



St. John the Baptist Catholic School Newsletter

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Reminders:

- 1) Please remain in in your vehicle during morning & afternoon carline.
- 2) Students may bring a canned good or a \$1.00 & come out of uniform on Friday, Sept. 2nd. Money & canned goods will go to St. Vincent de Paul.

Thank you.

Upcoming Events:


- 09/02/22—First Friday Adoration—Grades 5-8
- 09/05/22—Labor Day Holiday—No School
- 09/06/22—School Advisory Council—6:00pm
- 09/07/22—Mass at 8:30am
- 09/14/22—Mass at 8:30am
- 09/16/22—Teacher Formation Day—No School
- 09/23/22—Mass at 8:30am
- 09/23/22—Make-up Picture Day
- 09/30/22—Mass at 8:30am
- 09/30/22—End of First Quarter
- 10/03—10/07—Fall Break—No School

MAP Testing Schedule for this Week:

- Thursday 8:10-9:35 Grades 3-8
- Friday 8:10-9:20 Grades 3-5


Please try & eliminate check ins/outs during these testing times.

Thanks!




Attention 1st – 6th Graders:

The Huntsville Botanical Garden is sponsoring the 2022 Galaxy of Lights Children’s Art Contest. Students may choose ONE of the following themes: “Holiday” (Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa), “Winter Scene”, or “Celebrating Galaxy of Lights”. Winning artwork will be displayed during Galaxy of Lights (November 11, 2022 – January 1, 2023). Deadline for submissions is Thursday, September 15 at 3:00 p.m. If interested, please see Mrs. Brown, Art Teacher, for all the details.




REMINDER: MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Starting Sept. 6th, you will be dressing out for PE.



- Fall Fest is set for October 22th this year.
- Volunteering information will be announced soon. If you would like to volunteer, please insure your YP1 is up to date.





Important

Please see the attached information sheet regarding the newly adopted program for social-emotional learning for our students. We look forward to sharing information with you throughout the year.

Youth Protection 1: Please go the Diocese of Birmingham website. It has transitioned to a new platform for Youth Protection I training. You can find the information and new course at <https://www.catholicyouthbhm.net/>.

St. Vincent de Paul: Our school has worked to be a strong supporter of the SVdP organization in the parish. SVdP is an organization that is able to provide help for the needy directly and without red tape! Our school supports SVdP in various ways across the year. One important way is we ask the students to bring a canned good for the food pantry on Mass day (Wednesday). We would like to continue this practice this year. We know you may not be able to participate each week, but maybe you can chat as a family and set a goal in supporting this effort for the year. Then have your student be responsible for helping select the canned good and get it in the backpack the night before. What a great multitude of lessons learned in this effort: caring for the poor, responsibility, making decisions! Thanks in advance for your help in this effort.

Food Donations



St. John the Baptist Catholic School

We Make Social-Emotional Learning a Priority

Why Invest in Social-Emotional Learning?

Research shows that emotions affect how and why we learn and that **social and emotional literacy supports success in every part of a student's life.**

Social-emotional learning helps students identify their feelings and better manage their emotions, which positively impacts their academics and relationships.

Through social-emotional learning students:

- develop skills of perseverance and resilience to face academic or personal adversity;
- learn how to handle peer pressure;
- stand up for beliefs when challenged; and
- form close secure relationships.

SEL improves students' attitudes and engagement at school and positively impacts school culture.

We have launched a comprehensive, evidence based social-emotional learning program called **Friendzy**.

The Friendzy program uses an evidence-based approach for teaching and learning so teachers, counselor, and school administration can provide SEL support to students and families all year long.



Social-Emotional Learning Core Competencies:

The Focus of the Friendly Program



SELF-AWARENESS

The ability to identify emotions, recognize strengths and limitations, and build self-confidence



SELF-MANAGEMENT

The ability to increase self-discipline and self-motivation while managing behaviors to achieve goals



RESPONSIBLE DECISION-MAKING

The ability to identify problems, analyze situations, and respond appropriately



SOCIAL AWARENESS

The ability to express empathy, appreciate diversity, and show respect to others



RELATIONSHIPS SKILLS

The ability to build strong relationships through communication, conflict resolution, and teamwork

We Believe SEL is Vital for All Students:

At St. John's Catholic School, learning social-emotional skills is vital for student growth both emotionally and academically.

The Friendly program uses interactive lessons and engaging activities to impact school culture and teach students the skills they need to be successful in school, in relationships, and in life.

Grooming

Girls:

Hair must be neat, may not be distracting, and must remain out of the eyes without assistance. Extreme hair coloring and bleaching with non-natural colors and/or patterns is not permitted. Nail polish must be light in color. Only one pair of earrings may be worn and those must be stud earrings. No make-up in grades K-7. 8th grade girls are allowed modest amount of make-up. No henna tattoos.

Boys:

Hair must be neat, may not be distracting, and must remain out of the eyes without assistance. Hair length cannot extend over the collar or cover the eyes/eyebrows. Haircuts must be of a traditional nature and no unusual cuts. Examples of unusual cuts are partial shavings and/or taller row of hair in the middle. No facial hair. Boys are not allowed to wear earrings or makeup. No henna tattoos.