



St. John the Baptist Catholic School
Newsletter



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Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Parishioners and Volunteers, thank you, for all your hard work and making the GALA a huge success!



8th Grade Families Reminder: Please submit a baby photo of your 8th grade child for the yearbook to Mrs. Rivera-Smith by Friday, March 24th. An email was sent to you on February 23rd with instructions. Please contact Mrs. Rivera-Smith at krivera@stjohnb.com with questions. Thank you.

- Upcoming Events:**
- 03/02/23—Spring Portraits—Students are out of uniform.
 - 03/03/23—Class Portraits—Postponed. Will advise soon of the new date.
 - 03/06/23—School Advisory Council—6:00 pm
 - 03/08/23—Spirit Night at Taco Mama Clift Farms location on HYW 72—4-8 pm
 - 03/10/23—School Mass at 8:30 am
 - 03/13—03/17—Spring Break—No School
 - 03/20/23—Students Return
 - 03/20/23—School Mass at 8:30 am

NEW STUDENTS TO ST. JOHN'S

Welcome!

Louis TonThat—K4

Theo Gonzales—K4

St. John the Baptist Catholic School is actively seeking applicants to fill two slots on the Advisory Council. Advisory Council terms are for three years and begin May 2023. Potential candidates must be parishioners of St. John's Catholic Church and cannot be an employee of the school or church, spouse of a current member or employee, or an officer of the PTO. Potential candidates will be required to attend the Council's regularly scheduled March meeting which will be held on Monday, March 6th at 6pm in the school conference room. The Advisory Council is an important way to give back to our Parish School. Advisory Council members are involved with the long term planning, public relations and financial well being of the school.

We hope you will prayerfully consider being a part of the slate of candidates for the Advisory Council.

Sincerely,
Tracy Hanserd
Chair

Watch for emails about our **Fellowship Family Homes**

In efforts to bring us all together, we are reinventing our old "house" system. Of course, we will continue to be one large faithful school community, but each family and our teachers and staff will be placed in one of our 4 Fellowship Family Homes-

Home of Love

Home of Hope

Home of Peace

Home of Faith

Our main goal is to provide opportunities for families to serve together in many, varied capacities. We would also like to expand to social and team building experiences for all our Homes. We look forward to partnering with you in fellowship. If you are interested in serving in your new HOME as leadership or service coordinator, please contact Mrs. Songy asongy@stjohnb.com

Your new HOME reveal is coming soon!!



SPRING

Pictures

St. John's

Thursday, March
2nd



**THIS IS A PREVIEW OF THE
BACKGROUND
PROOFS WILL BE SENT HOME
AFTER 2 WEEKS**



Greg Machen
PHOTOGRAPHY

From Our IT Dept.

Children and Technology: Parent Guidelines for Every Age

What can parents do? Children need different rules at different ages of development. Here are some 3-6-9-12 Rules for the home which parents may want to use to determine how much technology their child is exposed to.

Birth-3 Years Rules: Never/Nowhere

No technology. This includes smart-phones, computers, and televisions. Any screen time impairs social communication, development and a child's attachment to the parent or other family members. If children are completely disconnected from technology, they have time to develop relationships with others and can develop other needed sensory-motor skills playing with physical toys, and develop reading skills and relationships with other children.

3-6 Years Rules: One Hour a Day

At this age, children can be introduced to technology under careful parental supervision. Parents too often may give a child a tablet or smartphone as a sitter or a reward for good behavior. This is a crucial time in a child's development to learn pro-social behavior and social behavior. Keep children involved in activities outside of the computer.

Appropriate activities now are:

1. Using an eReader for storytime.
2. Sorting shapes and finding hidden objects on mobile apps.
3. Accessing electronic toys that educate and teach numbers, letters, and vowel sounds.
4. Making sure children still physically play, read books, and engage other children.

