



February 3, 2020

## Catholic Schools Week

I wanted to thank everyone for a wonderful Catholic Schools Week. Parents, you did a great job of preparing Grandparents/ Special persons to visit and celebrate Mass. Grandparents showed up prepared and did a great job navigating the building. We had a great week of celebrating our faith. I hope that your child/ children were able to share some of their experiences with you.



## PTO Bingo Night

Thank you to everyone who came to Bingo Night. We had a great turn out for this event and it was a very fun and festive crowd. The next PTO Meeting will be on Feb. 11th at 6:30. The meeting will be held at Old Chicago.

## 2020-2021 School Enrollment

Enrollment for next school year is now open. Please email or return forms to the school office. School accounts must be up to date in order for families to enroll for the 2020-2021 school year. Please contact Linda or Cris Denning to make sure accounts are up to date.

**New family enrollment will begin at the end of February.**

## Douglas County Spelling Bee

Ceci Bennett represented St. John this weekend in the Douglas County Spelling Bee this weekend.

## Staff Vs. Students Volleyball Game

The 6th and 7th graders will take on the teachers right after school on Thursday, February 6th. 6th grade will play first, followed by the 7th grade. All are welcome to come watch! We will be taking donations at the door for the Australian Red Cross. Suggested donation is \$1 per person.

## Middle School Shadow Day

Do you know any 4th-7th grade students that do not currently attend St. John that might be interested? On February 14th, we will be having a MS Shadow day to allow students to spend some time exploring a day in the life of a St. John middle school student. Please visit [whystjohn.com](http://whystjohn.com) to register. Please contact Chris Reffett if you have any more questions.

## Kindergarten Boot Camp

Kindergarten Boot Camp will be held on February 24th from 8:30-9:30 and February 28th 2:00-3:00. This would be a great opportunity to meet the teacher, experience the classroom, take a school tour, and answer any questions about Kindergarten or St. John. Please spread the word to friends and family that might be interested in St. John. To register please go to [whystjohn.com](http://whystjohn.com) or call 785-843-9511 if you have any additional questions.

### **Personal Family Visits**

The Core team ambassadors will begin contacting all school families to set up a personal visit with each family attending St. John school. These visits can take place at the school, in your home, or anywhere you would like to meet. The goal of these visits is to foster a sense of community, present information about St. John school, and gather input from our families. Our hope in these visits is to reinforce the importance St. John places on knowing and listening to one another.

For questions about how you can get involved please contact Samantha Romero at [sromero@saint-johns.net](mailto:sromero@saint-johns.net).

Blessings,

Samantha Romero

Director of Stewardship and Development

St. John Catholic Church and School

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on February 19 and 20th from 8:30-2:00 and 5:00-9:00 on both days. February 21st will be a day off for students and staff. The hours from Friday have been moved into the morning session time on the 19th and 20th. Because some of our staff travel farther distances and a good deal of our staff stayed at school between sessions, we are going to try two days instead of three. We will have day care on Wednesday and Thursday from 7:00 AM—6:00 PM if you are interested. Please email Linda Alexander at [alexander@saint-johns.net](mailto:alexander@saint-johns.net) or Chris Reffett at [reffett@saint-johns.net](mailto:reffett@saint-johns.net) to reserve a spot. You can also call 785-843-9511 to speak to Linda. I know this is a change from the schedule, and I am sorry for any inconvenience this might cause.

We are welcoming two students from South Korea this semester. Our 8th grade girl and 6th grade boy are staying with families but it is meant to only be temporary. If you are interested in being a host family please contact me at [reffett@saint-johns.net](mailto:reffett@saint-johns.net) or 785-843-9511. Thank you for considering the possibility of being a host family.

### **Divorce Groups**

Saint John offers groups for students whose parents are separated or divorced. We meet weekly during the school day for half an hour for 6-7 weeks. There are separate groups for primary, intermediate and middle school ages. The groups will start meeting in early February. Please let me know if you would like your student to participate or if you would like more information.

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### **School Council Notes**

- School Budget Report from Cris Denning
  - discussed aspects of the budget regarding income from events and lunch program as well as the designated use of capitol improvement funds.
- Proposed Handbook Changes
  - Emphasized organization with table of contents and page numbers
  - More of a description of development of Sacraments and Catholic Identity
  - Stress connection of Archdiocese and our school mission
  - Better communication of fees and how that money is being utilized
  - Concise list of ways that parents can contribute to the school to help keep costs down
- Updates and Discussion on:
  - Catholic Schools Week
  - Middle School Shadow Day and Kindergarten Boot Camp
  - Changes to Parent Conferences
  - Recent Teacher Professional Development Day

### **Save The Date!**

The date for the next St. John Benefit Auction has been set. Please mark November 21, 2020 on your calendars.

We look forward to seeing you there.



# Calendar: February

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CORE Team Meeting—6:30 in Bosco Room	3:30 Staff Meeting	6th Grade Ski Field Trip 7:30-5:00	Mass/ 7th 7th Grade to LINK Teacher Vs. Student Volleyball—3:45		9
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
	3:30 Level Meetings  PTO Meeting@ Old Chicago—6:30		Mass/ 2nd Green  School Council—5:30	MS Shadow Day  MS Alien Party—7PM	History Day 16
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
Scholastic Book Fair	3:30 Advanced ED meeting  Scholastic Book Fair	Parent Conferences 8:30-2:00 5:00-9:00 Scholastic Book Fair	Parent Conferences 8:30-2:00 5:00-9:00 Scholastic Book Fair	No School No Conferences	22 Washington D.C, Trip departs 23

## Looking Ahead

- Feb.14 Middle School Shadow Day
- Feb. 19-20 Parent Conferences
- Feb. 22-28 8th Grade Washington D.C. trip
- Feb 24 and 28—Kindergarten Boot Camp
- March 9-13 Spring Break
- March 26—3rd Grade Store
- April 10 Good Friday—No School
- April 12 Easter Sunday
- April 13 Easter Monday—No School
- April 17 PTO Trivia Night
- April 25: 6:30 First Communion
- May 8 PTO Carnival



May 18 Eighth Grade Graduation



SAINT JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Benefit Auction

November 21, 2020

### Prayers and Thank you

We ask for prayers for the Davis family .  
We ask for prayers for Rod Montney and for the Silvers family .  
Please keep Michael Hamer and family in your prayers.

Thank you to the Dobski family for the donation of cookies to help us celebrate the end of Catholic Schools Week.

Thank you to Dean Johnson of Big D Transport for the donation of pizza and snacks for our Teacher vs. Student Volleyball games.

### 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.