

**St. John the Baptist School and Preschool
2017 - 2018
Parent/Student Handbook**



The following information and regulations are pertinent to the daily schedule of St. John the Baptist School. This handbook should help provide a framework that the faculty, staff, parents and students can use to develop a successful school environment. Comments and suggestions on how this handbook can be improved are welcome. Please address them in writing to both the principal and the St. John the Baptist School Committee. This handbook is reviewed and updated annually, as needed.

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MISSION STATEMENT

St. John the Baptist School is a Catholic Faith community educating each child spiritually, academically, socially, physically, and emotionally in order to develop the students' full potential. We are committed to providing an environment to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.



Statement of Beliefs

- † We believe each student is a child of God with unique spiritual, intellectual, social, physical and emotional needs.
- † We believe students learn best when they are actively engaged in the learning process.
- † We believe students should demonstrate, to their full potential, their understanding of essential knowledge and skills.
- † We believe that a commitment to continuous improvement within our school is essential for success.
- † We believe a student's self-esteem is enhanced by positive relationships and mutual respect between students, parents, administrators and faculty.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL HANDBOOK

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GENERAL INFORMATION

A. ENROLLMENT

It is the intent of St. John the Baptist Parish to educate the children of our Parish who apply for registration in the school program. St. John the Baptist School offers instruction to students in Preschool through Grade 8. Our Preschool programs for 3 and 4 year olds provide developmentally appropriate experiences in a faith-filled learning environment and our Kindergarten through Grade 8 instruction follows the Ohio learning standards as have been adopted by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

B. TUITION

1. General Information

St. John the Baptist Church, as a parish community, remains committed to excellence in Catholic education. St. John the Baptist School's expenses are just over \$1,365,000. With approximately 300 students, per pupil cost for this education will be almost \$5,500 for the 2017-18 school year. This amount is still substantially less than the per pupil cost of our local public schools.

Tuition is necessary to guarantee the continuation of the high quality education that St. John the Baptist School currently provides. Tuition payments only account for 40% of the cost of educating each student. The balance is subsidized by St. John the Baptist Parish.

2. Rates

Tuition for the 2017-18 school year is as follows:

2 Day Preschool: \$1,300

3 Day Preschool: \$1,625

One child in Half Day Kindergarten

Full Day Kindergarten/Grades 1-8

	Tuition	Tuition
One Child	\$2,415	\$3,500
+ One Child	\$5,275	\$6,585
+ Two Children	\$7,690	\$9,050
 3 or more maximum	 \$9,050	

Registration Fee

One child	\$75	(if paid by February 26)
Two children	\$150	(if paid by February 26)
Three or more children	\$225	(if paid by February 26)

One child	\$150	(if paid after February 26)
Two children	\$300	(if paid after February 26)
Three or more children	\$450	(if paid after February 26)

NON-PARISH Tuition

Each Child in K(full day) - 8	\$5,925	Half Day Kindergarten	\$3,315
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Tuition for the 2017/18 school year includes a \$50 Technology Fee

The goal of the St. John the Baptist School Tuition Policy is to enable and encourage all parish families to participate in a high quality Catholic education and to provide the financial (and stewardship) resources necessary to sustain the school in a responsible manner.

Parishioners:

St. John the Baptist will accept registration from all parents who are registered parishioners and wish to enroll their children in St. John the Baptist School.

The **Parishioner Tuition Rate** shall be established on an annual basis jointly by the Finance Committee and Education Commission and approved by the Parish Council.

In order to have a fiscally sound and sustainable school, the following minimum requirements are expected of all parishioners with children attending St. John the Baptist School.

- a. Families are registered members of the Parish;
- b. Parents and children share in the faith life of the parish at St. John the Baptist Parish by attending weekly liturgies at least 60% of the year;
- c. Parents financially support the Parish through weekly contributions using the church envelopes;
- d. Parents participate in the Parish Stewardship Program by volunteering their time and talents to support the ministries and organizations of the Parish.

Families not actively participating in the Parish by meeting these minimum requirements may be contacted by the Parish Office for special arrangements.

For families who are experiencing financial hardships, the Parish offers separate tuition funding options which are decided on an individual case basis. Please contact the Pastor for details.

Non-Parishioners:

Families who are not registered parishioners of St. John's and want their children to attend the Parish School have two options:

- a. They may become registered members of the Parish and pay the **Parishioner Tuition Rate**.
- b. They may continue being parishioners of another Parish, pay the **Non-Parishioner Tuition Rate** and seek tuition assistance from their Parish.

Everyone who desires education for their child(ren) at St. John's will be considered for enrollment. In order to be accepted as a parishioner, families must have an active catholic in the household or be working toward acceptance into the faith in our Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults program.

Families who are not currently registered **Parishioners** of St. John's may become members of the Parish by contacting the Parish Office – both Ohio and Indiana residents are eligible.

Acceptance of children from families who are **Non-Parishioners** is subject to the approval of the Pastor. For anyone not accepted, the registration fee will be refunded.

3. Payment Methods

There are two payment options available for payment of tuition. The first option is to pay the amount of tuition in full, on or before July 1, 2017. Payment should be turned in to the school office in one of the envelopes supplied by the Parish.

The second payment option, the Monthly Tuition Payment program, allows for 10 monthly installments. The first payment is due by July 1, 2017 and all remaining installments are due on the first day of each successive month. A payment book and envelopes are mailed to your home for these monthly payments.

4. Refunds

Students who, **without** good cause, withdraw from St. John the Baptist School after the start of the school year will be charged for the remainder of the school year for which the student is enrolled. The only exceptions to this policy are withdrawals due to emergency situations. All such situations required written approval from the Business Manager and Principal for possible refunds.

