



December 9, 2019



This week we light the Candle of Peace. During this week, we light the way to reflect on our lives and how we can become the best version of

Candle of Peace as a ourselves.



Stewardship Renewal 2020-How God Has Blessed Me...

You should have received your 2020 Annual Stewardship Renewal Packet in the mail. For school families that are parishioners of St. John the Financial Pledge form is a required piece for your enrollment process. We are asking all families to discern a \$20 per month increase in the coming year. This increase would ensure all ministries of St. John would be fully funded including St. John school.

If you have not received your packet or have questions please contact Samantha Romero in the parish office at 785-843-0109 or sromero@saint-johns.net. Thank you for discerning your prayer, generosity, and service to St. John parish! We are grateful for your sacrifice!

Blessings,

Samantha Romero

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“Two Sides of a Christmas Tree”

Performed By Members of St. John Middle School Written By Kasey Fewins Thursday, December 12 at 7:00 in the PAC.

Colby and her friends love to have Star Wars battles in the woods. Light sabers are on everyone's Christmas lists. What will happen when Colby doesn't get one? All are welcome to attend.

Please see the attached letters for more information about our upcoming Christmas Program. The program will be on December 19th at 7 PM in the St. John gym.

Upcoming PTO events-

Burgerim Fundraiser (3140 Iowa Street) - Tuesday, December 10th 5-9pm--20% all sales, no flyer needed

Panda Express- Monday, December 23rd All day--link will be sent out. Mention St Johns.

PieFive Fundraiser- January 14th More info to come

Teacher Gift Fund to start in December-please notify Linda Alexander or Cris Denning by Dec. 17th

No December PTO Meeting

Thank you,

Gillian Allen PTO President

The Buildings and Grounds Implementation Team recently formed as part of our CORE Team. Our big goal right now is to come up with a comprehensive plan for our buildings and grounds. We are currently looking for parishioners/ school family members that have the ability to help us with the inspection of our buildings. If you would be willing to donate your time to help us please contact Mr. Reffett at reffett@saint-johns.net or 785-843-9511.

St. John Student Council is sponsoring a school-wide charity competition for Just Food, a local food pantry. Each grade is assigned a food item (see the list below). The winning grade will be determined by dividing the number of items brought by the number of students in the grade. That way larger grades don't have an advantage over smaller grades. (Winner = highest average of items/students). The winning grade will have a pizza party with Student Council! The competition ends Dec. 20th.

Kindergarten - Cake/cookie mix

1st grade - Peanut Butter

2nd grade - Can of green beans or corn

3rd grade - Applesauce

4th grade - Pasta &/or sauce

5th grade - Canned fruit

6th grade - Cereal

7th grade - Can of soup

8th grade - Box mac & cheese

We'll be keeping track as we go and making reminder announcements to keep the competition going.

Respectfully,

Anastasia Pine

If your child is absent or will be tardy to school, please make every effort to contact the office by 9 AM. We want to make sure all students are accounted for whether that means they are in the building or at home sick. Mrs. Alexander stays very busy trying to take care of our 300 students. I know she would greatly appreciate not having to call to make sure your child is at home sick. To report an absence or tardy, please contact Linda at 785-843-9511 or alexander@saint-johns.net. Thank you! Mr. Reffett

Host Family Needed

I am still looking for a host family for an 8th grade girl from South Korea. She will be starting in January and will stay until the end of the school year. We are getting closer to her arrival date so please consider this unique opportunity. Peter Jang from Guardian EDU provides a generous monthly stipend to families. Please contact me at reffett@saint-johns.net.

Used Uniforms

The PTO will now have several shelves of gently used uniforms for sale in the basement. This will be out at all times. Please fill out a Bill My Account form if you want to purchase.

PE Equipment for Sale

Mr. Kennedy has been cleaning out his equipment room. He is selling the following things:

41 scooters- \$10 each

15 tires- \$5 each

5 wood benches that double as balance beams upside down- \$10 each

Calendar: December

9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	3:30 Level Meeting	5th Grade St. John City	Mass 4A Middle School Play 7PM	Middle School Movie Night—6PM		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	3:30 School of Faith	2:00 Dress Rehearsal of Christmas Program	Mass 7th School Council—5:30 Christmas Program—7PM In School Gym	Kindergarten Penguin Day Spirit Day—Pajama Day Cookie Sales Day Last Day before Christmas Vacation		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Looking Ahead

Dec. 12—Middle School Play 7PM
 Dec, 13—Middle School Movie Night
 Dec.19 : Christmas Program 7PM
 Dec. 20: Last Day of school before Christmas Break
 Jan. 7: Classes Resume
 Jan 27-31: Catholic Schools Week
 Jan. 27: Grandparents’ Day
 April 25: 6:30 First Communion
 May 20: 6:30 Eighth Grade Graduation

Prayers and Thank yous

Gordon Fineday’s grandmother, Ruth Eagleman, had a stroke on Nov. 1st. She is now home and recovering but would appreciate continued prayers.

Thank you to Barbara Haney for her donation to the lunch program.

Follow St. John Catholic School on Facebook

(St. John Catholic School) Most every school day, photos and announcements are posted on our school Facebook page. We post pictures of students working, playing, receiving awards, and participating in projects and presentations.

Keep an eye out for our Friday posts. Jacinta Hoyt is planning on spending some time in the classrooms each Friday sharing pictures and messages about our students at St. John.

