

*St. John the Baptist Catholic School*  
*Newsletter*



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Important

**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](mailto:krivera@stjohnb.com) with questions. Thank you.



Spring Soccer and Track & Field registration is now open. Please see the email that was sent home today.

**GO CRUSADER!**

***Upcoming Events:***

- 03/22/23—Report Card emailed home today
- 03/22/23—Spring Portraits Proofs going home today
- 03/24/23—School Stations of the Cross at 2:00 pm
- 03/29/23—School Mass at 8:30 am
- 03/31/23—School Stations of the Cross at 2:00 pm
- 03/31/23—Little Mermaid, Jr. at 7:00 pm
- 04/01/23—Little Mermaid, Jr. at 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm
- 04/03/23—4th Grade Living Stations of the Cross at 2:00 pm
- 04/5/23—School Mass at 8:30 am



PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
*St. John's School*  
**Grandparents' Tea**



*April*  
**24**  
**2023**

Sessions assigned at  
8:30 am & 1:00 pm  
Details for your assigned  
session to follow.

**SPRING**  
*Pictures*







School proofs are going home today. Instructions for purchasing are on the proofs. Please note, purchasing is optional. Do not send the proof back to school. It is yours to keep. There is no retake on Spring Portraits.

Thank you.

Please contact Greg Machen Photography with questions.

Please RSVP through the Google Form link <https://forms.gle/Aqu5WE6oDAYW94eA> as soon as possible. Deadline to RSVP is Friday, April 7th.

Home of Love   
Home of Hope   
Home of Peace   
Home of Faith 

#### HOME information

This week, some of the teachers in your HOME will send out a Lenten reflection video for the whole family. This begins a series of short videos to be sent for the remainder of Lent. Each Wednesday, a teacher will read from our "Trust in the Lord" Lenten prayer/ reflection booklet that was sent home with students. Hope you will join us!

\*\*WE hope that all our families are feeling at home in their new HOME! If you receive correspondence from more than one home, please let Mrs. Songy know. [asongy@stjohnb.com](mailto:asongy@stjohnb.com)

# From Our IT Department

## Screens, Violence, and the Impact on Children

With the arrival of the coronavirus pandemic, screens became our go-to for everything—work, school, video chats with family and friends, and more. Of course, with the positive comes the negative.

### Increased screen time

Today's electronics have become a vital part of our daily lives. Unfortunately, we often forget about the impact of all that [screen time](#) on children.

- Whether it's watching television, using a smartphone for [social media](#), or playing video games, it takes away from the time for important activities. Children should also read, do their schoolwork, [play](#), exercise, have family interaction and take part in other activities that support their social development.
- The information children receive from television, the internet, [social media](#) or video games can be inappropriate or even incorrect. For younger children, it can be difficult to tell the difference between the fantasy on television or in the video game and reality.
- Ads are everywhere. Children are influenced by the thousands of commercials seen each year, many of which are for alcohol, [junk food](#), fast foods, and toys.
- Excessive screen time is linked to lower grades in school, reading fewer books, exercising less, and being [overweight](#).
- Violence, sexuality, race and [gender](#) stereotypes, drug and [alcohol abuse](#) are common themes of television, movie and video games. Young children are impressionable and may assume that what they see is typical, safe, and acceptable.

### On-screen violence and how it can affect children

For American children, the time spent on screens is increasing with each year. Unfortunately, a lot of that may include television shows, movies, video games, or YouTube videos that include violence.

There have been hundreds of research studies examining the effects of television violence on children and teenagers. The results of the studies show that on-screen violence can cause children to:

- become "immune" or numb to the horror of violence
- gradually accept violence as a way to solve problems
- imitate the violence they observe
- identify with certain characters, victims and/or victimizers

Extensive exposure to on-screen violence can cause greater aggressiveness in some children. Sometimes, watching a single violent program can increase aggressiveness. Children who view on-screen violence that is very realistic, frequently repeated, or unpunished, are more likely to imitate what they see.

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2022-2023

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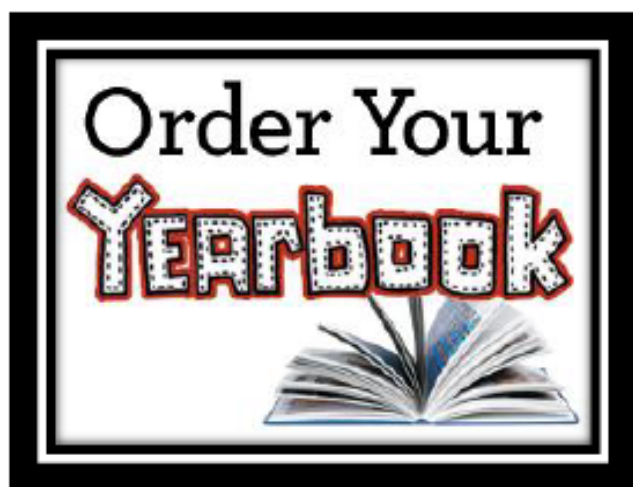
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