

The Blue Jay Flyer



Three parishes... One commitment to Catholic Education

May 24, 2017

From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This will be our last Blue Jay Flyer for the year! There are so many THANK YOU's to all our wonderful parents who volunteer starting on the very first day of school with the PTO sponsored Boo Hoo Breakfast, to Grandparent's Day, Copy Mom's, Cafeteria Volunteers, to Athletic Coaches, School Pictures, Enrichment Programs, Halloween Party, Kindergarten Pageant, Open House Tour Guides, Valentine's Party, Dinners for Teachers on Conference nights, Field Trips, Pizza Parties, Box Tops for Education, End of the Year Parties!!!!!! Where would we be without all of you? We certainly cannot offer all the extras to our children if it weren't for OUR PARENTS:)

There is one parent I would like to highlight for just a moment and that is Beth Hassel. She has been a part of PTO for the last 4 years doing so many things, often behind the scenes because she does not like to be noticed! To name a few activities she started are the Movie Nights, Father-Daughter & Mother-Son Kickball tournaments, she painted and redecorated the Parent Resource Room, was instrumental with PTO providing new shades for all the classrooms, coordinating Teacher dinners and helping Mrs. Anne Flick. Thank you Beth!

Another group I would like to highlight, our **Library Volunteers**!!!! Twice a week they are here at school for the children, however, hundreds of hours are given to purchasing books, working on the Scholastic Book Fair, covering books and entering them into the system. They have created a warm and friendly atmosphere in the Library and do so with very little recognition. Linda Stentz and Kathy Eby are our two leaders for our Library, Jennifer Birkle coordinates the Book It program that shares how many minutes students read throughout the school year, Diane Lindner, Cathy Mersch, Kathy Geers, Sue Karwisch, Tracy Bernecker and Marty Nuhn have been faithful helpers each week.

One last Thank You to all who contributed to our Technology Walk-a-thon. This money goes toward many items each year such as: new computers for the computer lab, because the school purchased them and not State money, all students can use them even for Religion projects. The teachers classroom computers are on a rotating basis to be replaced as they grow old, new smart boards are on a rotating basis to keep up with new technology. We also use the money for educational programs such as Accelerated Reading, STAR Reading, Discovery education, Renaissance Learning, Library software system and last but not least our grading system which allows you to see your child's grades everyday if you wish.

We are so blessed to have such a wonderful community of parents, teachers, and students that make St. John the Baptist School a great school. You will be in my daily prayers throughout the summer. May God bless you with fun, laughter and sunshine until we meet again in August.

Ms. Catie Blum

BUSTING BULLYING

Teach children empathy. This is the ability to understand how another person feels.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 24 | Last day of 4yr old Preschool (End of Year Program in Church 7PM) |
| May 25 | Shopping Cent\$ 9-10 AM Parish Office
Last Day 3yr old W/Th & PreK (End of Year Program in Gym 7PM)
Gr. 8 Baccalaureate 7 PM Church |
| May 26 | NO SCHOOL |
| May 29 | NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day |
| May 30 | Gr. 7/8 Candle Ceremony 10 AM |
| Jun 1 | 8th Grade Graduation 7 PM |
| Jun 2 | Last Day of School Noon Dismissal |

From the Cafeteria

The Cafeteria will be closed starting tomorrow—Thursday, May 25 until the end of the school year. Milk and snacks will be available until June 1.

Please make sure your cafeteria lunch account is paid in full THIS week. Any money left on your account WILL transfer to the next school year. Report cards will be held if you owe any money to the cafeteria.

If you have any questions please contact our Cafeteria Manager Karen Hasselbeck at khasselbeck@stjohnsdrschoool.org or 513-923-2900.

Name Badges & 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. This includes name badges that are bent or creased making it difficult or impossible to scan the barcode at lunch.

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. Replacement folders cost \$3.

At the end of the school year student name badges and Blue Jay folders are collected by the homeroom teachers for use in the new school year. New students receive a new folder and name badge the first week of school. The school picture company will provide new student name badges 2-4 weeks after school pictures are taken. Therefore this year's badges are needed for identification and when buying lunches for the first several weeks of the next school year. If your child does not turn in his/her name badge or Blue Jay folder at the end of this school year you will have to purchase a replacement in August.

Family Information Changes

Please remember to inform the school office when you have any changes in address, phone number or email address. If you move please also include any changes in school district and/or public school of record (the public school your child would attend if not at St. John the Baptist School). You can email any changes to Linda Threm at lthrem@stjohnsdrschoool.org. Please make sure to include your child's name.

Final Report Cards

Final report cards will be distributed on the last day of school. Report cards will be held for the following reasons:

Outstanding tuition, lunches, before care, after care, missing library books, and/or lost/damaged school books.

Eighth graders with outstanding tuition or other fees will NOT be able to participate in graduation activities. Academic records will also be held for graduates and transfer students with outstanding tuition or other fees.

Lost and Found

If your child is missing anything please have them look through the Lost and Found in the Cafeteria. We have lots of lost items waiting to find their owners including lunch boxes, jackets, etc. Items left behind will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

Magazine Drive Coordinators Needed

We are looking for 2 volunteers to take over the Annual Magazine Drive. This fundraiser provides about \$15,000 in profits per year for the school. One volunteer would organize the order counting and the other volunteer would coordinate the prizes. The magazine drive runs in September however planning needs to start this month. If you have questions or are interested please contact Linda Threm in the school office.

