

The Blue Jay Flyer



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

November 8, 2017

From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

“Reach up to God... Reach out to others...Reach far for success”

This is the 2017-2018 motto of the St. John the Baptist Pastoral Area School. We recite this every morning after prayer and the pledge of allegiance. During all school masses, Fr. Tim uses our motto in his homilies to remind us that our school strives for something greater than ourselves. As a Catholic School we pray, teach and model our faith to our students to help strengthen their faith lives in the same way that parents and teachers collaborate for our children's academic success.

At St. John the Baptist, we do this in many ways. As the adults in our children's lives, we strive to incorporate Jesus and our faith into all situations. For example, at lunch sometimes a student will complain that a child or group of children won't let them sit at the table with them. My response is, “would you let Jesus sit next to you?” Their answer is always, yes! “Well, Jesus lives inside each one of us and if you say no to another student, you are saying no to Jesus.” What I see happening is, not only do they sit together, but by the end of lunch, they are talking and laughing together. I am so grateful for the freedom to express our faith in school.

Conferences are coming soon and it can be an anxious time for some. When I was raising my children, even though I was a teacher, I would get nervous about conferences. Our teachers at St. John the Baptist School are very experienced and most have raised their own children, who have their own lives and families. We only want what is best for your child and love to work as a team with you, the parent, for your child's success. We invite you to come to conferences knowing we treasure your child, enjoy your child and are eager to work together as they “reach far for success” this school year.

I am so grateful for our students who live the words “reach out to others” with the fabulous response of food items for our Pastoral Food Pantry! Many people will have an enjoyable Thanksgiving meal thanks to you!

Please keep our 2nd grade students in your prayers. Many of them will celebrate First Reconciliation this week and next. They are growing into our faith family one sacrament at a time. I am grateful for our supporting parishes who help us “Reach up to God”.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL

Have a wonderful weekend, Ms. Catie Blum

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Nov 9 | Gr. 3/4/5 Reconciliation 9:30 AM
Shopping Cent\$ 9-10 AM |
| Nov 10 | End of 1st Trimester
Gr. 6/7/8 Mass 8:30 AM |
| Nov 11 | PTO Father/Daughter Dance |
| Nov 15 | Report cards go home
Gr. 3/4/5 Mass 8:30 AM |
| Nov 16 | Gr. 6/7/8 Reconciliation 9:30 AM |
| Nov 20 | All School Prayer Service 2 PM |
| Nov 20-21 | Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| Nov 21-26 | Thanksgiving Break—No School |
| Nov 27-28 | PTO Santa Shop—the schedule
and more information will be sent
home next week. |
| Nov 30 | All School Mass 8:30 AM
Shopping Cent\$ 9-10 AM |
| Dec 1 | Performing Arts Troupe presents:
<i>The Princess Who Had No Name</i>
1:30 PM & 7:00 PM in Gym |

