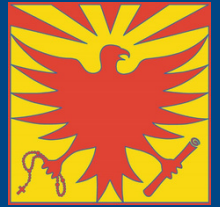




# ST. JOHN PARISH SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

January 25th, 2021



## OPEN HOUSE Friday, January 29th

In-person tours & virtual meetings with faculty

In-person tours from  
9am-1pm.  
Registration required at  
[WhyStJohn.com](http://WhyStJohn.com).

For virtual meetings  
with faculty, visit  
[WhyStJohn.com](http://WhyStJohn.com) to view  
schedule

### DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE

- In-Person Learning
- Small Class Sizes
- Academic Excellence
- Unique Middle School Electives
- Engaged Families
- C.Y.O. Sports (starting in 3rd grade)
- Strong Parent/Teacher Relationships
- Visual Arts & Theater, Music, Spanish Language Programs

St. John Catholic School welcomes families of all denominations

Please spread the word about our upcoming open house! Families interested in taking a tour or joining a virtual meeting with teachers can sign up at [WhyStJohn.com](http://WhyStJohn.com)

## ESOL Home Language Survey

In our efforts to offer equitable educational services to all students by developing an ESOL program, we are asking that all families tell us about your family's language(s). We are asking that every St. John family complete the Home Language Survey. The information you provide will ONLY be used by St. John's teachers and administrators in order to serve all our students better. Language support services to benefit your child's education may be offered, and we will consult with families at that time.

[Survey in English](#)

[Encuesta en español](#)

## Enrollment Begins This Week

Enrollment for next school year for *returning families* will begin at the end of this week. Please keep an eye out for the new enrollment form. If you know of any family that would like more information on the school please feel free to email Mr. Reffett at [creffett@sjeagles.com](mailto:creffett@sjeagles.com).

## Picture Retakes

Picture Retakes will be the morning of January 26th. Remote learners are welcome to come to take pictures or retakes at this time also.

## PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND

The preschool playground is needing more mulch. It has been several years since we have added new mulch and the wet weather has shown us it is time to add more. If you know of someone who might be willing to donate mulch or you are willing to donate please contact Mrs. Cast at [cast@sjeagles.com](mailto:cast@sjeagles.com) or Mr. Reffett at [creffett@sjeagles.com](mailto:creffett@sjeagles.com).

## WAYS TO HELP THE SCHOOL

Do you shop at Dillons or HyVee? Both grocery stores have a rewards program that can help benefit our school. If you have one of their Shoppers cards, go to the Customer Service department to learn more about signing up for their school rewards program.

## HYVEE CASH 4 STUDENTS

Start collecting your HyVee receipts and send them into the school. The program will run from August 1st, 2020 - May 15th, 2021. HyVee will be donating \$1 for every \$200 collected in receipts.

## AMAZON SMILES

Do you shop through Amazon? Did you know that you can shop through Amazon and help support the school? Through the Amazon Smiles program you can link your account to St. John. It is as easy as that to help St. John!

## Donations for Lawrence Community Shelter

StuCo is going to start collecting items for the Lawrence Community Shelter. We will be collecting items from January 25th - February 12th. Students will bring items they would like to donate to their homeroom class. Remote students can leave items in the lobby when they pick-up materials. We will not be having a contest with this collection but keeping the focus on being a service project for our school. Here is a link to their website for a list of possible donations: <https://www.lawrenceshelter.org/donate/>.

## Pledge Cards

Please make sure you are returning your annual Pledge Cards. They were mailed to parish families several weeks ago. Parish Families will have to return pledge cards before they are able to register for next year. **Registration for next school year will begin very soon and you need to have your Pledge card up to date.**

## Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week will run from January 31st- February 4th.

Sunday, January 31st - The 11 AM Mass on January 31st will have student and staff participation to kick off our week. Bookmarks made from the primary, intermediate, and middle school grades will be passed out. These bookmarks are symbolic of our school motto of faith, knowledge, service, and growth. To attend Mass in-person you will need to register on the church website. The opportunity to join via live stream is available, as well.

