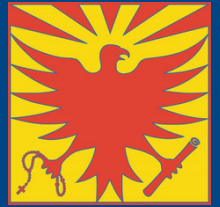




ST. JOHN PARISH SCHOOL
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

March 20th, 2023



New Staff Members for 2023-2024 School year!

I am happy to announce that we have made some changes to teaching positions for some of our current staff and have now hired one new staff member that I think some of you may know.

Jim Pense will be moving to teaching Religion classes for 4th-8th. Before moving to Lawrence and joining the staff at St. John, Mr. Pense taught middle school religion in Tulsa. We are excited to have him bring his vast knowledge of our Catholic faith to the classroom.

Natalie Hubbard will be moving to teaching middle school science next school year. Ms. Hubbard has taught middle school science for 9 years and her background is in science. We are excited that she is moving over to our middle school team and bringing her diverse experiences and background to this position.

I am also pleased to announce that Allison Ramos has accepted the position of 3rd/4th grade ELA for the 2023-2024 school year. Allison is a St. John alumni and we are excited to have her coming back to St. John. Here is her personal introduction to the St. John community.

St. John Families,

My name is Allison Ramos, and I will be teaching 3rd and 4th grade English-Language Arts starting in the fall of 2023. I, along with my three siblings, am a St. John alumni and I am thrilled to be back at St. John as a teacher! I have an abundance of fond memories from my years as a student at St. John and I cannot wait to make new memories as a teacher here. I will be graduating from Washburn University this May with my Bachelor of Education (K-6). When I am not doing homework, I spend a lot of time with my family and dog, Buddy! Although I am an Ichabod, I have grown up in Lawrence, so I am also a diehard KU fan! In addition to cheering on KU, I look forward to cheering on students at their CYO games next year too! I feel so blessed to have the opportunity to join such an amazing staff and strong school community. I cannot wait to get to know my students and their families!

PARISH COMMITMENT CARD REMINDER

If your family is a member of St. John Parish, you must have a commitment card on file with the parish to enroll at St. John School. Here is the link to fill out your commitment card:

<https://form.jotform.com/230163953990158>

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Volunteers are the backbone of our thriving school. The camaraderie and community that is developed through serving and supporting our children, staff, and administration set our school apart from others. Please click on the link below to sign up:

<https://sjevangelist.com/school/volunteer/>

TEACHER WISH LISTS

Mrs. Porch/Ms. Setter's [Wish List](#)
Ms. Fewins' [Wish List](#)
Mrs. Werth's [Wish List](#)
Mrs. Fox's [Wish List](#)
Ms. Woolverton's [Wish List](#)
Ms. Friedrich's [Wish List](#)
Ms. Ice's [Wish List](#)
Ms. Hubbard's [Wish List](#)
Ms. Domann's [Wish List](#)
Mrs. Koger's [Wish List](#)
Mrs. Powell's [Wish List](#)
Ms. Dunn's [Wish List](#)
Library [Wish List](#)

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Thank you to Kacie Kneidel, Jason and Melissa Tanking, and all of the families that donated items and their time to build the float. They did an amazing job and the float looked so good. Thank you to all the students and families that walked and rode in the parade. We received two awards for St. John: Best Dressed Wee Little Irish Folk and 1st place for Nonprofit Float. Great job everyone and thank you Kacie and our PTO for organizing.

Thank you to Father John for offering the Blessing to begin the parade.

Save the Date for our next PTO Events:

Monday, May 1st- Bowl and Earn at Royal Crest Lanes 6-8 pm

Friday, May 19th- School Carnival 5-8pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED- We are looking for parent volunteers to help organize Teacher Appreciation Week (May 8-12) and an End of Year Teacher Brunch (mid May). Please let me know, or email pto@sjeagles if you are able to help.

St. John School Sweepstakes



Our annual Sweepstakes will begin next week! Monday, March 27th, we will kick off our Sweepstakes sales for our \$10,000 grand prize. Tickets will only be sold online this year. More information to follow and information will be sent home with students.

Spirit Day - Funky Socks Day

Our next Spirit Day will be on March 21st. We will be celebrating World Down Syndrome Day by wearing Funky Socks with our school uniforms. Funky socks represent the image of our chromosomes and we celebrate on 3/21 to recognize the most common form of Down syndrome, Trisomy 21.

School Advisory Council

Mr. Reffett and the St. John School Advisory Council met Tuesday, 7 March 2023. Among other things, topics included staff changes for next year; exploring homerooms and evolving how we "do" community across grades; the department-approach to teaching for 2nd grade and up; and school lunches! The St. John School Advisory Council monthly meeting is open. The next meeting is 11 April at 6:30.

2023-2024 ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for next school year has opened for all returning families. For all parish families, please make sure you have completed your 2023 Commitment card and it is on file in the Parish Office. Here is the link for enrollment -

<https://form.jotform.com/230095887516061>

GROCERY CARDS BEING 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 H-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.

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

ASKSTJOHN@EAGLES.COM

Do you have specific questions but you're not sure who to ask? Did you just think of a question but it's after office hours and you don't want to forget to ask the next morning? Well, we are here to help. We have a new email address that is available to answer your questions. If you are not sure who you should ask, please email us at askstjohn@sjeagles.com and we will direct your question to the appropriate person to help you.

