



Upcoming Events

08/31/15—1:00pm Dismissal-Faculty Training

BASC open till 4:00pm

09/01/15—PTO -Café 6:30pm

09/02/15—Mass 8:30am

09/03/15—Progress Checks Home

09/07/15—Labor Day Holiday no school

09/09/15—Mass 8:30am



LABOR DAY

† Mass Schedule †

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

Wednesday 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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

What a successful opening to school this has been! There are a few changes in the student handbook I would like to bring to your attention. The handbook is posted now posted on Renweb and on the website:

ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATIONS: "Parents must always send a note explaining the reason for the absence (handwritten signature required on the note). The absence note must be submitted upon the student's return to receive an excused absence. Notes to excuse an absence will not be accepted after the fifth day the student has returned to school and therefore the absence will remain unexcused."

BIRTHDAYS: One item that was omitted in the handbook, party invitations **may not** be distributed at school.

PARENTS OF 8TH GRADE STUDENTS (CLASS OF 2016)

Please mark your calendar for the annual "Visit Day" at SJP2 on September 3rd from 8:30-10:30am. Student and parent are invited to attend and learn about all the wonder opportunities a Catholic high school education has to offer. Of course, this is an automatic excused absence!

NJHS Meeting:

NJHS will meet Thursday, August 27. Students may be picked up by the front doors of the school at 3:30. Any student not picked up by 3:40 will be sent to aftercare.



To A Special Volunteer

"Sometimes we seem so lucky,

Or maybe we're just blessed,

When there seems to be too much to do-

Along comes a volunteer like you!

You've made our days much brighter,

Our work a joy to share,

We know we'll always make it through-

As long as there's a volunteer like you!"

-Author Unknown.

FALL FEST committee needs

a volunteer like you!

Our first meeting is this Thursday

8/27 at 4:30pm in the school

library.



From your Counselor:

Reality Check Program: This year our 7th and 8th grade students will participate in the Reality Check program. It will be **Thursday, Sept 24 from 8:00am-1:00pm**. New and exciting components have been added to the program to enhance the experience. This year the basics of credit, banking (saving, investing), and entrepreneurship will be covered in addition to the students getting a job/family scenario and managing their finances based on those scenarios. **We are in need of volunteers to make this event a success.** Please email Ms. Tippit at tippit@stjohnb.com to volunteer or if you have questions.



SVDP Walk for the Poor:



This year St. John's School is inviting all members of the school community to join us at the **Walk with the Friends of the Poor on Sat, September 26th at 8am** with our parish family! New for this year there will be a 1K run at 8am. The 5K walk will follow immediately after. The goal for this year is 400+ walkers/runners!

To register to join our team:

<https://www.svdpusa.net/fop/index.php>

- Select Alabama
- Then choose the Huntsville/Madison/Decatur/Guntersville and register to walk on the left.
- From there, enter your name and other info.

Under walk beneficiary you will select St John the Baptist

For more information please contact Ms. Tippit at gtippit@stjohnb.com or Mrs. Hervias at chervias@stjohnb.com

Bring a friend and let's have fun!

DRAMA PRESENTS: The Lion King

AUDITIONS for 4th & 5th grades are August 26 from 3:15PM to 5:15PM

AUDITIONS for Middle School students are August 27th from 3:15PM to 5:15PM.

Permission slips are available and students can pick one up from Mrs. Zoeller in room 105.

Pick up students by 5:15PM at the front of school, upper car-line area.

HAKUNA MATATA!



Please verify and update your information on renweb.

Thank you.



Cafeteria Reminder:

Parents are welcome to join their student for lunch **after Labor Day**. Please remember to do the following:



By **8:30am**, please notify the homeroom teacher and cafeteria at cafeteria@stjohnb.com you are visiting for lunch. Indicate to the cafeteria if you are purchasing a lunch for yourself. **EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT PURCHASING A LUNCH, YOU MUST NOTIFY US.** You are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch. **We ask that no outside restaurant food or carbonated drinks be brought in to the school for parents or for students.**

Thank you for your cooperation.