-Monday, February 1st - Service Day—Each grade will be creating thank you notes to various essential workers.

-Tuesday, February 2nd—Vocation Day - Students dress up as their future vocation. Students will complete a form on how their vocation glorifies God.

-Wednesday, February 3rd- "Run Around Fun Time" with Mrs. Solomon and Mr. Kennedy and some game time in your Homeroom.

-Thursday, February 4th- 4B will lead Mass at 9am in the Church, all other classes will be live streaming from their homerooms. At 1:15pm St. John will participate in D.E.A.P. - Drop Everything And Pray, unified as a school Mr. Reffett will lead us in prayer.

During this week Mrs. Dwyer will also be hosting school wide BINGO! We are looking forward to the fun!

## MORE SUBS NEEDED!

We are in need of substitute teachers. We have a very limited number of subs this school year and this will be a major factor in deciding whether we remain in-person. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Mr. Reffett at 785-843-9511 or [creffett@sjeagles.com](mailto:creffett@sjeagles.com) or

## PARENT HANDBOOK FORMS

If you have done so already, please be sure to read through the Parent Handbook and Back to School Plan then sign your acknowledgement form. Here is the link to the form you will need to sign. Once you hit submit it will automatically be sent to me.

<https://www.jotform.com/build/202323822672046>

## PARENT LEARNING ASSURANCES

If you have not completed the Remote Learning Assurances form please do so as soon as possible. This document is a one time document that will replace the educational logs. Here is the link to complete the form -

<https://form.jotform.com/20258646862506>

# Valentine's Day Party

Valentine's Day will be celebrated at school, Thursday, February 11.

**In Person Students** will decorate their bags at school and bring their valentines to pass out to others on Feb. 11.

**Remote Students** will get their bags in their Friday, January 29, materials picked up. Please return their decorated bags and prepared Valentines (in the bag), at the Friday, Feb. 5, pick up. (We will make sure the valentines are distributed.) Then, on Friday, Feb. 12, you will pick up their filled Valentine Bags along with their other materials.

# Reopening & Closing of School Building

As we work to bring more students back into the building, I want everyone to keep in mind that we may at times have to move a class, classes or the whole building back to remote learning if the circumstances arise. We will continue to monitor community data, student and teacher absenteeism and the amount of PPE supplies we have on hand for student and staff daily use.

# Prayers & Thank You's

As always, please send us any prayers or messages or gratitude that you would like for me to include in the weekly newsletter.

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# Calendar: January/February

25	26 Picture Retake Day Staff Meeting - 3:45pm	27	28	29	30 31 Catholic Schools Mass 11am
1	2	3	4	5	6 7
<b>CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK</b>					
8	9	10	11	12	13 14

# PARISH NEWS

## Mass Sign-Up for January 30-31

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4da4a82da0fdce9-january4>

## Bulletin

Here is the latest bulletin:

<http://sjevangelist.com/bulletin>

## Weekly Parish Giving

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Below reflects donations received from July 1, 2020 through January 17th, 2021.

<b>Budgeted weekly collection amount.....</b>	<b>\$30,254.80</b>
<b>Average weekly collection amount.....</b>	<b>\$26,611.78</b>
<b>Budgeted collection fiscal YTD.....</b>	<b>\$877,389.20</b>
<b>Actual collection fiscal YTD.....</b>	<b>\$774,741.90</b>
<b>Net Shortage.....</b>	<b>\$105,647.30</b>
<b>FY 2020/2021 Current Net Deficit.....</b>	<b>\$257,811.13</b>
<b>FY 2019/2020 Total Deficit.....</b>	<b>\$267,486.68</b>

Visit: <http://www.sjevangelist.com/giving> for information or to manage your account!

## End of Fiscal Year Financial Report

To watch the presentation the finance council gave on the end of the fiscal year financial report, click here:

<https://youtu.be/ebOIHjWEiDE>

## Troop 52 2021 Chili Feed Fundraiser

Please help them raise funds to offset cost for troop's equipment, supplies and summer camp. Order online or by phone for curbside pickup or delivery on January 31, between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. <https://troop-52.square.site/>

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