in coming newsletters for your assistance in referring families who register in our school.

Blessings,

Mrs. Olivia Brazil

"The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and eighteen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year.

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever". Amen

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, January 11

5PM 8th grade basketball at St. Johns Lutheran
5:30PM First Communion Meeting with Mrs. Macias
6PM Family Club Parent Board Meeting
7PM CSAC Board Meeting
7PM Confirmation Parent Meeting in the Parish Hall

Friday, January 12

Pizza Friday \$5
Lock-Down Drill at 9AM
Faith Family at 2PM (see below)

Saturday, January 13

Napa Mom's Expo for TK/Kindergarten 9AM-Noon

Monday, January 15

No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
5:30 PM - 8th Grade Boys Basketball at St. Helena Montessori

Tuesday, January 16

No School - Faculty/Staff Professional Development Day for School Accreditation

Wednesday, January 17

8:30AM Mass hosted by 6th grade
1:30PM Dismissal

Volunteer Opportunities:

School Office Volunteer Needed - We are looking for a school office volunteer that could come in a few hours a week and be on call if office coverage is needed. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Brazil at obrazil@sjtbc.school.org. All volunteers must have fingerprint clearance and safe environment training.

Catholic Schools Week Pancake Breakfast - If you are able to help volunteer for our CSW Pancake Breakfast on January 28th please contact the school office.

Parent Hours given to volunteer at a parish event on Sunday, February 4th - Volunteers needed to serve food from 11am to 3pm in the parish hall. Click [HERE](#) to view a flyer for this event. Please contact Amparo at (707)-337-6656 or

amparovalenzuela75@hotmail.com if you can assist in volunteering at this event.

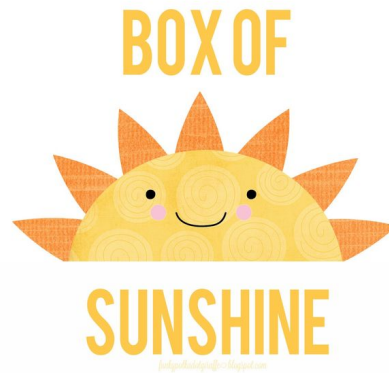
Volunteers are needed to sort and organize our used uniform closet - If you are able to give a few hours of your time to help with this project please contact the school office.

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## BOXES OF SUNSHINE!

Students will be involved in a service project with their Faith Family at school on Friday, January 12th. They will be putting together "Boxes of Sunshine" for those in need. Please review the items below and send your child to school with at least 2 items, if possible, for this activity.



- Any travel size personal hygiene items (toothpaste/brush, comb/brush, shampoo, deodorant, wet wipes, etc.)
- Socks, flip flops
- Wash cloth, body wash
- Cup of noodles, mac-n-cheese, small container of cereal
- Undergarments
- Individual size snacks (granola bars, candy, Cheez-its, Pringles, small packs of cookies, gum, mints, etc.)
- Inspirational/religious cards
- Small Bible

Check out this website for TONS of great ideas: [jomygosh.com/2014/06/150-items-care-package list/](http://jomygosh.com/2014/06/150-items-care-package-list/)



## CRAB FEED 2018



We're hosting our annual Mardi Gras Extravaganza Crab Feed on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 6:00pm! Don a festive mask, grab some beads and get crackin' at this immensely popular event that will feature crab, blackened tri-tip, Jambalaya, garlic bread, and salad. The event also features no-host cocktails, wine, beer, music, and dancing and there will be a Dessert Auction. - Must be 21 to attend. Wine may be brought to event for a corkage fee of \$10 per bottle. NO other alcohol may be brought to the event.

Volunteers still needed. Are you or a family member able to help out? If so, click the link below or contact Teresa Garcia in the school office.

Click [HERE](#) for Ticket Order Form

Click [HERE](#) to purchase Tickets Online

Click [HERE](#) to volunteer

## CHASE CULINARY EDUCATION

New Years Cooking Class - \$45  
Thursday, January 18, 2018  
3pm - 5pm

Join Chef Derek for a super-fun cooking class at St. Johns. The class will prepare some great winter recipes that our students will love. This class is limited to 12 students, so sign up soon!

Click [HERE](#) for Sign-Up Flyer



## SCENES FROM OUR WEEK

Our 3rd-8th graders at the movie theater seeing Wonder!!!



