

The Blue Jay Flyer



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

August 29, 2018

From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Once again, I want to welcome everyone to the 2018-19 school year at St. John the Baptist School. As we enter into our first full week of school, I want to thank you for your support for our faculty and staff; for your welcome and openness to me and for the great gift of your daughters and sons. We are blessed.

Today we celebrated as an all school community for the first time this year. We gathered to name, claim and proclaim our faith in Jesus Christ and our oneness in the Body of Christ. It is particularly fitting that today is the Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist. We encourage you to join us for our all school masses when you are able to attend.

On our first day last week, I was able to visit each classroom and to introduce myself and welcome them back to school. It was great to see the excitement and smiling faces of your daughters and sons. Last Friday afternoon, I had the opportunity to meet with and address the 8th, 7th, 6th and 5th grade students in the chapel. I had the time to introduce myself more fully to them; to share the first reading from the Book of Joshua for the twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary time, and to articulate for them my expectations for this year. (Josh 24: 1-2A, 15-17, 18 B)

I want to share with you some of what I shared with them. I articulated and described the Three Pillars. They are Dignity, Kindness and Respect. These three pillars will serve as the foundation of our expectations for one another. Dignity is intrinsic to every human person, because we have been created in the image and likeness of God. It is always more important to be kind rather than right, and respect is essential to how we treat everyone at all times. I am confident that your daughters and sons understand the critical and non-negotiable nature of these Three Pillars.

This week, I encourage you to discuss how your sons and daughters will demonstrate these truths; how they will make them visible in your home and in our school. In so doing, we model our patron saint, John the Baptist. By living them, we become more fully the Body of Christ, and we make the love of God in Jesus Christ more fully present in the world.

Sincerely,
Daniel A. Minelli

Attendance Line

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

Please visit our school website:
stjohnsdrschoo.org for other useful information.

Support our School's Magazine Drive!!!
Profits help keep tuition costs down.
Magazine order packets will come home next week. **We encourage everyone to submit their orders online if possible.** There is NO processing fee for online orders, it helps cut down on the counting our volunteers have to do, you get your magazines faster, and **online orders count DOUBLE for prizes!**



FIRST BOX TOP COLLECTION IS THIS FRIDAY, AUGUST 31ST

Anyone who turns in Box Tops will be entered to win a chance for a \$10 Graeter's gift card. Also, every student that sends in 50 Box Tops or more will be entered for a chance to win a 4 pack of tickets to skate at The Place. Please see the yellow flier in today's Blue Jay Folder for even more grade based incentives like out-of-uniform passes and special treats.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 31	School Papers/Forms Due
September 3	NO SCHOOL ~ Labor Day
September 4	Welcome to 1st Grade parent meeting 6:30PM
September 5	8th Grade Mass 8:30AM
September 6	1st PTO Membership Meeting 7PM Cafeteria
September 12	VIRTUS Training 6-9PM St. John the Baptist Church
September 14	All School Mass 8:30AM
September 19	School Pictures Taken (All except 3 yr old preschool)
October 14	Mother-Son Kickball Tournament
October 19	Grandparents/Special Persons Day

Shopping Cent\$

Don't forget to send your orders and payment through school tomorrow!! **Shopping Cent\$ profits help reduce tuition costs for ALL school families.** An order form was sent home today in the Blue Jay Folders and can also be found online on the school website. Orders will be filled every other Thursday in the Parent Resource Room and returned to your child's homeroom to take home. Thank you for your support!



School Uniform Exchange

Please consider donating any school uniform items that your child has outgrown to our uniform exchange. We accept gently used jumpers, skirts, pants, shorts, polo shirts, belts, leggings, spiritwear, etc. School families are welcome to come in anytime during school hours and take what they need. A big thank you to Jennifer Birkle for keeping everything organized by size and category. Uniform Exchange is located next to the office in the Parent Resource Room.

ID Badges & Blue Jay Folders

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

ID badges are scanned in the cafeteria when lunches are purchased. They should be left at school at the end of the day so they are not lost or left at home. Lost or damaged ID badges will need to be replaced for a fee of \$3.00.

Blue Jay Folders are used to send information to parents. They are filled and sent home each Wednesday. They need to be emptied and returned 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

Important Reminders

Cafeteria: If you have not paid your students cafeteria facility fee(s) for the 2018-19 school year, please send in your payment by the end of the week. The facility fee is \$60 per student. Also, please do not load any lunch payments to the K12PaymentCenter (our previous system). All payments for buying school lunches should now be loaded to the new EZparentcenter.com.

Afternoon Car Rider Dismissal: All school gates will remain closed until 2:20PM each day. Under no circumstances should any of the gates be opened by a parent. If you arrive earlier than 2:20PM to get in line for car rider dismissal, you may park in the cemetery parking lot and wait for the gates to be opened by maintenance. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe while they play on the playgrounds.

Teacher Line: 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 the school handbook (found on the school website). **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.

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



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