



# St. John the Baptist School Newsletter

March 2019

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER SEASON OF LENTEN PREPARATION

"The Season of Lent is a time for reconsidering our feelings, for letting our eyes be opened to injustice, to open our hearts to those suffering." Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. It marks the beginning of our journey as we grow closer to God. During this time of Lent reflect, recommit and grow closer to God. Many blessings!

The St. John the Baptist family is entering the season of Lent in preparation for the celebration of Easter. Our classes will participate in activities to help make differences in the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves in the world. Mr. Biagetti and the WE Team will be organizing a fun Beach Day for the H.W.C.D.S.B. DREAMS Team that will be leaving over March Break to build a home in the Dominican Republic. Students will be asked to bring in a \$2.00 donation, dress in their beach attire (shorts, t-shirts, sunscreen noses, hats, sunglasses) and participate in some fun activities such as Limbo contest, watermelon eating contest, and much more. Students will be introduced to the Healthy Action Team who will be organizing "Random Acts of Kindness" throughout the school.

As we prepare together as a school, take this time as a family to talk and participate in almsgiving, praying, and fasting.

Enjoy the month of March.

Miss St. Aubin, Principal

***"Spread love wherever you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."***

***Mother Teresa***



### Irish Blessing

*Wishing you...*

May there always be work for your hands to do.

May your purse always hold a coin or two.

May the sun always shine on your windowpane.

May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.

May the hand of a friend always be near you.

May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.



# Your Child's Progress

## *Report Card Expectations*

Susan Newman Ph.D. writes that many parents have high expectations for how well their children perform academically. However, when a report card comes home that isn't what parents want, they get upset. She offers a variety of pointers on how to successfully motivate your children and reduce your parental angst when having the inevitable "report card discussion."

For example, parents see that one comment, "Johnny is a good student, however, he is missing three homework assignments and because of that his grade is a C instead of a B." This may be new to you and perhaps, in previous years, they never had that comment. Many questions wander through your heads as parents: Where are the A's and B's that you had last year? What is happening? Who is at fault? What is the teacher doing wrong?

The first thing she says to do is squash your first impulse. Take a deep breath, and let your child speak. You may hear, "It's not my fault, the teacher is mean." You may hear denial. "I didn't know that it was missing."

Then ask, "What do you think got in your way? What is hard? What is boring? Were you distracted? If you yell or scream, and tell them how to fix it, it doesn't engage their process. They need to own their mark and set a plan into action.

Work in conjunction with the teacher. Have open, positive communication with the teacher on how "we" can help your child succeed. As educators, we are not placing blame on the home, and as parents, it is important not to place blame on the teacher. Both, home and school, are a team that works for the success of the child.

Please keep in mind that we have many different children with different needs and learning capabilities. It is important to discuss with your child that classes get noisy, classes get busy, and unstructured, but they need to begin to work to develop the skills of taking responsibility for their learning. We all can do this in partnership by providing motivation, structure and understanding.

(2014- Joani Geltman)

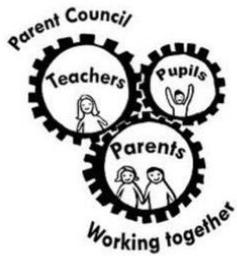


# Kindergarten Registration

JK/SK registration is well underway for the September 2019-2020 school year. If you are interested in registering your child, or know someone in the neighborhood, that would like to register their child, please come in to the main office to speak with Mrs. Secen to begin the process.

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***Working together with Jesus, we succeed.***



## CSC News

Catholic School Council encourages all parents to come out and join us for our next meeting in March 6th. Your voice is important to us, your concerns and suggestions need to be heard. We value your voice.



**CYO NEWS:** Jr. Boys Volleyball and Sr. Boys Volleyball tryouts are happening before March Break. Congratulations to Junior and Seniors Volleyball, and the Junior and Senior boys' basketball on a great season. You represented our school with pride, sportsmanship and athleticism. A special congratulation to our Junior Girls Volleyball team who advanced to the Semi- Finals on Feb 23 at Cardinal Newman but were defeated by IHM> The girls showed great effort and improvement through the season. Congratulations to Nicole G, Mia P, Carmela C, Leighton U, Grace E, Claudia K, Amber H, Sophie P, Victoria C, Ashley H, Rebeca B and Ariana U.



As Spring approaches, if you have any gently used uniform items that your child has outgrown, please consider donating them to our uniform clothes closet. We are also accepting donations of high school uniforms as well.

## Parish News:

### St. John the Baptist Church

We would like to invite parents and children to Mass at 9:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist. Fr. Andrew is amazing and the children's liturgy is taught in a way that the children will understand.

Also we are looking for Altar Servers, Boys and Girls. Grade 4. Please get in touch with the Rector at 905-544-2100.

Also, Ash Wednesday is coming. March 6<sup>th</sup> is the beginning of Lent.



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