

# The Blue Jay Flyer



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

January 10, 2018

## From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to the question of the month, do we have school, bussing or not? I apologize for Monday, NW has never denied bussing in the past even when they were not in school, it surprised me and took me too long to make a decision. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate the rest of the winter!

We have 7 brave students in Gr. 6 going to the Bible Bowl Competition this Thursday at St. Ignatius. Brady Hilgeman, Lexi Reed, Gabby Roos, Brody Smith, Olivia Tewell, Ashley Williams, and Madison Zorb. These students have been studying books of the Bible since October and even took time during their Christmas break to practice! Keep them in your prayers this Thursday and thanks to Mrs. Molulon and Mr. Powers for their time and dedication.

I will be out of the building two times this month to help other principals with their External Validation of their Accreditation. Our External is scheduled for February 22 & 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will have four principals coming from Cincinnati and our chairperson is from Toledo. We all help one another through this process so we achieve success. I am very excited about our goals the faculty has chosen to focus on the next four years. Academic Goal: Focuses on Reasoning Skills, application, analysis and evaluation of information. Catholic Identity Goal: Focuses on the Catholic Social Teaching Principle, Solidarity; students will work on caring for others in our school, parishes, country and world. More specifics will come home later after our External Accreditation.

Catholic Schools Week and Open House are coming soon. A great week for our students and opportunity to showcase the best elements of our school. We look forward to seeing you that week.

Ms. Catie Blum



**Catholic Schools**  
**Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Jan 11    | Bible Bowl Competition   |
| Jan 12    | All School Mass 8:30 AM  |
| Jan 15    | No School—MLK Day  |
| Jan 16    | InControl Parent Meeting 7 PM<br>in Science Lab  |
| Jan 17    | Interims   |
| Jan 19    | All School Mass 8:30 AM  |
| Jan 23/24 | No 3 yr Preschool—Conferences  |
| Jan 24    | All School Mass 8:30 AM  |
| Jan 25    | Gr. 4 Mass 8:30 AM   |
| Jan 26    | Gr. 3 Mass 8:30 AM   |
| Jan 28    | Start of Catholic Schools Week<br>More information about the<br>week will send home later. |



## St John's School is on Facebook

Facebook users please like, follow and share our new school Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsdrscool/>

Special thank you to parent volunteer Cara Reeves for setting up the page and posting great content!

**No School - Monday, January 15 in celebration  
of Martin Luther King Day**

## 2018-19 Financial Assistance

A letter from Business Manager Catherine Dreyer as well as a blue paper with K-8 Grade Students Tuition Assistance was included in your child's Blue Jay Folder last month.

**We encourage all families interested in tuition assistance to please log on to your FACTS account to apply. The deadline for the 2018-19 school year is January 31, 2018.**

Both letter and information sheet can be found on our school website under the Admissions, Financial Aid page.



### Want a chance to win a \$500 tuition credit for the 2018-2019 school year?

We realize that the best advertising for our school is YOU - our current school families.

For every NEW Family you refer to the school, who registers and enroll for the 2018-19 school year (Preschool - 8th Grade), your name will be entered to win a \$500 2018-19 tuition credit! Drawing will be held after the Open House prayer service in August.

If you know a potential new family please invite them for a tour during our Open House on February 1, 2018 at 6 PM.

## Open House Yard Signs

Do you live in a high traffic area or in a neighborhood with lots of young children? Do you have a business in the area? We need your help placing Open House Yard Signs around the area. Stop by the office or preschool class if you can take one.

**St. John the Baptist**

Preschool - 8th Grade

**OPEN HOUSE**

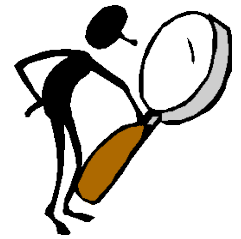
**Thursday, February 1**

**6:00 - 8:00 PM**



## Looking for...

We are in search of donations for both classroom escape room challenges at all grade levels and for the accelerated program:



- old card tables (chairs not needed)
- complete jigsaw puzzles of 50 pieces or more
- Scrabble tiles (with or without board)
- inexpensive flash drives (those given as freebie promotional items are great)
- new wide-bottom reusable shopping bags with handles
- plastic Easter eggs (fillable and separate into two pieces)

If you have any of these to donate please send to the school office labeled "Escape Room"

## Volunteers

Just a reminder that ALL adult volunteers must complete the Archdiocese's VIRTUS program and complete a background check BEFORE volunteering with the students. Please plan ahead as this process can take some time.

**St. John the Baptist Parish is offering the class on Wednesday, January 31 from 6-9 PM. Register at [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org).**

Ongoing, all adult volunteers must stay current with the monthly articles (reading the article and answering the one question) on the VIRTUS online website. Early each month a new article is posted and an email will be sent to you reminding you of the new content. Please take care of the article promptly so that you don't fall more than one article behind. Please note when a volunteer list (field trip, classroom party, etc.) is presented to our Safe Environment Coordinator for review it is at that time your name will be checked for compliance and either approved or not approved.