5. Financial Aid

Financial assistance is available for school tuition through FACTS Tuition Management. Applications are required to be submitted to FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment no later than March 15 each year for the following school year. Applications are available in the school office. The pastor and business manager retain the authority to grant tuition assistance to families who are faced with a financial emergency or other special needs. The state of Ohio also provides two types of scholarships for which students may be eligible. The Jon Peterson Scholarship provides funds to supply supports to students with special education needs. The Educational Expansion Ohio EdChoice Scholarship provides tuition funds for families whose income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

C. DAILY SCHEDULE

The school day begins at 8:50 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. It is helpful for all students to arrive by 8:35 in order to allow time to unpack and be ready for the day. A child may not arrive at school any earlier than 8:20 a.m. as supervision is not provided until that time. Dismissal is regulated by announcing the bus numbers over the intercom as the buses arrive. Students in the Geil Building (grades K to 4) leaving in private vehicles must be met in person by their drivers in the area above the thick yellow line running from the maintenance garage to the modular unit. They should then be escorted to their vehicles. Students from the Harrison Avenue Building may carefully go to their vehicles unescorted. To insure safety in this process, follow the direction of staff members on duty and assist us by reminding your sons and daughters to walk in the crosswalk.

Students staying after school for special activities such as student council, science club, musical groups, scouts, detention, etc. should report directly to the moderators of such events immediately after dismissal. However, students attending after school practices for various team sports should use the following procedure for practices beginning at 4:00 p.m. Since the gym or outdoor playground area will not be available for use until 4:00 p.m., students going to practices should remain in the gymnasium until the last group of school buses is called. They should then go to the restroom to change into their practice attire and then go quietly to the inside or outside gym entrance to meet their coach.

If a team practice starts later than 4:00 p.m., students should go home as usual at dismissal and return to school at their assigned practice time. Students are not permitted to “hang out” on the playground or in the school building or leave school grounds to go to area restaurants. As there is no supervision, activities like these could lead to problems and/or present a danger for students. All students on school property should know which adult is supervising them at all times.

SPECIAL DISMISSAL: A child being dismissed early must present a note, written and signed by a parent to the school office, stating the reason and time of dismissal. Parents must then meet the child in the school office and sign them out of school. If a child returns to school they must be signed in at the office.

D. HIGH SCHOOL SHADOW DATES

While every high school hosts a fall open house for prospective families, many parents like to schedule shadow dates, allowing 8th grade students to experience the choices firsthand. At St. John the Baptist, we will excuse **three** absences for shadowing. Students will be permitted to make up work missed while shadowing only if it is a pre-approved visit. To find the available shadowing dates at high school

for which you are interested, please visit their individual websites. When a student shadows, a shadowing form must be completed and given to their Homeroom Teacher one week before the shadow date. They must also have a note from the high school they shadowed verifying they were there on that date. Forms can be found in the school office.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

A. MASS ATTENDANCE

Daily Liturgy is celebrated at 7:30 a.m. All classes attend Mass every Friday at 9:00 a.m. Kindergarten students will begin attending school Masses after the First Quarter of each school year.

Special all-school Liturgies are celebrated on Holy Days of Obligation, and on various special days. Class Liturgies are prepared at all grade levels. Provisions are made for the reception of the Sacraments. Parents should join the school in actively preparing their children to receive Sacraments.

B. RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

St. John the Baptist School is a Catholic School whose curriculum reflects the Catholic-Christian philosophy, and the basic teaching of the Bishops who define the educational mission of the Church as *Message, Community and Service*.

A report of the student's progress in religious education is made at the regular reporting intervals. This report reflects the student's progress in religion, meaning his/her growth in understanding and ability to express the teachings of the catholic church. It does not necessarily indicate progress in the spiritual life.

Students in Grade 2 receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion. Eighth grade students receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST FORMATION COMMISSION

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B. MEETING INFORMATION

The Faith Formation Commission meets the first Wednesday of every month in the St. John the Baptist School Library. The meetings are open to all parishioners and all are welcome to attend. Items to be included on the agenda for discussion at a Formation Commission meeting must be submitted to any member and forwarded to the Principal at least one week prior. The School Committee meets on Tuesdays at least six months of the year, and deals with goals and concerns specific to the day school. Membership consists of representatives from the school staff, PTC, Formation Commission, Technology Team and interested parents.

C. MISSION

“Go therefore, and make disciples of all the nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you.” (Mt. 28:19-20) In our Catholic tradition this mission, given to the Apostles, is the heart of the Bishop’s office. The Archbishop of Cincinnati has assigned a Pastor to carry out the Archbishop’s Pastoral duties to the people of St. John the Baptist Church. In this capacity he calls us to celebrate our faith and teachings. The role of the St. John the Baptist’s Formation Commission is to assist him in his educational ministry by discerning needs for educational activity, developing goals, policies, strategies and programs to fulfill those needs, and to help in any other ways deemed by him to be part of the educational ministry.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A. ADMISSION POLICY

1. Preschool

Preschool students must reach the age of 3 years on or before September 30 of the year of admittance for the 3 Year Old Program, or the age of 4 years on or before September 30 of the year of admittance for the 4 Year Old Program. Students must be independent with bathroom skills.

2. Kindergarten

Kindergarten students must reach the age of 5 years on or before September 30 of the year of admittance. Parents who make application for early admission to kindergarten will be referred to the school psychologist or the local public school district for evaluation. Students who meet the public school criteria may be accepted in St. John’s Kindergarten on a trial basis. All underage admissions are to be made on a trial basis, with a written statement to that effect, signed by the parents.

