

#### ST. JOHN PARISH SCHOOL

# **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**



October 5th, 2021

## St. John Auction

We have decided to move forward with the St. John Auction! It will be on November 13th. We have decided to cancel the Family Night on Friday this year but are planning on bringing it back next year. Safety precautions will be put into place so that we can have a safe and enjoyable event. Please reach out to the Auction committee if you would like to donate items or help out. Tickets will be available to purchase very soon. If you want to get involved, please email the Auction committee at auction@sjeagles.com. This event is very important to the financial health of our school so we would love to see everyone there.

#### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Last school year, we held conferences via zoom. While this was a new way of doing conferences, we did get feedback that some people enjoyed this way of meeting. This year, we are going to have a mix of in-person and virtual parent conferences via Zoom. Here is the schedule for October 13th and 14th

October 13th

9-2 pm - Zoom sessions with teachers

5-9 pm - in-person meetings with teachers

October 14th

9-2 pm - in-person meetings with teachers

5-9 pm - Zoom session with teachers

We will be sending out a sign-up through sign-up genius this week. When setting up conferences with teachers, be sure to watch whether the session is in-person or via Zoom. We are looking forward to taking the time to meet with everyone and we hope everyone has a way to meet that is most comfortable for your family.

#### **MORNING DROP-OFF**

I would like to make a minor change to the morning dropoff. If you are arriving at school after 8:15, please drop your child/children off on the Kentucky side and have them enter through the main doors. Thank you!

#### BOOKENDS HELP NEEDED

Our Bookends (Before/ After School Care) program is up and running. We are still looking for a few more staff members to fill out the group. If you know of anyone that would like to apply, please have them email Chris Reffett at creffett@sjeagles.com

# GROCERY CARDS SOLD AFTER MASS

Grocery Cards will be sold after all masses on the first weekend of the month. Please bring cash or check to purchase Checkers, Merc, and Hy-Vee grocery cards. Sales will be set up outdoors near the north door of the church. Grocery cards are sold to you at face value, and the grocery stores donate 5-6% of sales toward St. John Parish School. Sales of cards will be targeted towards paying the mortgage on the gymnasium.

## **Book Fair is Happening!**

Our Book Fair will be in-person this year! The Book Fair will run from **October 8th-15th**. Students will have the opportunity to visit several times during the fair and it will be open during Parent Conferences. If you would like to volunteer to work at the book Fair, please see the link below. <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054FA4AA2CA2FC1">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054FA4AA2CA2FC1</a>-book

## **CYO Basketball Registration**

Basketball registration for grades 3 – 8 is now open at <a href="https://cyojwa.org/current-programs">https://cyojwa.org/current-programs</a>. Registration has just opened and we are in the Early Bird Registration period.

## **Middle School Shadow Day**

Please help us spread the word about our Middle School Shadow Day to non-St. John School families!

For 4th-7th grade students who do not attend St. John School, there will be a Middle School Shadow Day on **Friday, October 22nd** (when USD 497 does not have school).

Students will experience the different middle school electives and curriculum, as well as, meet and eat lunch with other St. John middle schoolers!

Registration is required. Parents can register their student at <a href="http://whystjohn.com">http://whystjohn.com</a>

## **Make a Difference Saturday**

The SJ School Core Team is hosting a volunteer opportunity to help beautify our school interior and some exterior railings. We are grateful to Cottin's True Value for donating many gallons of paint and request Adult Volunteers (no children this time) to join us on **Saturday October 23 at 8:30 am** for a painting event. Our intention is to be done in 3 hours. Many hands make light labor. For questions, contact Alan Allgeier (ama2005@sbcglobal.net).

Please use the Sign-Up: **SJE School Make a Difference Saturday** 

# GROCERTY CARDS CONT'D

To pre-order cards, or to help sell cards, email:noramurphy777@gmail .com or call 785-727-5083.

\*If you shop at Dillons and need help setting up the auto-donation there, please call.

# WAYS TO HELP THE SCHOOL

The school office has gift cards for Checkers, HyVee, and Merc if you would like to purchase. The school receives a percentage for each card purchased. Please call the school office at 785-843-9511 to purchase.

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.

We are also continuing to sell trash bags if you are interested in purchasing through the office.

## **Developing Our Strategic Plan**

The School Advisory Council is currently holding zoom meetings to conduct SWOT analysis to help us develop our 5 year Strategic Plan for the school. The meetings have begun so please be on the look-out to be able to join in. You also have the opportunity to complete an anonymous survey if you are unable or you would prefer to not meet via zoom. It is very important that everyone participates so that we can get the best feedback for developing our strategic plan. Thank you so much for your help and participation.

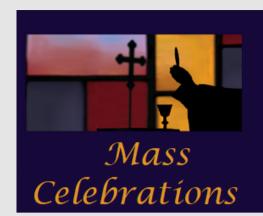
## **Prayers & Thank Yous**

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

## **Calendar: October**



## **PARISH NEWS**



**Daily Masses:** Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m., Friday 12:10 p.m. Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

Weekend Masses: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday - 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. Spanish, 5:00 p.m.

Reconciliation: Wednesday - 11:00 a.m. - Noon;

Saturday - 3-4 p.m.; By appt only

### **Weekly Parish Giving**

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 Below reflects donations received from July 1, 2021 through August 8th, 2021.

Budgeted weekly collection amount.....\$28,365.38

Average weekly collection amount......\$26,270.19

Budgeted collection fiscal YTD......\$170,192.28

Actual collection fiscal YTD......\$157,621.15

Net Shortage.....\$12,571.13

FY 2020/2021 Current Net Deficit.....\$257,811.13

FY 2019/2020 Total Deficit.....\$267,486.68

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

# SEARCHING FOR A SPIRITUAL HOME?

## **RCIA Informational Meeting**

We will have an informal gathering

Monday, October 6 and 13 (complete with
cookies and coffee) for questions and
discussions about things Catholic, things
Christian and why Jesus. For more information,
see the bulletin or please contact Shelly Bole at
sbole@sjevangelist.com or call (785) 743-0109.

#### **Bulletin**

Here is the latest bulletin: <a href="http://sjevangelist.com/bulletin">http://sjevangelist.com/bulletin</a>

## **Informational Meeting**

How Groups and Individuals Can Assist Afghan Asylum Seekers

Monday, October 18, 7:00 pm

Lawrence Arts Center 940 New Hampshire St., Lawrence KS

## **Parish Fall Fling**

