



# St. John the Baptist Catholic School Newsletter

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What's Going On With Friendly Fun this Week?

Unit 1 We need each other.

God designed us for friendship. We are not meant to be alone.



Core Competencies of Friendly:

- Self-Awareness
- Self-Management
- Responsible Decision-Making
- Social Awareness
- Relations Skills

From the Faculty & Staff:

**P.T.O.** Thank you for the snacks provided during our MAP Testing!

It was greatly appreciated!



### Attention 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 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

Beginning this week, you will be dressing out for PE.



## Upcoming Events:

- 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

## NEW STUDENT TO ST. JOHN'S

Ava Parker—K5  
Welcome!

Fall Fest is set for October 22nd this year. Information on how to volunteer will be announced soon. If you would like to volunteer, please ensure your YP1 is up to date.



### 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/>.

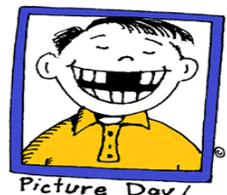


Fall Picture Proofs are coming home today.

Purchasing instructions are on the proof.

Any questions, please contact Greg Machen Photography.

Retakes are on Sept. 23rd



## FROM OUR IT DEPT:

### **“Cyber-Wisdom” for Parents and Kids: Keeping our students safe in the online world**

#### **Dangers of TikTok:**

##### **1. Your Teen Could Potentially Get Exposed to Sexual Predators**

While the platform is working hard on mitigating issues concerning sexual predators reaching out to under aged kids, this issue is still prevalent on TikTok. There have been numerous instances where parents had to report predatory behavior to law enforcement. So, beware!

##### **2. It Can Harm Privacy**

TikTok can harm yours and your teens' privacy. Generally, teens aren't aware of the privacy concerns that come with putting their lives on display for others. Often, they film in front of their homes, show off their homes' interiors, share their locations, show off their parents' cars, and display license plates, etc. It only takes one bold person to use this information for malicious purposes.

##### **3. It's Prone to Negative Comments**

The more one uses a platform, the greater the chances of receiving negative comments. Negative comments can severely impact one's self-esteem and confidence, and even result in self-harm or body image issues. Teens must be resilient if they are going to use this app to post videos.

##### **4. It Can Harm Self-Esteem**

A large volume of negative comments, or even a single one, can have a devastating impact on a kid's self-esteem. TikTok, and other social networks have been criticized for having negative effects on one's confidence. This can deeply hurt one's mental health. There have been instances where kids turned to self-harm or faced other issues, such as anorexia and bulimia, because of social media.

#### **How to Protect Your Teens**

The number one way to protect your teens is to ensure they are learning how to protect themselves and their friends when they use apps like TikTok.

~ excerpt from [cyberwise.org](http://cyberwise.org)