3. Grade 1

The Ohio Revised Code provides that no child be admitted to the First Grade unless he/she is 6 years of age on or before September 30 of the year of admittance. Children who reach the age of 6 before October 1 are “of age” for the First Grade but must have completed Kindergarten. Underage children who have qualified and successfully completed Kindergarten and/or First Grade in another school are eligible without further psychological evaluation. If a child has been in an upgraded program in another approved school, he/she is qualified for placement at the level deemed appropriate by the administration.

4. General

No student may be excluded by St. John the Baptist School because of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry. Admission shall not be based on ability or achievement. We have a positive obligation from the Gospel message to accept integration in order to help provide for the total educational experience of students at St. John School. Students who seek admission in order to avoid desegregation will not be accepted.

Policy 501.02/Archdiocese of Cincinnati Administrators Guide – Admission Policies.

5. Priorities for Admission

Admission to St. John the Baptist School will be accomplished using the following priority ranking:

Students in good standing presently enrolled in the school program are assured admittance for the upcoming year during the March enrollment period. If the registration exceeds the maximum class size number, an aide may be hired or an additional classroom established, provided space is available.

If a situation occurs where a waiting list develops, students will be accepted according to the following guidelines:

St. John the Baptist Grade School

- a. Participating registered parish members who have or have had children enrolled in the parish school.
- b. Registered parish families who are participating members of the parish.

New families to the parish/school:

- c. Participating members of the parish whose children have reached school age.
- d. New members of the parish according to the order of registration in the parish.

St. John the Baptist Preschool

- a. Registered parishioners with children presently registered and enrolled in St. John the Baptist School.
- b. Registered parishioners with children who have graduated from St. John the Baptist School.
- c. Registered parishioners who are participating members of the parish.
- d. Presently employed teachers of St. John the Baptist School for his/her child.
- e. Non-Parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church

5. Admission Forms

All parents must complete a registration form and pay a registration fee before a student will be admitted to St. John the Baptist School. The registration fee in the amount of \$75 is non-refundable. Additionally, a physical examination completed by a licensed physician is required by the Catholic Archdiocese of Cincinnati Education Commission for admittance to St. John for all Preschool, Kindergarten students and new pupils.

6. Student Placement

Placement at St. John the Baptist School is based on meeting admission qualifications, recommendations from the student's previous teachers, and any other recommendations and concerns that may be appropriate.

B. ABSENCE

Regular attendance is required of every student. Parents/Guardians should promote good attendance at home with their child(ren). When a child is absent on a given day, parents/guardians should call the school office between **8:00** and **9:00** a.m. to explain the absence. When reporting an absence of longer than two days, it is helpful to know when the child will return so appropriate assignments may be provided. One call only will be necessary for such an illness. All other absences should be reported daily. This procedure ensures St. John School of the child's safety and informs the school of the nature of the illness. When a child returns to school, a written note to the teacher is required, stating the reason for the absence, giving the date(s) absent and signed by the parent. If a child is not in school, for whatever reason, he/she will be considered absent for their record. The only exception to this is the school policy on snow/calamity days. **Requests for homework must be made to the school office by 10:00 a.m. and homework can be picked up at 3:25 p.m. in the school office.** Students will have the same number of days to complete assignments missed due to their absence as the number of days they were absent (i.e., if a student is absent for two days, they have an additional two days to complete assignments given during their absence).

C. ATTENDANCE AND TARDINESS

Students must report to their classroom by 8:50 a.m. Help your child start his/her day right by being on time. The optimum time to arrive at school is 8:35 a.m. This will allow your child to unpack his/her

belongings, put them away and be ready to start the day without rushing. A student is tardy if he/she is not present in the homeroom, ready for class at 8:50 a.m. Students arriving late must present their written excuse in the office and receive a tardy pass to be presented to the teacher. Children arriving on a bus that arrives late are not considered tardy. Students leaving early will be considered tardy. Students arriving after 10:30 a.m. will be considered absent for half a day rather than tardy. Students absent for more than 1½ hours on a school day (whether it is in the morning, the middle of the day or at the end of the day) will be considered absent for a half day; while students absent up to 1½ hours on a school day will be considered tardy. Excessive tardiness will be brought to the attention of the principal and could be referred to the public school district attendance officer.

D. PROBLEMS OR CONCERNS

We believe in a partnership between parents and the school. Should an academic/classroom problem arise in a particular subject area, either the teacher, parent or student should feel comfortable in asking for a conference. If the situation continues, the teacher will notify the parents either by telephone or by note requesting a conference to enlist their help in resolving the problem. If after this conference(s) a resolution is not reached, the principal or other school resource (psychologist or school nurse, i.e.) may be contacted to offer help in attempting to solve the problem.

TO BE VERY CLEAR THE FOLLOWING PROCESS SHOULD BE FOLLOWED:

- 1. Communicate concerns to the teacher(s) involved by phone, email or note.**
- 2. Expect a response within 24 hours.**
- 3. Work cooperatively and respectfully to address the needs of the student and classroom.**
- 4. Implement a plan.**
- 5. Allow at least two weeks to evaluate the effectiveness of the plan.**
- 6. Communicate results between parents and teachers.**
- 7. Invite principal or other school resources if further interventions or assistance are needed.**

E. CAFETERIA FEES AND GUIDELINES

The Cafeteria operates on all school days in session. The program used is "Offer vs. Serve" which requires each child to choose at least 3 of the 4, 5, or 6 items offered. Students may skip the foods they dislike, yet obtain a nutritious lunch by government standards, thus avoiding waste. **Please read over daily menus with each child (particularly grades K-3) so the child may plan ahead what to choose before coming through the serving line.** The price is the same regardless of the number of items chosen. You may obtain a copy of U.S. Dept. of Agriculture requirements in the school office.

