



Dear Parents,

I love the auction. It is a lot of fun and we make a lot of money for our school. My favorite part of the auction is the School Improvement Project. Every year, the auctioneer asks participants to raise their bidding numbers to donate to this important project.



Surprise Box

It's not too late to support the Auction AND have a chance to win the great prizes included in this **SURPRISE BOX**, valued at a minimum of \$500! Suggested donation of \$5 per ticket. See attached.

The Annual School Improvement Project began in 1994 to raise money to install a heating and cooling system in the school. Since that time, more than \$570,000 has been raised to fund much needed items for the school.

This represents the largest single item in the auction, and we need everyone's help to meet this year's goal of \$40,000. Your generosity helps to cover the costs of these items:

This year, we are hoping to "spruce up" the school. We hope to make the following improvements:

- Bathroom improvements such as new floors, lighting and fixtures
- New carpeting in the classrooms;
- Paint as needed inside and outside; and
- School signage at the front of the school.
- All of these items will help to make our school represent the great place that it is. Raise your paddle to make your donation to our Annual School Improvement Project. **If you cannot come to the auction, please consider making a donation to the school improvement item.**
- We need everyone's help. This is an amazing school but it takes money to keep the doors open and the magic to happen
- Email the auction office or me with your offer of support.

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Pat Newton

Advent Wreath Sales

St. John Middle School STUCO (Student Council) will soon be 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.



Childcare for Auction Night

Childcare is available the Night of the Auction. It is provided by SJ staff members (Mrs. Howe and Ms. Woolverton) and available to the first 25 children that sign up. The fee is \$20 for 1st child, \$10 for each additional child with a maximum of \$40 per family. Contact the auction office 785-842-3445 for more information.

Virtue of the Month of October— Prudence

Congratulations to the recipients of the Virtue of the Month of October:

Serenity Stewart, Audreanna McCallister-Tabares, Sam Cast, Ariana Vallejo-Cooper, Tyler Breuer, and Josie Kim.



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | |
|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------|
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| | 7th grade leaves for Denver, CO 3rd-5th Lied Center 6:30 PTO mtg at Free State Brewery | | 8:30 Mass/Iberia Class 3:30 Tech Club | 7th grade returns from Colorado | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 AUCTION |
| 11:00-1:50 Foods Class to Amy's Meats | Fire Safety demonstration 1st&5th | 11:00-1:50 Foods Class to Amy's Meats | 8:30 Mass/8th grade | NO SCHOOL Auction Family Night | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Trash bags sold |
| | | | 8:30 Mass/7B/Virtue Awards 5:30 School Council | | 22 After Masses |

Please pray for:

Lori Heiman Kelly, Henry Kelly's Mom, who is undergoing medical treatments.



THANK YOU TO:

Many thanks to all the parents who helped with the Fun Run and the Pasta Dinner.

We also appreciate all the parents who provided treats and games for the classroom Halloween parties.

Looking Ahead

- Nov 13 **No School**-Auction prep
- Nov 13 Auction Family Night
- Nov 14 SJ Auction**
- 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

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.

All Saints Day Sixth Graders' Portrayal of Saints



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Saturday, November 14, 2015

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Make check payable to "St. John Benefit Auction" and write in the memo line "raffle." Return tickets with donation to the school office, auction office, Simon Parish Center, or in the church collection basket. School families may also bill their accounts.