



St. John the Baptist Catholic School Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk:

Last year's GALA experience winners for "Cook for the Day" and "Fly your Flag" are coming up soon. One week in October will have lunches selected by the Brisk family. This Friday is "Fly your Flag" Day. The Pignataro family will fly their favorite sports flag. These are two of several fun items that are available each year at the GALA.

Family FUN Night this Friday! Join us beginning at 5:30 for fellowship, raffle drawing, fun and CORN HOLE. What to do:

1. Send in raffle tickets
2. Register your team for the Corn Hole Tournament

Food Trucks will be here.

Shay La Vie requires preorder due

Wednesday: shaylenehawley@gmail.com.

Other vendors will be here as well.

PLEASE make plans to join friends and faculty!

Upcoming Events:

- 09/23/22—Mass at 8:30am
- 09/23/22—Make-up Picture Day
- 09/23/22—Family FUN Night—information on the schools' website
- 09/30/22—Mass at 8:30am
- 09/30/22—End of First Quarter
- 10/03—10/07—Fall Break—No School
- 10/10/22—School Advisory council—6:00pm
- 10/11/22—Wendy's Spirit Night—5:00-8:00pm
- 10/11/22—PTO Meeting 6:00pm
- 10/12/22—Mass at 8:30am
- 10/13 & 10/14—Parent/Teacher Conference
1:00 Dismissal, BACS till 5:00pm

Important

DUE TO STAFFING SHORTAGES, THERE IS NO AFTERCARE ON SEPTEMBER 30TH.

Please have your students picked up in carline.

From Our PTO President:

- PTO Meeting is October 11th
- Interested in volunteering for Fall Fest, Please make plans to attend & make sure your YP is up to date.
- Parents attending the PTO meeting will receive "Out of Uniform" passes for their child/ren.

Important

What's Going On With Friendly Fun this Week?

Catchphrase: WE NEED EACH OTHER!

Key Verses:

"The Lord God Said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone.'"


-Genesis 2:18

"Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up."

-1 Thessalonians 5:11

Goal:

To create a culture of BUILDING UP versus tearing down.



From the Business Office:

Please note that lunch and after school care billing will end on Sept. 29 due to Fall Break. Any charges incurred on Friday, Sept. 30 will be added to the October billing cycle.

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/>.




1st day of autumn

09/22/2022



Reminder: Retake Picture Day is this Friday after school mass.



Picture Day!

“Cyber Wisdom” for Parents and Kids: keeping our students safe in the online world

What Parents Should Know About Online Gaming

Most games today are designed with “hooks.” Hooks are features inserted to get players to play longer and more often and even pay money to continue playing. These hooks rely on non-drug-based sources of external stimuli, which can trick the body into generating dopamine which gives the player a rush. So, gamers often feel stressed when not playing and can lose interest in everyday activities. This is the beginning of an addiction.

Many gamers know these hooks exist. Many parents of children gamers know of these hooks and can teach their children about them. These gamers have the discipline to decide whether they want to continue of their free will, disengage, or lessen play time in resistance to the hooks. To counter this discipline, some game developers use dark designs or dark patterns to direct gamers into choices and behaviors against the users’ intent. The younger the gamer, the less discipline he or she will have to combat the “hooks”.

Knowing these deceptive designs and how these hooks manipulate players can help determine whether the gamer controls the game, or the game controls the gamer. To check this out, go to

<https://www.cyberwise.org/post/what-parents-should-know-about-how-games-keep-kids-hooked>

SAVE THE DATE

ST JOHN'S FALL FEST

We have a million reasons to celebrate the Fall season and our church and school community!

OCT. 22, 2022

1 PM - 4 PM

ST. JOHN'S ALL PURPOSE FIELD

Enjoy the fall season with carnival games, inflatable obstacle course, snacks, raffle and prizes.

- Bake Walk
- Games for all ages
- Teacher/Student Challenge
- Fun for the Whole Family!

Everyone is invited!