The cost of lunch is \$3.10 per day, per student. Lunch purchases for the entire week will be discounted to \$3.00 per day per student – payable on MONDAY only. When buying weekly lunch, list student(s) name and grade level on the check, or the envelope, if sending cash. If checks are returned to the cafeteria, the check amount plus the bank service charge will be charged to the responsible party.

Charged lunch, when lunch or money is forgotten, is handled by the cafeteria cashier. Charges must be paid back within a week. For packed lunches or extras, the cost of milk is \$.75 or juice is \$.75. Free and reduced lunch prices are available for families who qualify due to financial need or family situations. A form is distributed in September for parents who feel they might qualify.

Microwave – Two microwave ovens are available for students in **grades 4-8**. Students in **K-3 are not** to use the microwave ovens for safety reasons and because they do not have time to wait for the microwave, heat their lunch items, and then wait for items to cool before eating them during their lunch period. Please pack tasty and healthy food items your children can open and consume independently.

Adults are available to help, but are there first and foremost, to ensure safe behaviors in the lunchroom.

Volunteers are appreciated and urgently needed – contact Debbie Dole at 367-9860 if interested in helping, or for questions regarding the cafeteria.

In order for lunch periods to be a happy time for all students as well as the school staff, it is necessary for good order and courtesy to be maintained. Students should remain seated, but are encouraged to socialize quietly with classmates at lunchtime. Food should not be shared and should remain on the table. If students need help opening or preparing their lunch items, they should raise their hands for assistance.

F. WELLNESS POLICY

St. John the Baptist believes that the goal of a school wellness program is to create a total school environment that is conducive to healthy eating and being physically active thus ensuring that the school community will become more aware of healthy practices. These include:

1. Nutrition education, physical activity and other school-based activities that are designed to promote student wellness.
2. Nutrition guidelines for all foods available on school campus during the school day.
3. Guideline for reimbursable school meals.
4. Plan for measuring implementation of the local wellness policy.
5. Development of the wellness policy using the available school community.

I. Goals for (a) nutrition education, (b) physical activity and (c) other school-based activities that promote wellness

- a. Nutrition Education
 - School will implement the health objectives relating to diet, nutrition and exercise as stated in the 2017 Archdiocesan Graded Course of Study for Science and Health.
 - Nutrition guidelines, food pyramid charts, suggestions for healthy food choices and/or other messages related to health and nutrition will be posted in or near the school cafeteria and throughout the school.
 - School lunch periods will be scheduled so as to provide nourishment within a reasonable time frame from the start of the school day.
 - Recess or snack breaks will be scheduled for students as needed to maintain energy levels.
- b. Physical activity
 - All students will participate in the school's physical education program. Physical education programs will implement the objectives of the 2012 Archdiocesan Graded Course of Study for Physical Education
 - All classes will have access to recess according to the school's schedule.
 - Students will be encouraged to participate in school and community sports programs, and to be physically active outside of school.
- c. Other school-based activities
 - The school encourages the use of non-food rewards for student behavior.
 - The school further encourages teachers and parents to provide healthy snacks, and to minimize sugary treats for classroom celebrations.
 - The school will provide parent education on nutrition and the benefits of physical activity through newsletters.
 - Teachers will be offered training in nutrition as needed, and in physical activities conducive to learning and appropriate for classrooms.

II. Nutrition guidelines for all goods available on school campus during the school day

- School lunch programs will follow nutritional guidelines established by Ohio Department of Education, Office of Child Nutrition Services (see #3).
- Schools will evaluate food products sold on their premises, and set nutritional guidelines for all food and beverages available on campuses.
- Preschool parents are responsible for supplying healthy snacks for your child's class. Sugary juice boxes are not acceptable beverages for the preschool. Parents should adhere to the list provided by the preschool teacher.
- Drinking fountains and/or water coolers will be available in every building.

III. Guidelines for reimbursable school meals

School will continue to follow the state and federal guidelines and procedures for reimbursement for school lunch, breakfast or special milk programs.

IV. Plan for measuring implementation of the local wellness policy

School chooses the following options for monitoring the success of the local wellness program.

- School may survey students and /or parents on eating choices and behavior and physical activity outside of school. Surveys could be done annually or as pre-and post-activities during one school year.
- Some physical education classes have students regularly monitor heart rate as part of their physical fitness programs. This information could be part of the evaluation.
- The local wellness committee should revisit the wellness policy annually to revise, update, or amend the policy as needed. The "bottom line" is the overall health and well being of the students. Is the policy as written furthering or frustrating that goal?

V. School Community involvement in the development of the plan.

Administration will:

- Present the Wellness Policy to the St. John School Committee annually. The committee will be receptive to suggestions from the school community.
- Wellness policy will be dated as to when and who approved it.

G. FIRST TIME BUS RIDERS

For students new to St. John's or new to riding the bus, we have a process to ensure students find their way to their classrooms. As students depart from the bus (side entrance between the rectory house and back of church), a teacher is assigned to greet students and point them into the respective buildings. K-4 students are directed to enter the school in the first entrance/side entrance of church. 5-8 grade students are directed to the junior high building, entering through the doors nearest the parish rectory. Once students enter the building, older students are assigned to greet them and direct them to their classrooms. There are also volunteers posted outside their classrooms to continue to provide direction to finding classrooms.

At the end of the day, students who ride buses will travel to the gymnasium to wait for their bus arrival to be announced over the intercom. Students are then directed to line up and come to the staging area (Hill Street and side entrance between the rectory house and the back of church). The principal will greet students and help direct onto the proper buses.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

I. Discipline Policy of St. John the Baptist School

A. Courtesy

Students are to consider it a matter of personal honor to show courtesy at all times to every member of the faculty, office, cafeteria and maintenance personnel as well as to all guests, visitors and especially to each other. Parents are encouraged and reminded to cultivate the virtues of kindness, thoughtfulness, politeness and refinement in their children.

