

St. John the Baptist Catholic School Newsletter



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STATIONS CROSS

03/16/15-Children's Stations of the Cross-2:00pm

03/17/15-Wendy's Night HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

03/18/15-Report Cards home

03/20/15-Spring Picture Day-OUT OF UNIFORM

03/23-27/15-Spring Break NO SCHOOL

03/29/15-Palm Sunday

From the Principal's Desk:

Please note, the last day of school is moved to **Friday, May 22, 2015.** This will be a 12:00pm dismissal. Kindergarten graduation will be on May 22, 2015 and 8th grade graduation will remain on Tuesday, May 19, 2015. Thank you for making this change in your calendar.

Earlier this quarter we had scheduled an early dismissal for April 20, 2015 for faculty development. Due to the loss of instructional time, that early release has been cancelled. Teachers will accomplish these efforts outside of their normal work day. Thank you for the change in calendar.

LENTEN CANNED FOOD DRIVE: Please help us **FILL THE PANTRY** for SVDP. Starting tomorrow through Thursday, March 19, 2015, students are encouraged to bring in canned food items for the SVDP food pantry. Those cans will gather in the school lobby and be transported to SVDP right before spring break. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Mass Schedule T

Saturday Evening 5:30pm

Sundays 7:00am, 8:30am, 11:30am & 5:30pm

Weekdays

Monday-8:30am

Tuesday-6:15am & 8:30am

Wednesday-8:30am & 6:30pm

Thursday-8:30am & 6:30pm

Friday-8:30am

Holy Days 6:00am, 8:30am & 6:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 5:30pm-6:20pm

Saturday 3:30pm—5:00pm (Other times by request)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday—Thursday 9:00am—6:00pm Friday 9:00am—noon First Friday 9:00am—9:00pm First Saturday 9:00am—10:00am

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PARENTS: Spring

Pictures is rescheduled

to **FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH**. This is the day before Spring Break. Students' are





From the Business Office: Remainder of re-registration fees are due by March 20, 2015. Thank you.

Standardized Testing 2015: All students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 will be taking the lowa Basic Skills (IBTS) and Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) the week of April 13th. The standardized test is not a test your child can prepare for and no grade will be given. However, these tests are very important and we would like to offer these suggestions:

- Students should be at school each day; appointments and checkouts should not be scheduled during the morning hours.
- Make sure your child gets plenty of rest this week; early to bed without the distraction of electronics.
- <u>Testing begins each morning at 8:00 am</u>. Students should arrive at school on time or a few minutes early. Plan to have your child up in the morning at a time they do not have to rush to get to school.
- Students should eat a healthy breakfast before coming to school each morning.
- Send your child with a healthy fruit or vegetable snack each day.
- Plan to have your child bring a school sweater in case they become cold during testing.
- Provide your child two sharpened #2 pencils to class throughout testing.

Remind your child that they should put forth their best effort.

These suggested tips have proven to help students be more productive and do their best during testing.

Appointments/Checkouts during testing: These tests are very important and appointments/checkouts should not be scheduled during the morning hours. This applies to students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 during the week of April 13th.



Youth Art Month at the Huntsville Art Museum begins March 15, 2015. The winners from St. John's are:

Francis Dinh-8th grade

Amelia Geist-5th grade

Ella Stott-4th grade

Congratulations to all who entered the competition.

On March 15th, is a free day and a reception at 1:30pm.



Rice Bowls—Thank you for those who are participating in the Rice Bowl project. As we move towards Holy Week, any exchange of larger bills and coins that you can do before returning the boxes would be greatly appreciated. We have to roll all coins before depositing and issuing a check. Thank again!

Rice Bowls are requested by Holy Thursday.

St. Patrick Day Family Parade and Pet Walk Sunday March 15th at 2:00pm.

Please support the St. John's Venture 007 crew by coming to the first St. Patrick's Day Family Parade and Pet Walk this Sunday at 2pm. Donations of non-perishable food for the food pantry or pet shelter are encouraged. The walk will start in the Discovery school parking lot, to Bob Jones and back. Irish dress is also encouraged!

SCRIP News:

GLSC is celebrating a holiday for math - March 14 is Pi Day! Remember pi, that never ending number from high school math that went a little something like this: 3.1415926535... You get the idea. Thankfully, you don't have to do much math to add up the pi-licious bonuses some of your favorite retailers are offering to celebrate!



The first five digits of pi are 3.1415, so on 3/14/15 (Saturday, March 14), 15 retailers will be offering bonuses on all products for 3 hours and 14 minutes, starting at Noon Eastern! GLSC will send out an email and post on www.shopwithscrip.com revealing all the participating retailers earlier that day, so keep an eye out. You can place your order online and submit your check payable to "St. John PTO" to the school office on Monday, March 16 if you do not currently use PrestoPay.

With Spring Break approaching, the last SCRIP order for physical cards will be submitted on March 16. If you have a special order for your Spring Break needs or want a certain amount of gift cards, please submit your order with payment to the school office an envelope marked "SCRIP ORDER". A full list of items available to order can be found at www.shopwithscrip.com

Current bonus rebates (items in bold are available OnDemand): Bed Bath & Beyond 8%, Cabela's 12%. Bonus rebates starting March
14: American Eagle Outfitters 12%, Build-A-Bear 10%, Home Depot 5%, Journey's 13%

Questions? Email Liz Butler at siscrip@gmail.com

BOX TOPS NEWS: Our third Box Tops Classroom Collection Competition is ending on this Friday, March 13th. Currently, Ms. Omenski's Kindergarten, Mr. Shepard's 7th grade, Ms. Kaufer's Kindergarten, Mrs. Brown's 2nd grade and Mrs. Pirozzi's 6th grade are in the lead. They are followed by Mrs. Martin's 1st grade, Ms. Williams' 1st grade, Mrs. Songy's 4th grade, Ms. Plummer's 3rd grade and Mrs. Zoeller's 4th grade. There are still a few days to send in your Box Tops for this competition. Keep up the great collecting!