## LIBRARY NEWS

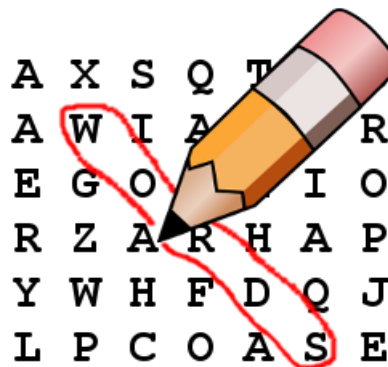


**CHESS TOURNAMENT!** This is for students 3rd Grade and above. It takes place in the Library during lunch recess. This year, last year's winner, Julian, has agreed to teach and coach players before the tournament begins. He will not compete this year though we may have him play the winner, just for fun. Sign-up in the Library or by calling 224-8388 x115.

Parents, encourage your children to play chess at home, either with you, a sibling, a grandparent, aunt or uncle, godparent, or computer. Julian recommends [chess.com](http://chess.com). Our tournament will begin Wednesday, January 24.

In conjunction with the Chess Tournament, I'd like to offer a **WORD-SEARCH CHALLENGE!** This will be a "speed" challenge where students are timed and race against each other, according to grade. The library will be a very quiet place for a couple weeks! There will be sign-ups for this tournament as well, and students CAN SIGN UP FOR BOTH Chess and Word-Search.

Mrs. Machado gave me a Bible Puzzle Book which has very big and complicated (but do-able within





20 minutes) Bible word searches and I have a smaller, easier word-search book in Spanish that I might use for the younger students. Chess is chess no matter how young or old you are. Prizes will be determined in February.

Mrs. Oberting

## JUSTIN-SIENA HIGH SCHOOL UPCOMING ADMISSIONS DATES



Here is the link to the application <https://secure.infosnap.com/family/gosnap.aspx?action=12095&culture=en>

**January 31:** Regular Decision Admission Application Deadline.

**February 5:** Tuition Assistance and Merit Based Scholarship application deadlines. New this year is our Merit Based Scholarships. We offer 3 scholarships that range from \$500 to \$5000. Students can apply for both tuition assistance as well as the merit based scholarships or just one or the other. More information can be found here.

If you have any questions, please contact Alicia Valdivia or Megan Alexander-Short in the Justin-Siena Admissions Office.

## SCRIP

SCRIP has gone 100% electronic!



To help you fulfil your \$250 SCRIP obligation, we have partnered with Benefit Mobile. Benefit Mobile is a free iPhone or Android phone app that can be used to pay for your everyday purchases such as groceries, clothes, home goods, and more. You can pay on site at the store or online. A portion of your purchase goes directly back to our school. Retailers include Home Depot, Amazon, Target, Starbucks, Safeway, and many more! Download the app and

add St. John the Baptist Catholic School - Napa as your beneficiary to start earning. Find more information in the app or at [www.benefit-mobile.com](http://www.benefit-mobile.com). Feel free to forward this website to family and friends. The more people you get to participate, the more funds you will earn.

How to participate:

1. Download the Benefit app for iPhone or Android.
2. Sign up and follow the prompts.
3. Find St. John's Catholic School - Napa by typing St. John's Catholic School - Napa into the search field.

You can still earn electronic SCRIP with eScrip and Great Lakes Shop With Scrip:

- eScrip: Click [HERE](#) to sign-up for eScrip's new Lucky Grocery Store SHARES Program. As you have heard, Safeway is no longer partnering with eScrip. Lucky has now joined eScrip and will work similar to the way Safeway used to work. Search for our school using: St. John's Catholic School - Napa

- Shop With Scrip: Another easy way to support St. John's and fulfill your Scrip requirement is to use the "Scrip Now" feature of Great Lakes Shop With Scrip. Just pay and print! HUGE selection! <https://www.shopwithscrip.com>  
Our Shop With Scrip Enrollment Code: 6AC3F4D78982



## PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Submitting Completed Parent Volunteer Hours:

All volunteer hours should be submitted using our Google Forms link.

Click [HERE](#) for the link.



All volunteers and field trip drivers must be fingerprinted and must complete the Diocese of Santa Rosa child protection online training that has just be developed. Fingerprinting forms are available from Mrs. Garcia in the school office.

Here are the directions for completing the online training:

- Logon to [WWW.CMGConnect.org](http://WWW.CMGConnect.org) and follow the directions to register and complete the training. We are the Diocese of Santa Rosa.

## SCHOOL WEBSITE & CALENDAR

Website Subscription Reminder: Don't forget that you can subscribe to any staff member on our new website. By subscribing, you will receive any posts the staff member makes via email. Click on the "subscribe" button on the staff members page. today!

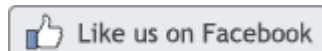
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[Click HERE for instructions on syncing our school calendar with your mobile device.](#)

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