B. Code of Conduct

The goal of excellence is dependent upon the existence of an environment that is conducive to teaching and learning. This environment exists in all areas of the school building including church, playground, cafeteria, hallways and classrooms. St. John the Baptist School has a primary purpose – the education of the whole person in a truly Christian atmosphere. In order to achieve this purpose, each student is expected to observe certain basic rules of conduct in all areas of the school and at school-sponsored events.

The Principal, in consultation with the Discipline Policy Subcommittee, Teachers and School Committee, has devised a standard discipline code for the school. Though standard throughout the school, age-specific adaptations may be made by grade level. Each teacher will have a classroom code reflecting the standard policy and these grade specific plans are listed in this procedure.

It is the policy of St. John the Baptist School NOT to discuss disciplinary actions except with the parents or guardians of the student involved.

C. Responsibilities

Student Responsibilities:

1. Come to class prepared – have necessary books, supplies, and assignments.
2. Fill in the homework notebook or Chromebook if applicable.
3. Exercise self-control and be accountable for his/her personal actions.
4. Know and observe all school and classroom rules.
5. Participate!
6. Try your best.
7. Show respect for yourself, for others, and for school and others' property.
8. Use materials in ways that avoid waste, litter or damage.
9. Keep textbooks covered and in good condition.
10. Keep hands, feet, etc. to yourself.
11. Be a Christian example in all you say and do.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities:

1. Encourage and support your child.
2. Be sure your child attends school daily and is on time.
3. Make sure your child is dressed appropriately.
4. Teach your child, by work and example, respect for the law, for school rules and regulations, and for the rights and property of others.
5. Encourage and support all school personnel.
6. Provide a time and a place for homework and assist when appropriate.
7. Read the homework notebook daily or check Option C for assignment updates.
8. Assist your child in having the necessary materials for class.
9. Keep the lines of communication open with your child and with the school.
10. Be sure your child's lunch meets his/her nutritional needs.

11. Be a Christian example in all you say and do.

Teacher Responsibilities:

1. Be prepared for class.
2. Establish and maintain a challenging environment where all may learn and achieve.
3. Work with students to establish classroom rules.
4. Enforce school and classroom rules impartially and consistently.
5. Work to help each child make progress socially and academically
6. Regularly communicate child's progress and behavior to parent/guardian.
7. Use materials in ways that don't waste, litter or damage.
8. Be a Christian example in all you say and do.

Administrator Responsibilities:

1. Work in collaboration with students, teachers, and parent/guardian to improve the school.
2. Support teachers and students in their efforts.
3. Provide instructional leadership.
4. Enforce school rules impartially and consistently.
5. Communicate with parent/guardian if administrator's involvement is required in child's discipline.
6. Organize and supervise the work of teachers and staff.
7. Ensure adherence to SJB school policies.
8. Be a Christian example in all you say and do.

D. School Rules

General School Rules:

1. Come to school in uniform, even on physical education days.
2. Walk in the hallways.
3. Speak softly in the hallways.
4. Do not pass others in the hallway; allow others to pass when appropriate.
5. Hold the door for the next person. A class entering the building need only push the security buzzer one time.
6. Be courteous – say please, thank you and excuse me.
7. Use appropriate language at all times.
8. Use correct titles for adults.
9. Do not chew gum.
10. Eat only at designated times.
11. Keep our school neat and clean.
12. Do not sell any items unless approved by the administration.
13. Avoid activities not contributing to the welfare of the school community.
14. Adhere to the Acceptable Use of Technology Policy.

Cafeteria Rules:

1. Be courteous while moving through the lunch line.
2. Do not yell, shout or scream.
3. Use appropriate table manners and touch only your own food and drink.
4. Eat your food only in the cafeteria.
5. Keep your hands to yourself.
6. Remain seated until dismissed for recess or to return to class.
7. Clean your place and leave it in an orderly fashion when dismissed.

Playground Rules:

1. Stay in designated area.

2. Make proper use of the toys and equipment.
3. Take care of each other by playing safely and following game rules.
4. Play fairly.
5. Everyone can play. Do not exclude anyone. Invite those sitting on the Buddy Bench to play.

Rules in Church:

1. Show reverence.
2. Participate by singing and responding to prayers.
3. Fold hands while processing to receive the Eucharist and when returning to your seat.
4. If you will not be receiving Holy Communion, cross your arms across your chest when processing during the Eucharist.
5. Be as quiet as possible during quiet times.

E. Parental Support

As corrective measures are taken to ensure appropriate behavior in the classroom, it is critical that the staff, teachers and administration have the full support of the parents/guardians in an effort to ensure an environment that promotes access to education. Without this support, the efforts of the staff, teachers, and administration to maintain discipline may be severely hampered.

F. Retaining Personal Property

Students may not bring items such as aerosol cans, CDs, toys (unless requested by the teacher or brought in for use at recess only) to school. All items will be confiscated, five demerits issued and the parent/guardian will pick up the item(s) at the end of the day to take home. Any item confiscated by a school employee and not collected on the last day of the school year by the owner will be donated to charity. Smart phones and Smart watches are not to be used during hours of school operation. Widget spinners are permitted to assist students with focusing needs if accompanied with a letter of diagnosis from a physician. Since they are school tools, widget spinners should not be brought to recess.

