



Dear Parents,

The auction was amazing, spectacular, and so much fun! We don't have a final total yet, but we are certain the school made **LOTS** of money! We wish we could list the hundreds of people who made this amazing event possible, but there is no way for us to keep track of all the work that was done and the zillions of details that were meticulously worked out under the leadership of **Nicole Sabatini, Meredith Lang, and Amy Cast.**



So many of our school friends, parents, and parishioners donated hundreds of gifts. We thank everyone who attended the auction and those who donated their time. You made the auction a huge success, and we are truly grateful for everyone's support.

Last Thursday, our school children helped with cleaning the school, carrying auction items from the auction office, and moving tables, desks, and chairs. They worked hard and prepared the school for the "extreme makeover."

Finally, parents, parishioners, and teachers arrived on Friday and Saturday morning, transforming the entire building. All of your hard work was worth it. It was wonderful watching the looks on peoples' faces as they entered the gym Saturday night. . . a true ballroom.

You did it. We are so proud and thankful for our auction leadership, our school parents, our parish, our Catholic community, and our teachers. This is one of the reasons we stand on fifty-nine years of excellence.

Pat Newton

St. John Parish Members Annual Stewardship Renewal

Our Annual Stewardship Renewal is approaching! You will receive a letter this week with your renewal form enclosed. Please take time as a family to talk about what God may be calling your family to do in the coming year in the areas of prayer, generosity, and service. ***SJ parishioner school families are required to have a Financial Pledge on file as part of the enrollment process. These Financial Pledge forms are due on December 31, 2015.*** The new pledge year begins January 1, 2016. We will recommit ourselves as a community to our Stewardship Covenant on the weekend of November 21 and 22 during all the Masses.

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Ornaments of Appreciation

*Are you looking for a great way to give back to our teachers and staff for all they do throughout the year? Show your appreciation with Ornaments of Appreciation, an optional gift fund for teachers and staff of St. John School. The Ornaments of Appreciation is an easy way for parents (grandparents, or anyone else) to contribute this holiday season. The contributions collected through the gift fund are divided among the teachers and staff. To participate, send in a check or cash and write **Ornaments of Appreciation** on the memo line or envelope. You can also bill your account. Simply email Mrs. Alexander and ask her to bill your account for the amount you would like to contribute. If you have questions, please contact Cheryl Alexander at 760-3368 or Cheryl Alexander (calexander0123@gmail.com)*

Cheryl Alexander

Ornaments of Appreciation Coordinator

New Uniform Shirts

We have a new shipment of uniform long-sleeve T-shirts, short sleeve T-shirts, and sweatshirts.



NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
16 8:30/9:30am Altar Server training for 4th grade.	17	18	19 8:30 Mass/7B/Virtue Awards 5:30 School Council	20 Spirit Day Crazy Hair Day 2:50 Cookie Sales	21 Trash bags sold 22 After Masses
23	24 11:00 Middle School theatre production	25 No School Thanksgiving Break	26 No School Thanksgiving Break	27 No School Thanksgiving Break	28 29 Advent begins
30	1 6:30 PTO meeting at El Potro restaurant	2	3 8:30 Mass/4th gr Qantas Class/7th gr. Denver presentation	4 2:50 St. Nicholas Parties	5 Trash Bags Sold 6 after Masses Advent

Prayers

Lorraine Hamer, John Hamer's grandmother, died November 8.



THANK YOU TO:

You, you, and you! Thank you to everyone who helped make the auction a huge success!

Virtue of the Month of November-Charity

Charity is the act of helping others. You are quick to help others when needed and never expect something in return. You thank God for all the blessings you have received in your own life and choose to help other children of God in their needs. By being charitable, God sees the love we have for Him, his creation, and each other.

Looking Ahead

Nov 24 11:00 Middle School Theatre production
 Nov 25, 26, 27 No **School/** Thanksgiving
 Dec 4 2:50 St. Nicholas parties
 Dec 10 5th gr. St. John City
 Dec 11 2:00 Music program (band, orchestra, Alleluia Singers)
 Dec 17 1:30 & 7:00 Christmas Program
 Dec 21-Jan 1 **No School** Christmas
 Jan 4 School resumes
 Jan 12 Middle School ski trip
 Jan 16 Vision & hearing testing
 Jan 17 8th grade to Washington, D.C.
 Jan 18 **No school**-Dr. MLK.
 Jan 21 Middle School Honor Roll presentation at the end of school Mass
 Jan 21 7:00pm 1st Reconciliation
 Parent meeting-church
 Jan 23 Future City competition
 Jan 29 5:30 pm PTO Bingo
 Jan 30 8-10pm Middle School Party
 Feb 2 Presentation of the Lord Mass
 Feb 4 630-8 Science Fair/Open House
 Feb 10 Ash Wednesday Mass
 Feb 11 6th to KC Culture trip
 Feb 17-19 No School-Conferences/Book Fair

Advent Wreath Sales

St. John Middle School STUCO (Student Council) is selling Advent wreaths and candles. The sets which include a wreath, four candles, and daily Advent prayers are \$15. Replacement candles (pack of 4) are \$6. Proceeds will help fund the seventh grade trip to Denver and the eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C. To reserve either the wreath and candle set for \$15 or replacement candles for \$6, email Mrs. Linda Alexander in the school office alexander@saint-johns.net. These items may be billed to your account. Advent begins November 29.



Spirit Day-Crazy Hair Day

On Friday, November 20, students are invited to participate in Crazy Hair Day. Participation is optional. (no makeup or face paint).



St. Nicholas Parties

St. John School continues the tradition of celebrating Christmas with St. Nicholas parties. St. Nicholas' feast day is December 6. We will have the classroom parties on **Friday, Dec. 4 at 2:50pm**. Part of the fun will be students setting their shoes out in the hall in hopes that St. Nick will fill them with goodies. Please help support the classroom parties by responding to the Volunteer Spot request. We will need parents to provide napkins, plates, a sweet treat, pizza billed to your account and goodies for shoes billed to your account. We also need parents to sign up to help with the parties

