

# The Blue Jay Flyer



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

November 15, 2018

## From the Principal's Desk...

**And now, bless the God of all**

Dear Parents,

It will soon be Thanksgiving Day. I'm sure that everyone, students and adults alike, are looking forward to a brief break. Here at school we will celebrate with an All School Thanksgiving prayer service next Monday afternoon at 2:00 pm. All are welcome.

Report cards will be distributed this Friday, and next Monday in the afternoon and evening and Tuesday in the morning, we will have parent/teacher conferences. This is an opportunity to recognize the good work your daughters and sons have done in the first trimester, and it is an opportunity to identify areas for improvement. For all that has been done in this first trimester, we give thanks.

We hope and pray for everyone that this time of Thanksgiving is an opportunity for us to recognize all that God has done and continues to do for us. It is a time for us to recognize and pray for those in need as we did with our Student Council canned food drive. May we pray for those in California who have lost so much in the fires.

The first reading for Thanksgiving Day is taken from the Book of Sirach. In this ancient text, we are reminded, "**And now, bless the God of all**, who has done wondrous things on earth; who fosters people's growth from their mother's womb, and fashions them according to His will!"

In this time of Thanksgiving, may we continue to become people of gratitude. May we acknowledge those around us who deserve our thanks. My prayer for each and every family is that this Thanksgiving is a time of peace and togetherness. May we all say with a sincere heart, "**and now, bless the God of all.**"

**Happy Thanksgiving,  
Dan Minelli**



**\*\*Upcoming Early Release Dates\*\*  
Dismissal at 1:55pm**

**Dec 12 ~ January 16 ~ March 20 ~ May 8**

We will be having **four** one hour early release dates over the rest of this school year. These will be used for the on-going professional development of the faculty and staff. We are experimenting with these few dates due to the required early release dates of the Northwest School District and the delays that it causes with our buses.

**Busing for all students who are currently bus riders WIL BE available at these early release times.** Unlike the previous Northwest early release that we had back on Oct 24th, we will not have long delays for transportation.

**\*\*Aftercare will be available for those who regularly attend and/or those that are registered by Monday, Dec 10th.**

**\*\*PRESCHOOL classes that meet in the afternoon will meet at the regularly scheduled time from 12:15 to 2:45pm.** However, if you would like to pick up your preschooler at the early dismissal time of 1:55, that can be accommodated.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 16 Gr 3, 4, 5 Mass 8:30am  
Report Cards Sent Home  
Young Sherlock Play 1:00pm
- November 17 High School Placement Test  
Young Sherlock Play 7pm,  
Parish Center
- November 19 All School Prayer Service 2pm  
Parent/Teacher Conferences  
3:30-9:00pm
- November 20 Parent/Teacher Conferences  
8:00-11:45am
- Nov 23-25 Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 26-27 PTO Santa Shop
- November 28 Gr 7 Mass 8:30am  
Gr 4 Fort Ancient Fieldtrip

## Shopping Cents Mobile Website

Online ordering is now available for Shopping Cents! Sign up online to order e-gift cards and reload existing gift cards when you are out on-the-go. Shop from more than 750 stores and St. John's earns between 2% and 16% of every purchase.

In order to purchase gift cards online, you must sign up for Presto Pay and select Presto Pay as your payment method. If you would like to pay for your order by check, paper orders can be sent in to school on select Thursdays or orders are filled at weekend masses.

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## St. John's Performing Arts Troupe

proudly presents

## Young Sherlock Holmes

Saturday, November 17th at 7pm

in the Parish Center.

All students will get to enjoy a sneak peak of the show during dress rehearsal tomorrow afternoon at 1:00pm.

## Canned Food Drive Collected 728 lbs!!!

On behalf of the Corpus Christi Food Pantry, a sincere thank you to all who donated canned goods and food items to the Student Council Thanksgiving Food Drive. These items will help provide Thanksgiving dinners to clients at the food pantry.

## In the Blue Jay Folders Yesterday...



## PTO Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Do some Christmas shopping while also helping our school earn money! You will find a wide variety of cookie dough along with many other goodies in the catalog. To make things easier this year, you only need to turn in **ONE** order sheet per family. For every 5 orders, each family will be entered into the drawing to win one of three \$100 gift certificates.



## Santa Shop Nov 26 & Nov. 27

Students will be permitted to shop during school hours for gifts to give to their families, teachers, and even pets. Gifts will include candles, ornaments, stationary, sports fan items, toys, candy, and much more. Please see flyer that came home for more information.

## NEW!! Shutterfly + Tiny Prints

St. John's now earns an 8% commission on all orders placed with Shutterfly. You can order prints or create custom photo cards, books, gifts, décor, and much more. Always remember to shop through our Storefront link...it really is that simple!

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