II. Procedure for Rule Infraction at St. John the Baptist School

Children at St. John's are expected to observe the classroom rules as detailed below according to his or her grade level. At St. John's, the children's growth in age and maturity is expected to be reflected in their behavior. Please read the classroom rules and behavior plans which apply to your child's age carefully and discuss them with your child. Support your child's teacher(s) throughout the school year by reinforcing these good behavioral habits.

A. Preschool through Grade 2:

Classroom Rules:

1. We listen to each other.
2. Hands are for helping, not hurting.
3. We use I-Care language.
4. We care about each other's feelings.
5. We are responsible for what we say and do.

At no time will students be disciplined using physical force or threats of physical force.

The children will be encouraged to help themselves and each other in following the rules of our classroom. Please try to encourage and reinforce any positive behaviors at home as well. If a child does not choose to follow our plan, the following will take place:

Behavior Plans:

We will use a card system with different colors. This system will work on a daily basis; all children begin every day with their card turned to green. They try to keep it green by remembering our classroom rules. If these are forgotten the following will take place.

Kindergarten:

Start on green every day.

1st Time: Verbal reminder

2nd Time: Card is turned to yellow

3rd Time: Card is turned to yellow, child reminded of expectation

4th Time: Card is turned to red, note sent home to be signed by parent/guardian and returned to school the next day.

Grade 1:

Start on green every day.

1st Time: Verbal reminder

2nd Time: Card is turned to yellow

3rd Time: Card is turned to yellow again, 5 minute time out as necessary to think or talk with the teacher about ways to improve.

4th Time: Card is turned to red, note sent home to be signed by parent/guardian and returned to school the next day.

If a child has reached a red card and still needs further help, parents will be notified of the situation so that we can work together to help the child. In cases of severe disruption, parents/guardians and principal will be immediately notified.

Grade 2:

Start on green every day.

1st Time: Verbal reminder

2nd Time: Turn card to yellow - Warning

3rd Time: Card is turned to red, a note will be sent home to be signed by parent/guardian and returned to school the next day.

B. Grades 3 and 4:

Classroom Rules:

1. Follow directions the first time they are given.
2. Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.
3. Raise your hand to be called upon before speaking during teaching time.
4. Bring all required supplies to class.
5. No teasing or name calling.
6. Give your best effort.

The children will be encouraged to help themselves and each other in following the rules of our classroom. Please try to encourage and reinforce any positive behaviors at home as well. If a child does not choose to follow our plan, the following will take place:

Behavior Plans:

This system will work on a daily basis; all students begin every day with a fresh start.

Grade 3:

1st Time: Warning and their name is recorded

2nd Time: 3 minutes late for lunch

3rd Time: 3 minutes late for lunch and 10 minutes loss of recess - - Conduct Slip sent home to be signed by parent/guardian and returned to school the next day.

4th Time: 3 minutes late for lunch, 10 minutes loss of recess and call parents/guardians.

Severe Disruption: Student will be sent to the principal's office.

Grade 4 (First Two Quarters):

1st Time: Warning – Conference with teacher

2nd Time: No Recess

3rd Time: Conduct Slip sent home to be signed by parent/guardian and returned to school the next day.

4th Time: Conference with teacher, student and parents/guardians.

Grade 4 (Second Two Quarters):

The last two quarters of the year, the 4th grade will follow the behavior plan in the classroom as described below for grades 5 through 8.

C. Grades 5-8

Every student will be issued a Behavior Card to track individual violations of the school rules. A master copy of every student's Behavior Card will be maintained by his/her homeroom teacher. When an inappropriate behavior occurs, the supervising teacher or staff authority will issue a demerit and mark the student's Behavior Card accordingly. If the student is not in class when a demerit is issued, the supervising teacher or staff authority will issue said demerit via Behavior Report and the demerit will be recorded on the student's Behavior Card by his/her homeroom teacher upon returning to class. Option C includes a behavior section teachers use to communicate misbehaviors with Parents/Guardians. In addition, Parents are required to sign the behavior card when a demerit is issued.

When a student receives enough demerits to warrant a detention a Conduct Slip will be sent home. The Conduct Slip must be signed by the parents and returned the next school day. Failure to return a signed Conduct Slip will result in an additional demerit being assigned to the student's Behavior Card. Homeroom teachers should utilize the Option C Student Management System for verifying student discipline records.

1 Demerit Point Violations –

A. Uniform violation

B. Not prepared for class (missing necessary clothing, materials, homework or signed papers)

C. Eating candy or gum in class without special permission

D. Not following school or classroom rules such as running in halls, cafeteria or classroom, cheating at games

E. Tardiness between classes

3 demerit point violation

F. Lost behavior card

5 demerit point violations = one Thursday morning detention

G. Disruptive behavior that interrupts class instruction

H. Rowdiness/scuffles

I. Inappropriate language or gestures

J. Not in appropriate place, or leaving a supervised area without adult permission

K. Using personal technology during the school day, without permission-cell phones and Smart watches will be collected and returned only to parents.

L. Copying or providing answers on assignments

M. Encouraging fighting or bullying in any way

Behavior Violations Earning 1-5 points are Cumulative through the Semester

10 demerit point violations = two Thursday morning detentions

- N. Blatant disrespect to authority or peers**
- O. Blatant refusal to follow directions**
- P. Unacceptable use of school technology**
- Q. Misuse of school equipment**
- R. Defiance/Lying**
- S. Forgery – signing parent’s name**
- T. Endangering others/self**

15 demerit point violations = three Thursday morning detentions & Parent Conference

- U. Bullying/rational aggression/harassment**
- V. Verbal, written, or social media assaults**
- W. Academic dishonesty (plagiarism, copying tests, presenting others’ work as your own)**

20 demerit point violations = Suspension; conference with Administraton and Pastor

- X. Fighting**
- Y. Theft**
- Z. Physical Assault**

Behavior Violations Earning 10-20 points are Cumulative through the Year

30 demerit violations – Automatic Suspension – Probable Expulsion, Probation and legal action may be taken

- a. Deliberate vandalism**
- b. Possession or use of drugs or alcohol (Counseling will also be required)**
- c. Trespassing before or after school hours**
- d. Assaulting a school employee, student or other person**
- e. Carrying weapons of any kind or items resembling weapons. These include but are not limited to mace, guns, knives, and pepper spray**
- f. Sale and/or distribution of illegal or prescription drugs**

The following is the demerit system for disciplinary action.

