



St. John the Baptist
Catholic School

eGazette

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PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Dear Parents/Guardians, Alumni, and Friends,

Welcome to a new school year! A special welcome to all of the new families who are joining our community! We are so blessed that you have chosen St. John's to be your second home! For those of you returning you will notice our school will have many changes this year. With change comes growth and our school looks forward to growing and becoming the best it can be!

First we welcome new staff members, Mrs. Coakley -5th grade teacher, Mrs. Bolen -6th grade teacher, Mrs. Schoonmaker -Educational Achievement Specialist/Resource teacher, Ms. Vadnais -3rd-8th grade Science Teacher, and Mrs. Carrillo -TK-8th grade Spanish teacher and 3rd/4th grade instructional aide. With the addition of our EAS, Science, and Spanish teachers we are excited for the opportunities that our students will have for academic growth. Mr. Owen our 7th grade teacher will also serve as our school counselor/student advisor of support and Mrs. Machado our TK/Kindergarten teacher will provide a middle school art program! Our Science teacher Ms. Vadnais will begin a drama club and Mrs. Bolen will begin a spirit club! Our whole school has adopted a new math program called Go Math! This is a comprehensive math program Kindergarten through Algebra 1! Teachers will discuss more about these exciting programs at Back to School Night.

Our first grade teacher, Mrs. Braccia is expecting her first child and we are so excited for her and this special blessing for her family. Interviews are currently underway for our long term substitute. Mrs. Braccia will be with us through December of 2017 and then will return with us in the Fall of 2018. Her long term substitute will be announced when finalized.

Interviews for a music/choral teacher are still underway this week. Keep praying we find a music teacher that can serve the children in our community.

In addition to our wonderful academics, our school is first and foremost a faith community. Each week our school will attend Mass and it is strongly encouraged

that your families are attending and participating at weekend eucharistic celebrations. This year has been dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima. Students will be learning about our Lady throughout the year and will be presenting to our Bishop on Our Lady of Fatima in January of 2018. Each class has been provided with diocesan resources and will be using formed.org in religion classes to further their faith experiences. Beginning next week, I will provide links to helpful or interesting items for families to view on formed.org. This is a great opportunity to stay up to date and connected to our faith.

Our family club board has been working hard to plan and outline the events for our 17-18 school year. It is my hope and prayer that we have 100% participation volunteering and/or attending these events. Our family club events are the things that bring us together as a community, but also help offset the cost of tuition so our school can offer parishioner rates and tuition scholarships. You will hear more about family club events at our Back to School Night on August 30th. It is very important that a parent from each family attend Back to School Night. This is an adult only evening. Refreshments and socializing will take place in the hall at 5PM with the meeting beginning at 5:30PM. Sessions with teachers will be offered from 6:15-6:40PM and 6:45-7:10PM in the classrooms. Middle school teachers will present together in the Hall for both sessions.

Wishing you and your children a new school year full of blessings,

Mrs. Olivia Brazil, Principal

Upcoming Dates:

- 8/24 - 5PM Kermes Meeting
6PM Family Club Board Meeting
- 8/25 - Pizza lunch \$5
Free Dress
- 8/28 - CSAC Meeting at 6PM
- 8/29 - Fire Drill at 9AM
- 8/30 - Back-to-School Night
5PM - Parent Social - Drinks and appetizers
5:30PM Family Club Meeting
6:15-6:40PM and 6:45-7:10PM Classroom sessions

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Our First Day



FORMS TO COMPLETE AND RETURN:

The following Forms are included in your Yellow Wednesday Envelope. Please complete them and return to the school office as soon as possible:

Student Emergency Card - Please fill out this form both front and back (one per family)

Our Agreement to Cooperate & Participate Internet Use Contract, and Standard Photo Release - Please complete this form both front and back (one per family), including parent and student signatures, and return it to the school office. Click [HERE](#) to view our 2017-2018 Parent Student Handbook.

Extended Care Registration - Please complete and return if you will be using our Extended Care Program this school year.

Walking Off Campus Field Trip Parental Consent Form - Please complete this form (one per family)

Friday Pizza Fundraiser Order Form - Our first Friday Pizza Fundraiser Lunch is this Friday, August 25th. The cost is \$5 for two slices of cheese pizza, carrots/ranch, and a treat. Click [HERE](#) for pizza order form.

PE UNIFORMS

Orders are being accepted for our new PE Uniforms. An order form is included in today's Yellow Wednesday Envelope and are available in the school office. Mr. G, our PE teacher, will be outside at the picnic tables after school this week to take orders. He will also have size samples available. A reminder that all students in grades TK - 8th will wear their PE uniform to school on their designated PE days.

Kermes Meeting



**St. John the Baptist Catholic School
Invites you to a Kermes
meeting!**



KERMES

Thursday August 24

6pm

School Library

Let's start the preparation for our

5th annual Kermes!

We look forward in seeing you there!

2017-2018 Volunteer Service Opportunities

Every family at St. John the Baptist Catholic School is required to contribute 25 hours of fundraising and 5 hours of school life volunteer service. Please click

the link below for a list of volunteer opportunities available for the 2017-2018 school year.

[2017-2018 Volunteer Service Opportunities](#)

Library News:

HAVE YOU SEEN IT?

St. John's has its own LITTLE FREE LIBRARY!

Have you seen it in front of the church? It's a little red box facing the Hall. Mrs. Machado found it (in her garage!), Parker Hall, president of the Men's Club, painted it, and the Men's Club installed it over the summer. Parishioners began using it two Sundays ago and already, we've given away about 40 books! The purpose of Little Free Libraries is to "Take One, Give One" book. In our case, Mrs. Oberting has LOTS of

books to give away over the year: duplicate, worn, unread, unusable books. It's also a way for the greater community, parishioners and school families, to give books to us! On its first day, our little red library received eight new books from a

reporter with the Napa Valley Register. We usually pass on our discards to the public library, but now we have a direct way to put them to use. If you would like more information about Little Free Libraries, you can ask Mrs. Oberting, our librarian (Weds-Fri.) or their website: littlefreelibrary.org. Napa has about eight. Our address and story is also listed on their website's worldwide map! Check it out!



LEARN PIANO - OBOE - MUSIC THEORY

Where: St John the Baptist
Catholic School

Times: Please call for after
school appointments

Day: Wednesday/Friday

707.815.2916

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Jeanette Tan Chudnow is a dedicated professional with 34 years of piano and oboe teaching experience. She is a graduate of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. Her experiences include piano accompaniment for solo instruments in auditions and ABRSM examinations, as well as for ballet companies and schools. She has also been very involved in church worship ministry since the age of 11. Jeanette has played with the Singapore Symphony Orchestra, and toured with the musical production of CATS back in the 80's and 90's.

Jeanette believes that learning music is more than just about reading notes on a page, so she customizes her lessons to each student's interests and skill level. She teaches all genres, from pop to classical, because she finds it important for the student to be able to connect with the music in order for the student to enjoy what they play. Whether it be through Beethoven, Taylor Swift or Super Mario Bros, you will learn valuable lessons in music theory, sight reading and analysis at Jeanette Tan Chudnow's music studio.

"enrich your life through the world of music"

Click [HERE](#) to download flyer

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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. 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 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!


Did you know that our website can be translated through "Google Translate"? Click on the top right of the site and chose the desired language. Even the PDF versions of our past eGazettes are translated!

[Click HERE for school website](#)

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

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