

The Blue Jay Flyer



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

November 7, 2018

From the Principal's Desk...

Two Small Coins

Dear Parents,

Last week, we had the opportunity to celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints as the entire school community gathered for Mass. Our kindergartners were able to be with us for the first time as well. As we begin November, we are reminded of those who have gone before us "marked with the sign of faith." I find this month to be one of important reflection. We are called to reflect upon those who have died and our own lives; we are called to reflect upon the needs of the poor, and we are called to be people of thanksgiving.

We also completed our Student Council led canned food drive. These foods go to the Corpus Christi food pantry. In so doing, we work together as school and parishes to feed the hungry. We are thankful for the efforts of our students and the generosity of our families to provide this needed food.

This week (grades 3,4,5) and next week (grades 6,7,8) will have the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our students are provided this opportunity to reflect upon their own lives and to ask for the Lord's continued mercy and support. There is much to be thankful for.

In this coming Sunday's Gospel (MK 12:41-44), we hear this story. "A poor widow also came and put in **two small coins** worth a few cents." Jesus' response to her contribution is significant. "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury, for they have given from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

This week and in this month of November reflect with your daughters and sons on the blessings that God has bestowed upon your family. Pray for the deceased members of your family. Invite your children, as an act of thanksgiving, to consider what real good can be done with **two small coins**.

Sincerely,

Daniel A. Minelli

PLEASE HELP US EARN FREE \$\$\$ FOR OUR SCHOOL

KROGER Community Rewards Program

Are you a Kroger shopper and have a Kroger Plus Card? Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com to register. Use the St. John's code of **80216** or search for St. John the Baptist—Dry Ridge. Verify that you are linked by checking the bottom of your Kroger receipt. It will tell you if you have assigned St. John the Baptist for rewards.

Send In Your Empty Ink Jet Cartridges

SHOPPING CENTS Nov 8, 29 & Dec 6, 13

We buy gift certificates at a discount and sell them to you at face value. The difference is the profit our school gets to keep! An order form was sent home today in the Blue Jay Folders and is also attached below. **Watch your e-mail for instructions on how to purchase e-gift cards from your phone for immediate use.**

MY COKE REWARDS

Did you know that all Coca-Cola products (Coke, Sprite, etc.) have a rewards code (found either under the lid or inside the box). **St. John's can receive up to .38 cents per code.** We have a few volunteers that will enter the codes for us or you can enter codes at mycoke.com by selecting the Donate to a School option.

Visit St. John's on the web at www.stjohnsdrschoool.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 8 Shopping Cents Orders Filled
Gr 3,4 5 Reconciliation 9:30am
Donuts with Dad, PreK 9-10Aam,
3's W-TH 1:45-2:45pm
- November 9 Gr 6, 7, 8 Mass 8:30am
End of First Trimester
- November 12 Gr 8 Mass 8:30am
- November 13 Gr 6 Cyclones Fieldtrip 9am
- November 14 Gr 2 Reconciliation 7:00pm SJB
Cookie Dough Fundraiser Begins
- November 15 Gr 6, 7, 8 Reconciliation 9:30am
- 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

Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home on Friday, November 16. Report cards will be held and access to Option C will be suspended for the following reasons:

Outstanding tuition, cafeteria fees, lunches, and before/aftercare fees.



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School Uniform Exchange Needs Your Outgrown Items

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.

GUIDELINES FOR CHILDHOOD ILLNESS AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

It is not always clear when a child should be kept home from school due to illness. It is not possible to cover all the scenarios but here are a few guidelines that will help keep everyone healthy.

- Fever:** If your child has a fever (a temperature of 100.0° F or greater) they should remain at home until they have been fever free for a full 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine and they have returned to their typical behavior. It is important for you to take your child's temperature before giving the fever-reducing medicine.
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea:** Your child should remain at home until they have been without any episodes of vomiting or diarrhea for a full 24 hours without anti vomiting/diarrhea medicine and have resumed a typical diet. If your child has had any of these symptoms during the night she/he should not be sent to school the following day.
- Cold symptoms:** Runny noses are a fact of life with children. However if the drainage is thick and green or if your child has a persistent or productive cough please have your child stay home and consider consulting with your child's doctor. A constant dry cough can be a sign of more serious respiratory problems and the doctor should be notified.
- Sore throat:** If your child has a persistent or severe sore throat they should remain at home. You should consider contacting your child's doctor if there is fever, white patches on the tonsils, swollen tender glands, headache, or stomachache. These could indicate possible strep infection. If that is the case, your child should remain at home until he/she has had 24 hours of antibiotics and has resumed typical activity.
- Earache:** If your child complains of ear pain they should remain at home until they can be evaluated by their doctor.



Young Sherlock Holmes

Come and see our talented St. John's Performing Arts Troupe in their fall play, Young Sherlock Holmes on Saturday, November 17th at 7PM in the Parish Center. All students will get to enjoy a sneak peak of the show during dress rehearsal on Friday afternoon.