

# The Blue Jay Flyer



Three parishes... One commitment to Catholic Education

February 22, 2017

## From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you enjoyed the long weekend and beautiful weather God is providing. This may be a school year where we have no snow days, spring comes early and we celebrate the beauty of our earth as it comes alive with new life.

As you read this BJ Flyer, Vicki Borgman and I will be in Cleveland at St. Agatha-St. Aloysius to chair their Accreditation Plan. This experience will give us a great insight for our own plan that the faculty is presently working on. Next year at this same time, we will be hosting a Principal from another diocese along with 4 Principals from our area to help solidify our Accreditation Plan. The final plan will be our focus for our school 5 years in the future.

IOWA Testing begins the week of March 6<sup>th</sup>. Most testing will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. However, Gr. 5 not only completes the IOWA academic portion; but also the CogATs, so they will be testing longer than most other grades. Encourage your children to do their very best. The information we gain from these tests help teachers gain insight on our student's strengths and weaknesses.

There are about 4 weeks left in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Keep up the good work getting homework and studying for tests complete each week, as the weather gets nicer the routine gets difficult.

May God bless you and your family,  
Ms. Catie Blum

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 24 All School Mass 8:30 AM
- Mar 1 Ash Wednesday—All School Mass and Ashes 8:30 AM
- Mar 7-16 IOWA Testing begins—please do not schedule appointments during these days.
- Mar 9 Gr. 6/7/8 Reconciliation 9:30 AM
- Mar 10 Gr. 3/4/5 Mass 8:30 AM
- Mar 15 Gr. 6/7/8 Mass 8:30 AM
- Mar 16 Gr. 3/4/5 Reconciliation 9:30 AM
- Mar 17 NO SCHOOL

### BUSTING BULLYING

I Define Me  
I AM WHO I AM  
I Will Love Myself from the inside out.

### 2017-18 School Year Registration

Kindergartener –8th grade registration form and \$200 family registration fee are due next Tuesday, February 28. If you have a new student entering the school please contact the school office for a new student packet. After February the fee will increase to \$300 per family and registrations will be on a first serve first basis.

Open registration for Preschool ended last Thursday however we still have a limited number of spots available on a first come first serve basis.

2016/17 school year tuition must be current for registration to be accepted.

## Shopping Cents Update

**Shopping Cent\$ turned over \$20,000 in profits to St. John the Baptist School last month!** Thanks to all our supporters – volunteers and customers for making this happen! With more customers, we could double that profit! Please consider using gift cards for your everyday needs. We carry Meijer, Wal-mart, Speedway, Shell, Wendy's, Panera, Macy's and many more retailers. We can also special order many retailers that we don't carry in regular inventory. Check out our supplier [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) for a complete list and call the hotline (699-6960 ext. 240) by Sunday evening for pick up on Thursday or weekend mass.

Due to low volume, we are discontinuing Domino's from regular inventory. We can still special order for you. We are going to try Tim Hortons in its place. These are \$10 gift cards and we make 4.74% profit on the sales.

The latest Shopping Cent\$ order form came home in Blue Jay Folders today. You can also print off the latest order form from our school website.

# THANK YOU

The Pregnancy Center West would like to thank all the students of St. John the Baptist School and the parishes of St. John Neumann, Corpus Christi and St. John the Baptist who generously donated so many baby items and money in the baby bottles for our center during Catholic Schools Week. The total money counted this year was \$537.09!

The baby items will keep the center's "Earn While You Learn" shop nicely stocked so that moms and dads can pick out what they need and purchase them with "baby bucks." Clients earn baby bucks by participating in DVD lessons with volunteers, which help new parents learn helpful parenting and life skills. Some items will also be given to participants in the center's 6-week-long parenting classes.



## St John the Baptist PTO Carnival

**Saturday, March 17th**  
**10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

**Join Us with the Whole Family for  
Games, Prizes, Food and Fun!**

**There will be a student cake decorating contest—theme is Carnival. Cakes will be judged at 10:15 with prizes. The cakes will then be raffled off at the Cake Walk.**

**PTO is also collecting donations for the basket raffle. Send donations to the classrooms until March 2.**

**Preschool: All about Candy & Sweets**

**Kindergarten: Crafts**

**First Grade: Dress Ups**

**Second Grade: Princess/Superhero**

**Third Grade: Barbie/Cars**

**Fourth Grade: Sports**

**Fifth Grade: Summer Fun**

**Sixth Grade: Lego**

**Seventh Grade: Game Night**

**Eighth Grade: All about Candy & Sweets**

## Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart

Our Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart fundraising is off to a FANTASTIC start. We will be collecting the donation envelopes until Friday, March 3, 2017. Please try to get return them as soon as possible.

Any comments, questions, or concerns about Jump Rope & Hoops for Heart should be directed to Mr. Powers, [tpowers@stjohnsdrschoo.org](mailto:tpowers@stjohnsdrschoo.org). **THANK YOU ALL** for your very generous support!!!

## Open House Yard Signs

We are still missing a few Open House signs. If you took an Open House Yard Sign please return to the office as soon as possible. We do try to reuse these signs, even if the posts are broken. Thank you!