5 Demerits – Detention on Thursday morning 7:30A.M. -8:30A.M.

10 Demerits – 2 Detentions on Thursday morning 7:30A.M.-8:30A.M.

15 Demerits – 3 Detentions on Thursday morning 7:30A.M.-8:30A.M. Conference with Parents.

20 Demerits – Suspension/Conference with principal, parents and student.

25 Demerits – Two day suspension. Meeting with pastor, principal, parents and student.

30 Demerits – Three day suspension. Meeting with pastor, principal, parents and student.

After 30 **demerits**, the student will be on **probation**. Any further disciplinary action will result in the Principal instituting the expulsion proceeding or the parent’s/guardian’s option of withdrawing their child from St. John the Baptist School.

31 Demerits – Expulsion (Principal’s and Pastor’s Discretion).

Suspension or expulsion of student requires the action of the School Principal and the Pastor. All responsible alternatives should be considered. The principal and pastor are the final recourse in all disciplinary matter.

SUSPENSION/EXPULSION DEFINITIONS

C. In School Suspension

The student is kept in school but is assigned to a designated, supervised area outside of the departmental setting. Academic work is assigned and will be graded by the teachers. Students may not participate in extracurricular activities during the suspension.

E. Out of School Suspension

In certain situations that are extreme or not provided for in the demerit system, the administrator may find it necessary to issue an out of school suspension. The administrator will determine the terms of and the length of the out of school suspension and notify the parents/guardians in writing. Before a student may return to class, the student and his/her parents/guardians must meet with the administrator.

F. Expulsion

A Student may be removed from the school community for serious offenses.

Offenses Resulting in Immediate Expulsion:

A student is liable for immediate expulsion from school for the following reasons:

1. Possession, use, or sale of illicit drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, or other illegal substances on school grounds or at school sponsored events.
2. Physical assault or verbal harassment of any student, member of the staff, or other person in authority.
3. Sharing of pornographic materials or other materials presenting a direct conflict with our Catholic faith teachings, such as disrespect for human life.
4. Possession of firearms, knives, explosives, or other dangerous objects and any facsimiles thereof.
5. Arson
6. Bomb threat
7. Gross misconduct may be regarded as severe misbehaviors not fitting into any specific category, but that brings a halt to classroom instruction or could be potentially harmful to a student or others.

Procedures to be followed in case of expulsion:

1. The case will be discussed with relevant staff, parents/guardians and pastor.
2. The parents/guardians and student will meet with the administrator.
3. Written notice will be sent to the parents/guardians stating the reasons for the student’s expulsion.
4. The student’s withdrawal/expulsion will be reported to the Attendance Department of the student’s local public school district.
5. A report will be sent to the Archdiocese Superintendent of Schools on each student dismissed from St. John the Baptist School.

The administrator is the final recourse in all disciplinary situations and may waive or impose a disciplinary action for a just cause. Notification will be given in writing to the parents/guardians of the disciplined student.

G. Violent and/or Threatening Behavior

Threats of physical violence or emotional intimidation will not be tolerated at SJB. Students exhibiting any behavior considered threatening, overly intimidating, or violent in nature will be subject to immediate disciplinary action. Disciplinary action is at the discretion of the administration. Indefinite suspension or expulsion may result as a consequence to such behavior.

Any student falsely reporting a threat of violence, for the purpose of harming another student, will be subjected to a minimum one-day suspension from SJB.

Any student purposely harming himself/herself will be subjected to a minimum one-day suspension.

H. Sexual Harassment Policy

Students who engage in sexual harassment on school premises or off school premises at a school-sponsored activity will be subject to appropriate discipline, including suspension or expulsion. Sexual harassment is any activity of a sexual nature that is unwanted or unwelcome, including but not limited to, unwanted sexual touching, patting, verbal/written comments of a sexual nature, sexual name-calling, pressure to engage in sexual activity, repeated propositions, and unwanted body contact. The school's normal disciplinary procedures will be followed in determining the appropriate consequence for the sexual harassment. In the event the administration recommends suspension or expulsion as a result of the conduct, due process will be afforded to the student in accordance with the school's suspension/expulsion procedures.

Any student who believes he/she is being sexually harassed needs to report such behavior to a parent, teacher, or the administrator.

I. Bullying and Teasing Policy

Everyone at St. John the Baptist School is committed to making our school a safe and caring place for all students. We will treat each other with respect, and we refuse to tolerate bullying in any form at our school.

Our school defines bullying as follows: *Bullying is unfair and one-sided. It happens when an individual or group of individuals keep(s) taunting, hurting, frightening, threatening, excluding or isolating a targeted student. It may occur either face to face or transpire through the use of technology. If you feel your child is the victim of any type of bullying, please complete a bullying report, available in school office to ensure the problem is thoroughly investigated.*

J. School Bus Conduct

The following guidelines for conduct while riding the bus have been issued by the Southwest Local School District:

In an ongoing effort to provide a quality transportation service, we are providing you with a list of transportation guidelines. These guidelines are a combination of Southwest Local Board of Education policy and transportation regulations from the State of Ohio. You can contribute to maintaining our excellent safety record by helping educate your child about bus safety.

