



Dear St. John School Families,

Thank you for your continued support and generosity of the St. John community. If you have not received your 2017 Financial Pledge Form or have questions please contact Samantha Romero at sromero@saint-johns.net or 785.843.0109. We ask that you return your pledge form by December 15. Your generosity helps to further the mission of this parish!

Samantha Romero, Director of Stewardship

Auction information

I am thrilled to announce the auction total: We grossed \$166,000, with a net profit of \$110,000 **plus** \$27,400 for the auction Annual School Improvement Item. The \$110,000 goes to the school annual budget and the \$27,400 Annual School Improvement Item goes to continued improvements to the restrooms, classroom carpeting, water bottle fillers on drinking fountains, and improvements to the school main entrance. Thank you, Auction Chairs Amy Cast, Nicole Sabatini and Meredith Lang, for your amazing leadership these past three years!

Fundraising U Pick up your Items on Tuesday Afternoon

The Fundraising U items will be available for pick-up at St. John School on Tuesday, December 13 from 3:00-6:00 pm.

Please make arrangements to pick up your orders.

Host Family Needed for 6th grade Student from South Korea

We need a host family for a 6th grade student from South Korea who will spend four weeks at St. John. The host family will receive a stipend to cover the cost of housing the student. **Dokyung Lee (Kevin)** will be here from January 6 until February 4. If you are interested in hosting Kevin, or would like more information, please contact me, at newton@saint-johns.net.

Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Grade Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 21, 2:00 & 7:00 in St. John Church



The **matinee** Christmas program begins at **2:00**. This performance includes afternoon preschool and kindergartners through 3rd grade. Students are expected to wear school uniforms for the matinee performance. The **evening** Christmas program begins at 7pm. All preschoolers through 3rd graders participate in this performance. Students should wear dressy clothes for the evening performance. There is no need to worry about costumes. Some 3rd graders will be in costume and costumes will be handled in school. Preschool will perform at the very beginning of each performance. The church will be **very crowded at the evening performance**. If you have relatives that might have trouble hearing, seeing, or have special seating needs, we recommend the **2:00** performance.



Ornaments of Appreciation

*Ornaments of Appreciation is an optional gift fund for teachers and staff of St. John School. 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.*

Cheryl Najafizadeh 760-3368 calexander0123@gmail.com

Calendar: December 2016

12	13	14	15	16	17
		3:30 Crochet Club (4th-8th)	8:30 Mass/planned by 7B St. John City/planned by 5th grade	2:00 Alleluia Singers concert In the Church 3:30 Crochet Club (4th-8th)	18
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		Christmas program 2:00 & 7:00	No School Christmas Vacation	No School Christmas break	5 
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GOING GREEN AND SAVING MONEY

Notify the office if you would like paper copies of the newsletter after Christmas break. Effective Jan. 3, the newsletter will only be available via email every Monday.

Looking Ahead

Dec. 15: 5th grade SJ City
 Dec. 16: 2:00 Alleluia Singers Concert
 Dec 21: 2:00 & 7:00 Christmas Program
 (note change in matinee time)
 Dec. 22-Jan 2: No School Christmas
Jan. 3: School resumes
Jan. 11 PTO (note change of date)
 Jan. 6: End of First Semester
 Jan. 16: No School, Dr. MLK
 Jan. 19: Honor Roll presentation
 Jan. 20 Kdg Cowboy Day
 Jan. 22-28: 8th grade to Washington, D.C.
 Jan. 29-Feb 3: Catholic Schools Week
 Jan. 30: Grandparents' Day
 Jan. 29-Feb. 3: Catholic Schools Week
 Feb. 2: Science Fair and Open House
 Feb. 3: PTO Bingo Night
 Feb. 10: Middle School Party
 Feb. 14: 2:50 Valentine's Day parties
 Feb. 15-17: No School/Parent Conferences
 Feb. 27: Burning of palm branches for Ash Wednesday
 March 1: Ash Wednesday Mass
 March 6: Spring Marathon Club begins
 March 10: 2:00 & 7:00 4th and 5th Music Concert
 March 16: Confirmation
 April 1: Garage Sale
 May 6: 6:30 First Communion
 May 22: 6:30 Eighth Grade Graduation
 May 23: 12:00 Last day of School

ST. JOHN CITY On December 15, fifth graders will be running Saint John City as the final project for a unit on economics. Students will sell the products they have made. All students, K-8, will have a chance to do some holiday shopping at Saint John City. Shoppers may spend up to \$10.00 on gifts. You may bill your account for shopping, or you can send money with your student.. Contact Linda Alexander with authorization to charge your school account. alexander@saint-johns.net. There is a \$10 limit per child.

THANK YOU

Marty Indian School -Many thanks to everyone who donated to the Marty Indian School project. On Friday evening, the teachers finished wrapping all 70 gifts and bundling over 70 coats for the students at Marty Indian School. We are providing every student in the school with a toy from their wish list and a warm coat. Thank you to Student Council and Mr. Modrzyński for coordinating this project.

Rochelle Marsh-Thank you to Rochelle Marsh who coordinated the sign up for the Marty Indian School project and St. Nicholas classroom parties.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the **St. Nicholas class parties** and thank you to those who donated baked goods to the **Middle School Bake Sale**.

Mike McDonald-Thank you to Mike McDonald, parent and school council member, for his personal story about his support of St. John School which appeared in last week's newsletter. I invite all of you to send me "your story". When I meet new families who are considering St. John School, I love to hear their stories. I would love to share some of these with you.

Quilting Donations-Thank everyone for their generous donations for our quilting class! We have material and supplies to begin our projects now. If anyone else has donations, we will still accept them. A special thank you to Kennedy Glass for cutting and donating templates, Michelle Garcia for the quilting rulers and supplies, Mary Jo Hobbs for the sewing machine and rotary cutters, and Sharon Vesecky for donating sewing machines, precut material, irons/ironing boards, material, and various other supplies. *Patty Hill*

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS

The 4:30pm Christmas Eve Mass will be a Children's Mass with opportunities for children age four and up to participate as choir members, lectors, and acting as members of the living nativity. Practice is Friday, December 23 at 3:30pm in the Church. Contact Melissa Tanking, meltanking@yahoo.com, to participate.

Band and Orchestra Christmas Concert

Directed by Ms. Alison Koelper