Giving Back For Lent

We are giving back for Lent! This Lenten season we are doing a donation for Lawrence Community Shelter. We will be collecting items here at the school. You can bring items like socks, gloves, or hand warmers to school. Please do not bring items like medicine or under garments. With the link below, you can order any of the needed items and it will ship them right to the shelter. We will be collecting items till April 9th. We wish you and your families a wonderful lent season.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/Y04OS33P0KUI/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex

Social Emotional Learning

As part of our School Improvement Plan, our primary grades have chosen to focus on improving Social Emotional Learning/Education. The pandemic had a huge impact on everyday social skills. Our goal is to improve these skills, help children find their voice, build a consistent vocabulary , and create a stronger community for students and staff.

While we are still building our "toolbox" and exploring additional resources, we have started this process. Our staff is sharing training they have received with other primary teachers. Materials have been added to classrooms to allow for consistency and growth as the kids grow. "Town hall meetings" where the entire level comes together for topics such as "How Big Is Your Problem?", "Where Are You In Your Car?" and "Joking--Playful vs. Hurtful" have helped to develop a common vocabulary, consistent expectations, and agreement on how social emotional situations are handled in the classroom and at recess.

While we are still at the beginning of this process, we are encouraged by the progress we have already seen in the way our students are able to verbalize how they feel and what they need. We are excited to see continued growth

Lenten Confession Times

If families would like to participate in Confession, there are several upcoming opportunities. There will be Confession on March 27th, 28th, and 29th from 11-12 and 6-7 pm.

Catholic Jewelry and Rosaries

Nora Murphy will be selling Catholic jewelry and rosaries after each Mass on April 1st and 2nd. Jewelry and Rosaries would make great gifts for Easter, Confirmation, or 1st Communion.

Open Positions

- We have a 4th/5th grade Math position open for the 2023-2024 school year. This position would be responsible for teaching Math to all 3rd and 4th grade students.
- We will have a 1st grade position open for the 2023-2024 school year. The position would be responsible for teaching all core subjects to their class of 1st grade students.
- We have a 4th/5th grade ELA position open for the 2023-2024 school year. This position would be responsible for teaching English Language Arts to all 5th grade students and one section of 4th grade English Language Arts.

If you are interested in applying or know someone that might be interested in applying for this position, please contact Mr. Reffett at creffett@seagles.com.

Dress Code Reminder

As we start to enter into warmer spring weather, I wanted to send out a reminder to families about our dress code bottom policy that is in our current 2022-2023 Parent handbook. Thank you for your cooperation in working towards a consistent policy.

Shorts

- Khaki or navy color and polyester or cotton twill
- Length - Fingers should touch the bottom of the shorts when arms are resting comfortably at your side
- An elastic waist is acceptable

Pants and Capri Pants

- Colors: khaki or navy and polyester or cotton twill
- An elastic waist is acceptable

Skirts, Skorts, and Jumpers

- Colors: khaki or navy
- Length - Fingers should touch the bottom of the shorts when arms are resting comfortably at your side.
- An elastic waist is acceptable

Prayers & Thank Yous

- Thank you to Maria Gunselman and Kristin Suter for all their hard work with our school library over the past two years. We are so grateful to them!
- Prayers to our 8th graders as they depart for Washington D.C. on March 26th. We pray they have a safe and fun time on their trip!

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

Calendar: March/April

20 Marathon Club - 3:30 Spring Musical Rehearsals Begin	21 Spirit Day-Funky Sock Day	22 Marathon Club - 7:30	23 Mass-5B	24	25 26 8th Grade DC Trip Begins
27 Sweepstakes Begins	28	29	30	31 8th Grade Returns from DC	1 2
3	4	5	6	7 Good Friday - No School	8 9 Easter Sunday

PARISH NEWS



Mass Celebrations

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

Bulletin

Here is the latest bulletin: <https://parishesonline.com/organization/st-john-the-evangelist-catholic-church>

ST. JOHN LENTEN 2023 OBSERVANCES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent at 6:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Saturdays 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm beginning March 4

ADDITIONAL ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

March 8 – Wednesday

11:00 am – 12:00 pm – Confessions

6:00-7:00 pm – Adoration/Confessions

March 27 – Monday

11:00 am – 12:00 pm – Confessions

6:00-7:00 pm – Confessions

March 28 – Tuesday

11:00 am-12:00 pm – Confessions

6:00-7:00 pm – Confessions

March 29 – Wednesday

11:00 am-12:00 pm – Confessions

6:00-7:00 pm – Adoration/Confessions

TRIDUUM (SACRED THREE DAYS)

April 6 – Thursday

7:30 am - Morning Prayer

7:30 pm – Mass

April 7 – Friday

7:30 am - Morning Prayer

3:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

7:30 pm – Service

April 8 – Saturday

8:00 am - Morning Prayer

11:00 am – Blessing of Easter Food

NO CONFESSIONS TODAY

8:30 pm – Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY

April 9 - Easter Sunday

7:00 am

9:00 am

11:00 am

1:00 pm (Spanish)

5:00 pm No Mass

