

# The Blue Jay Flyer



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

September 6, 2017

## From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation last Friday as we had to close school, due to no water. The water main issue has been repaired with no damage to the school or campus.

We have been investigating room 17 for several weeks as to what is causing a water problem. After consulting with the experts in this field, it has been determined that installing a sum pump in one of the closets will address the water issue. At this time, we are waiting on bids; we will then choose a company. Mrs. Hayes and her Kindergarten students moved to Mrs. Flick's room and Mrs. Flick moved to the aftercare room. Both teachers have been good sports, teaching as usual despite not being in their perspective classrooms.

Our new school Motto: "Reach up to God, Reach out to others, Reach far for success" It comes from our school Mission. As the faculty studied our Mission to see if it was still relevant or if it should change, the suggestion was made to take the main concepts of the mission and put them in a "kid friendly" way, so our students could say this every day and understand why we exist and do what we do here at St. John the Baptist School.

Our Magazine Drive begins today. This is one of three fund raisers the school sponsors each year; the other two being shopping cents and fashion show. To support any or all of these fund raisers helps our budget each year.

Mr. Acito and I will be attending an all day seminar on Mental Health of Children. The seminar is being sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Principals across the diocese are very concerned with the many stresses and volume of information our children are exposed to in this age of social media. Cincinnati is 2<sup>nd</sup> to Dayton for drug overdose deaths in the nation and too many of our schools, even elementary schools, have struggled with suicide. Learning as much as we can on these topics and others is necessary so we can identify the signs in any of our students.

May God bless your family as you get back into the routine of school, homework, sports practices and other family commitments. I look forward to working with all of you throughout this school year.

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**. 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!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Sept 6  | Magazine Drive Kick Off                                    |
| Sept 9  | All School Mass 8:30 AM                                    |
| Sept 13 | Welcome to 1st Grade 6:30 PM                               |
| Sept 14 | All School Prayer Service 8:30 AM                          |
| Sept 19 | School Pictures: Preschool & Kindergarten—Grade 3          |
| Sept 20 | School Pictures: 3yr old Preschool W/Th class & Grades 4-8 |
| Sept 21 | Gr. 8 Mass 8:30 AM   |
| Sept 22 | All School Mass 8:30 AM<br>1st Turn in for Magazine Drive  |

## Name Tags & Blue Jay Folders

Each student (K-8) is required to wear a name badge at school and have a Blue Jay Folder.

Name badges are scanned in the cafeteria when lunches are purchased. Name badges should be left at school at the end of the day so they are not lost or left at home. Lost or damaged name tags will need to be replaced for \$3.

Blue Jay Folders are used to send information to parents. Blue Jay Folders are filled and sent home each Wednesday. They need to be emptied and return to school the following day. Please do NOT send anything to the school inside this folder as it does NOT get checked by teachers. Replacement folders cost \$3.

Thank you for your attention to this.

## Cafeteria Online Tracking and Payment Program—K12PaymentCenter

In your open house packet you received a form on the Cafeteria online tracking and payment program. Please set up your account at [www.K12PaymentCenter.com](http://www.K12PaymentCenter.com) so you can track your child's lunch purchases. Your child's ID was listed on the form. You can set up a reminder when your balance is low and make payments via a credit card. There is a small convenience fee per transaction for using your credit card. If you prefer to pay by check or cash please send that in to the school in an envelop marked CAFETERIA—remember to include your child's name and grade. Once Karen Hasselbeck receives your payment your account on K12PaymentCenter will be updated.

## Automated Phone Calls and Emails

If you would like to change/add/delete phone numbers or email addresses from our messaging system, please send an email to Linda Threm, [lthrem@stjohnsdrs.school.org](mailto:lthrem@stjohnsdrs.school.org). Please be sure to include your children's names.



Did you know that St. John's faculty and staff donate \$1 each week to wear jeans and pink on Spirit Days? The money collected during the year provides the funds for the Andrea Argus scholarship in memory of Mrs. Argus, our longtime school secretary who passed away after a long courageous battle with cancer. The scholarship is awarded at graduation to an 8th grader attending a Catholic high school.

## Attendance Line

To report an absence or tardy please call the attendance line at 385-2095 by 8:45 AM. Please leave your child's name, grade, homeroom teacher, and reason for absence.



## Reminder

If you wish to speak to a teacher please call the teacher line 699-6960 and leave a message. The teacher voice mail extensions are listed in your school handbook.

**Please do NOT try to speak to your child's teachers before school or during the school day.**

Under no circumstances should you call a teacher at home. Thank you for your consideration.

**Also, the school building closes at 3:30 PM NO student, parent or guardian is permitted in the school building after this time to retrieve books, homework, or belongings.**

**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.**

## 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 (this month September 14 and 28). Volunteers will fill your order Thursday morning and return it to your child's homeroom to take home. Thank you for your support!