6-9 Years Rules: Supervised Use


Children need to balance technology with social and physical behavior. Now that children have passed the physical milestones of mastering running, kicking, and bending over without falling, screen use may include games that the entire family can play on the Wii or Xbox 360. It is important that this screen time is a family bonding experience. Still control screen use and avoid multiplatform portable devices, as these are harder to monitor. If used, children can be allotted 2 hours of screen time per day under close parental supervision.

Appropriate activities now are:

1. Using the Internet under supervision (create tech-free time to talk each day!)
2. Playing active video games with the family.
3. Taking time to create a new definition of "screen time."
4. Keep children active in school clubs, sports, peers, and outside activities.

9-12 Years Rules: Responsible Use

Still have the rule of no more than 2 hours of screen time a day, including family video game time. Do not allow access to tech devices in private areas of the home, and no access to online gaming (especially any role-playing games).



At this age, children need to be mentally and physically stimulated through reading, taking nature walks, riding bikes, getting involved in school and sport activities, making friends at school, and spending time with family. Try to establish family time with no technology (e.g., no screens at dinner or in the car). If rules are broken, confiscate all screen devices for 24 hours (or longer) and lock all technology up at night.

Appropriate activities now are:

1. Uses the Internet under supervision (create tech-free time to talk each day.)
2. Independence with technology, social media with strict time limitations and rules for use.
3. Parents should monitor computer homework and confiscate all tech when screen time rules are broken.
4. Make sure children complete chores and stay involved with school activities and friends.

12–18 Years Rules: Independence

As children enter the teenage years, they want independence. Rules of the house usually change as they can stay out later or meet friends or by age 16, they start to drive. These are all signs of independence, and screen use is no different. At this age, teenagers desire their own social media accounts and demand privacy and unsupervised online time.

Regarding “digital nutrition”, this is a time to help children make better choices about their activities online. Do they play videogames all day or are they doing homework? Are they using social media or are they researching a paper for school? Like food addiction, online use is about making healthy choices.

Appropriate activities now are:

1. Review what is meant by digital nutrition (making healthy choices) and decide on consequences for violations of rules and time limits.
2. Know your child’s online friends, invite them to dinner and talk about how they are.
3. Make sure they complete chores and stay involved with school activities and friends.
4. When old enough, have children work to improve their time structure, personal financial management, and develop a good work ethic.

~excerpted from

<https://technologyandsociety.org/children-and-technology-guidelines-for-parents-rules-for-every-age/>

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2022-2023

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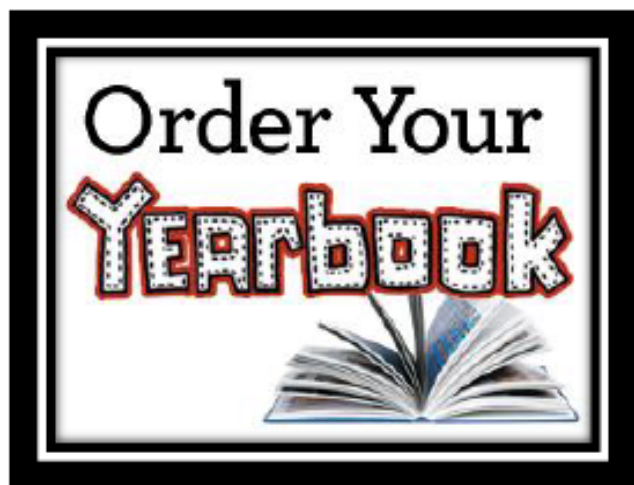
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It's Time to Order your **YEARBOOK!!!**

Don't miss getting your copy of the 2022-2023 yearbooks! We are

bringing back our tiered pricing options in an attempt to make the yearbook a possibility for all families. Yearbooks can only be ordered online.

Tier 2 - orders placed Dec. 24th – March 10th

\$39

Tier 3 - orders placed March 10th – May 25th

\$48

***Personalization will be an additional \$6 per book. Please make sure names are entered correctly as that is how they appear on the book. ***