CRUSADER CLUB NEWS

- **We are proud to announce the launch of our new Crusader Club website! This site is your one stop shop for anything sports-related including: registration and program information; required forms; access to our spirit-wear shop; volunteer and contact information; game schedules, and much more! You can access the Crusader Club website via the school website at www.stjohnb.com/ccsite.**
- **The Crusader Club has supported several improvements to our facilities and equipment this summer including: refurbishing the gym floors; new scoreboard; updated trophy case; and new volleyball equipment.**
- **Our fall volleyball and soccer programs are in full swing. New this year... Soccer home games will be played on the SJS field on Tuesdays evenings and Saturday afternoons! Come out and support our student athletes!**

Welcome back to the library!

Our students are excited to be able to come and check out books this year. K4 and Kindergarten check out one book a week and the book stays in the classroom. First, Second and Third Grade students may check out one book a week. Fourth and Fifth Grade may check out two books for two weeks. Middle School students may check out three books for two weeks.



Caldecott/Newbery Reading Awards

Second Grade students are able to earn the Caldecott Reading Award this year. You can download the Caldecott Reading log from the Parent Web of Renweb under the Documents section. To earn the award, the students read 15 Caldecott books over the school year. The students may read either the Gold Medal award winner or the Silver Honor books. We have many Caldecott books in the school library, the public library has Caldecott and you may already have Caldecott books at home. A complete list of Caldecott Award/Honor books can be found on the following website:

www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldecottmedal/caldecottmedal

Third Grade and above are able to earn the Newbery Reading Award each year. You can download the Newbery Reading log from the Parent Web of Renweb under the Documents section. This is also reading 15 either Award or Honor books during the school year. There are many Newbery books in our library, the public library, or again, you may have books at home. A complete list of Newbery Award/Honor books can be found on the following website:

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The forms can be turned into the library as our students finish reading their 15 books. If your student earned the Newbery last year, please help them find different titles to read this year. Forms must be turned no later than Friday, May 9, 2015.

Book Fair

It's coming! It's coming!! October 19-23, 2015 will be our Fall Book Fair. We will be looking for volunteers to help that week. This is always a fun week in the library, surrounded by books and excited students!

SCRIP NEWS!

If you didn't pick up a 2016 Coupon Book at Back To School Night, another box has arrived for sale! The 2016 Coupon Book will be available for \$20 while supplies last until the PTO September meeting. There is also a limited supply of 2015 Coupon Books available, to be sold at a discount. As a reminder, SCRIP orders will be sent home with your youngest child in their homeroom class or, if indicated, can be picked up at the school office.

Current bonus rebates include (items in **bold** are available OnDemand): Albertson's 5%; AutoZone 9%; Boston Market 14%; **IHop 13%**, JCPenney 6%; Meijer 4% (Meijer WI only 6%); and **TGI Friday 12%**.

Bonus rebates starting 8/29 include American Express 2.25% and **Gap/Banana Republic/Old Navy/Athleta 16%**

Check out details at www.shopwithscrip.com.

Questions? Email sjscrip@gmail.com



SPIRIT SHIRT SALES

UPDATE: WE HAVE EXTENDED THE SPIRIT SHIRT DEADLINE TO FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH.

Please make sure that you place your order before Labor Day weekend, as we **will not** be ordering extra shirts after the deadline.

The order form is available on the front page of the school website. Please send order forms into the office, with "Attn: Spirit Shirt order" on the envelope.

Students will be given special days to wear their Spirit shirts instead of their uniforms - at least four times throughout the school year! Spirit Shirt tees are available to purchase for students, teachers, staff, coaches, siblings, grandparents, parents and other friends of St. John's. Spirit Shirts are sold by the 8th grade to help fund their annual team building and spiritual retreat to Signal Mountain. Please see newsletters and the school website for specific Spirit Shirt days.

In addition, all 8th graders are required to purchase the Sapphire Blue tee, to wear during their retreat to Signal Mountain in October. If you are the parent of an 8th grader, please make sure that you purchase a shirt for your student. See the form for a special section only for 8th grade ordering.

Contact Tania Yee at tyee@knology.net or [256-325-3206](tel:256-325-3206) if you have any questions.