

# The Blue Jay Flyer



Reach up to God, Reach out to others, Reach far for success

October 12, 2017

## From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As a community we find that sometimes those among us need help and my experience is that we are very generous. The next three weeks will call upon our generosity in several areas.

Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – The students may come out of uniform if they bring in a \$1. All money will go to the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society for research. Ben, Isabella and Dominic Even came to me a week ago telling me about a Walk happening Thursday evening, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> and could we help support it. I believe we can and I know the kids will enjoy being out of uniform!

Food Drive – We are starting this yearly collection just a week earlier than usual. The Corpus Christi Food Pantry volunteers asked if they could have our donations a bit earlier than usual so they have more time to get the dinners together for the 240 families who have requested help. This is our Pastoral Area Food Pantry, so I know you will be generous.

Toy Drive – Shannon Memory works for a Non-Profit Organization in Lower Price Hill. Each year they collect toys for the community and the parents come to buy these toys for their children for Christmas. The parents pay \$1 - \$5 per toy. All the money collected for the toys goes to the organization for community activities and classes. Once again, I know you will be as generous as possible.

Be sure the children are involved in all of these projects. Have them take a dollar out of their piggy bank to pay for the out of uniform day. Let them go to the grocery store and pick out the items they wish to contribute to the food drive; or with your permission ask neighbors to contribute. And if they have a very nice looking toy they are willing to donate, that is a great lesson of sharing with others who may be less fortunate. We learn best through doing and watching our parents help others. Make it a family affair.

Next week we have some students taking the PSAT Test and some 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students taking the State Reading Guarantee Test. Keep these students in your prayers.

On Friday, October 27, K-3 Teachers will be attending their second workshop on teaching with standards. There will be many substitute teachers, please ask your children to be extra good for them.

Believe it or not, our 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester will be ending November 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be setting up conferences for the week of November 20-21. Time is flying and we are blessed to share each day with your children.

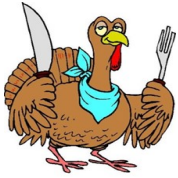
Sincerely, Ms. Catie Blum

## *Thank You for Supporting the Magazine Drive*

With your support we raised over **\$12,000!** This money goes towards keeping your tuition costs down. Special thanks to the new coordinators Kelli & Kyle Weiler and Dianne Lindner and all the wonderful volunteers who helped with counting orders and working prize days. End of the sale prizes will be delivered to the school in a few weeks.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 12	All School Mass 8:30 AM
Oct 13	NO SCHOOL
Oct 15	PTO Mother/Son Kickball
Oct 18	All School Mass 8:30 AM
Oct 20	Grandparents Day Kindergarten - 3rd Grade 10:00 AM
Oct 22	PTO Dads @ Topgolf
Oct 23	Gr. 4 Mass 8:30 AM PTO Cookie Dough Sale begins
Oct 26	Gr. 5 Mass 8:30 AM
Oct 27	All School Mass 8:30 AM



## Thanksgiving Food Drive for Corpus Christi Food Pantry October 16 - November 3

St. John's Student Council is collecting the following items:  
CANNED YAMS, CANNED VEGETABLES, CANNED  
FRUIT, CANNED CRANBERRIES, BOXED POTATOES,  
STUFFING MIX, GRAVY, JIFFY BRAND CORN BREAD MIX,  
PASTA (DRIED), FACIAL TISSUES, 2 IN 1 SHAMPOO,  
PERSONAL CARE ITEMS (badly needed!)

## Dress Code Reminders Sweatshirts/Fleeces/Jackets

With the cooler weather approaching we just want to remind families of the dress code.

Girls are permitted to wear white, navy blue or black leggings to the ankle, footed opaque or knit tights without designs under the uniform skirt/jumper.

Solid navy blue cardigan or crew neck sweaters may be worn (no oversized sweaters or sweatshirts material). Solid navy blue pull-over sweater vests are also acceptable. These must be worn over uniform shirts or white turtlenecks.

Official school sweatshirts and fleece with the triangle logo, purchased through the school office, may be worn over uniform shirts. Athletic spirit wear sweatshirts are only permitted on Spirit Days. Older school spirit wear that is either passed down or found in the uniform exchange is still appropriate. If you are unsure of if an older style is uniform or athletic please call the school office. Please note that black sweatshirts and hoodies are NOT school uniform spirit wear.

For the complete dress code please refer to pages 19-20 in the Student/Parent Handbook. If you have any questions please contact the school office.

## Kroger Community Rewards Program

Are you a Kroger shopper? Do you have a Kroger Plus card? You can help St. John's earn FREE money when you link your Kroger Plus card to St. John's school!

Go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) to register. Use the St. John's code of 80216 or search for St. John the Baptist—Dry Ridge. Remember that this has to be updated each year so if you have not done this since April you will need to re-enroll to stay linked to St. John's. Verify that you are linked by checking the bottom of your Kroger receipt. It will tell you if you have assigned St. John the Baptist for rewards.

## In-house School Supply Store

Our in-house school supply store is a great service for the students who need supplies. It is also a great opportunity for our 8th graders to help the school and show responsibility.

St. John's has three stores for our students' supply needs. One is located by grades 3/4, one by grades 5/6, and one in the junior high hallway. They are open each day before morning announcements. Check out the available supplies and prices on our website located under the Parent Info section.

## Attendance Line: 385-2095

To report an absence or tardy please call the attendance line by 8:45 AM. Please leave your child's name, grade, homeroom teacher, and reason for absence.



## School Picture Retakes November 6 from 8:30-9:30

Those students who were absent on picture day or need a retake will be permitted to come out of uniform on retake day then change into school uniform after pictures.

Preschoolers who need a retake may come to the school between 8:30-9:30 for any retake needs.



**Please make sure all your children's clothing items (especially sweaters, jackets & spirit wear) are marked with their names. The lost and found always has many of these items.**