

The Blue Jay Flyer



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

September 27, 2017

From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At the beginning of each year, members of our faculty and staff pick Prayer Partners. A prayer partner is someone you pray for daily; maybe put an encouraging card in their mailbox, a small gift for their birthday, any kind or caring action you may think of throughout the school year. At the end of the year, late May we have a reveal gathering.

This year we decided to change things up a bit. On our faculty retreat day, we were introduced to our prayer partner and spent the afternoon together sharing with one another questions we were given by the retreat director that pertained to the scripture reading, The Road to Emmaus, Luke 24:13-35. Our vision is that throughout the year we will do the same kind and caring actions, prayer and thoughtfulness for one another as we have in the past, however, we now can pray together and support one another more personally because we know one another better than before. It has been nice just knowing that there is someone in the building who has your back and that one can go too if needed.

My prayer today is that you have someone like our prayer partners in your life. Someone you can call at any time, enjoy listening too, share a cup of coffee and laugh or cry about life's highs and lows. I know God has put those special people in my life exactly when I needed them and I feel very blessed. Take a moment to think about the special people God has put in our life at just the right time. Say a prayer for that person and don't forget to pray for me and our school teachers and staff. You are in our prayers each and every day.

Sincerely, Ms. Catie Blum

Support our School's Magazine Drive!!! Profits help keep tuition costs down.

Magazine order packets will come home this week. Orders placed online count double!!! There is **NO process fee for online orders** (if you were charged a processing fee early in the drive you will be reimbursed). Besides being free to place orders online it helps cut down on the counting our volunteers have to do, they count double for prizes, and you get your magazines faster!

PTO Family Night at Rockin' Jump Cincinnati

TODAY, September 27th, PTO's Fun Committee will host a family fun night at Rockin' Jump Cincinnati! Come check out this cool trampoline park that just opened this summer (in the old Bigg's Store on Colerain Avenue). Cost is \$18 per person, with a portion donated back to St. John's PTO. You pick any 2 hours to jump from 3pm-8pm. Make sure you mention the St. John's Fundraiser at check-in/time of payment so we get credit! Reusable socks are included and can be brought back again and again!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Sept 27 | Gr. 6 Mass 8:30 AM
PTO Rockin' Jump Cincinnati |
| Sept 29 | All School Mass 8:30 AM
Student Council Elections
Final Turn in for Magazines |
| Oct 2 | 2nd Prize Day for Magazines
PTO Membership Meeting 7 PM |
| Oct 4 | All School Mass 8:30 AM |
| Oct 6 | Magazine Prizes - Ice cream and
Wheel of Fortune @ Lunch
All School Rosary 2:00 PM |
| Oct 9 | Gr. 3 Mass 8:30 AM |
| Oct 10 | Magazine Limo Skyline Lunch |
| Oct 12 | All School Mass 8:30 AM |
| Oct 13 | NO SCHOOL |

Items Needed for Art Room

Dear St John School families,
I wish to thank all the thoughtful parents and students who donate items to the art room. Please save and send in the following items that you may no longer have a use for:

Hot Wheel/Matchbox cars, trucks, tractors, etc. and other similar small vehicles.

Bathroom tissue tubes (paper towel tubes...not so much)

Plastic cylindrical concentrated juice containers (orange juice, etc – please clean thoroughly so not sticky)

Used #2 pencils that no longer have erasers

Big cereal boxes or frozen pizza boxes, etc, flattened.

Plastic rectangular baby food containers with lids

Large/xlarge T Shirts for use as paint shirts

Yarn

Thank you for helping the art program and enabling the students to reuse items in a creative way!

Mrs. Carrie "Art" Smith

Items Needed for Escape Room Project

We are looking for the following items for fun learning activities across all grades:

Inexpensive flash drives (small capacity fine, even those given away for promotional purposes)

Scrabble tiles (any available--does not need to be a complete set)

Old Boggle games (or even just letter cubes from the game--does not need to be a complete set)

Plastic Easter eggs

Small jigsaw puzzles (24 pieces or fewer--dollar aisle-type are fine)

Dice

Playing cards (incomplete sets okay)

Colored index cards (yellow, pink, light blue)

Unneeded computer keyboard

Please send to Mrs. Flick through the office. Thanks!

PTO Membership Meeting October 2, 7 PM Cafeteria

Mrs. Donna Jacob will be the guest speaker presenting Time Management Skills. Attending parents who are current PTO Members will receive Out of Uniform passes to use on 10/03/17.

Shopping Cent\$

Don't forget to support Shopping Cent\$. **Profits help reduce tuition costs for ALL school families.** Find the latest order form online on the school's home page. Send your order and payment back to school every other Thursday (September 28, October 12 and 26). Volunteers will fill your order Thursday morning and return it to your child's homeroom to take home. Thank you for your support!

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.

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.

**2016-17 School Yearbooks
for sale \$16 in school office.**