The rules to follow are:

1. Parents/Guardians and pupils must assume that bus transportation is a privilege provided by the Board of Education and not a right.
2. Pupils must ride assigned buses. Deviations may be made only by request to the transportation supervisor.
3. Pupils must leave or board the bus at locations which they have been assigned. If a pupil is to be let off at a different stop, then a note signed by the parent and the school principal should be presented to the driver.
4. Parents/Guardians are responsible for the conduct safety of their child to and from the bus stop.

5. Pupils must be at the bus stop on the curb side before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
6. Behavior at a bus stop must not threaten the safety or property of pupils.
7. Riders must go directly to assigned or available seat. Elementary children have assigned seats.
8. Riders should remain seated and keep aisles and exits clear.
9. Riders must observe classroom conduct and obey the driver promptly and respectfully.
10. Riders may not eat or drink on the bus.
11. All parts of riders' bodies shall be kept inside the bus at all times.
12. Riders may not throw or pass objects from or into the bus.
13. Parents/Guardians will be responsible for any damage to a bus by their child(ren).
14. Absolute quiet must be maintained at all railroad crossings and during bad weather driving.
15. Riders may carry on the bus only objects that can be held on their laps or stored in such a way as to keep aisles and exits clear.
16. There will be three evacuation drills per year, a front exit, a rear exit and a front and rear exit.

The driver is in charge of the bus and will enforce these regulations. Riders who violate bus rules may be refused transportation.

Listen to your local radio or television station for school closing information. A recorded message can be heard by calling the Southwest Local School District Office at 367-4139.

K. Afternoon Car Dismissal -

All Drivers should enter from Harrison Avenue and park in the designated parking spots, facing the school gym. Drivers should not exit, until given direction to do so by the teachers supervising the parking lot at dismissal.

If you are picking up students in the afternoon, please be in the parking lot by between 3:20 and 3:29 P.M. Students are dismissed and go to the staging area, which is located between the Geil building and the Modular Unit at 3:30. **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE MAIN PARKING LOT PRIOR TO 3:20 OR AFTER 3:28 P.M.**

1. If you are arriving after 3:25 then please enter off of Park Ave. and park in the Auxiliary Lot, next to the Maintenance building and proceed to the staging area to pick up your children.
2. If you are going to stay at school for an extended time, then please park in the Auxiliary lot next to the Maintenance building via Park Ave.
3. Students are to be picked up at the staging area by parents. There will be three teachers on afternoon Car Duty to assist and insure that all is safe for our children. Kindergarten teachers will always bring out Kindergarten students and supervise their safe transfer to an approved adult.
4. Once students have been picked up the TEACHERS on duty will direct parents to begin the exit process. **PLEASE FOLLOW THE TEACHER DIRECTIONS AS THEY ARE TRYING VERY HARD TO INSURE THE SAFETY OF THE STUDENTS.**

STUDENT DRESS CODE

The personal appearance of each student must reflect cleanliness, neatness, and generally accepted standards of good taste. All students are expected to be in full compliance with the Dress Code each school day. Uniform inspections take place throughout the year and disciplinary action will be taken for repeated dress code violations. Parents are expected to ensure that students come to school each day in full compliance. Each article of clothing needs to be in good condition and fit appropriately in relation to the student's individual physique.

Girls K through 8 – When new skirts or Jumpers are being purchased, please buy our new plaid uniform. **All girls** should be wearing the new plaid uniform this year.

Skirts/Jumpers: Regulation plaid uniform jumper or skirt (available at *Educational Outfitters*)

- A) Jumpers/skirt should be worn two or less inches above the knee.
- B) Rolling of the skirt at the waistband is not permitted.
- C) If shorts are worn under the uniform/jumper, they must not show below the jumper/skirt hemline.

Shirts:

- A) Solid red or white polo shirt with a collar either long or short sleeved. No name brand symbols or names on polos should be visible.
- B) All shirts must be completely tucked in at all times.

Slacks/Pants:

- A) Girls' uniform slacks should be navy, but not tight fitting, cargo slacks, or yoga pants.
- B) Navy blue or black leggings may be worn under the uniform skirt.
- C) A belt (brown or black) **must** be worn with slacks and shorts having belt loops for students in grades 4-8. **A belt is optional for primary grades.**

Shorts:

- A) Solid navy blue uniform shorts, no shorter than 3 inches above the knee, are permitted in August, September, October, April and May.
- B) Shirts must be tucked into the shorts at all times.
- C) **Please note that shorts may not be worn on Mass days in Grades 3-8.**

Sweaters:

- A) Solid navy cardigan or pullover sweaters must be worn over uniform shirts.

Sweatshirts:

- A) Gray pullover sweatshirts purchased through St. John's are the only sweatshirt to be worn for grades K-8.
- B) Hooded or other non-uniform sweatshirts may be worn as a jacket to school or recess, but must be removed, once inside the building. **Hoodies and non-uniform sweatshirts must be removed during Mass.**

Shoes:

- A) Gym shoes or dress shoes with closed toes and closed heels must be worn. (No boots)
- B) Shoes must be tied and worn securely at all times.
- C) **Shoes that light up are not permitted.**

Socks:

- A) For hygiene purposes, socks must be worn at all times.
- B) Sock colors must be solid black or white. Logos should not be visible. We do not encourage purchasing expensive, name-brand socks.
- C) Socks must cover the ankle or higher. Socks should always be visible above the students' shoes.
- D) Plain white, black or navy blue tights may be worn under jumpers and skirts.

Jewelry:

- A) Girls may wear one earring per ear. Earrings should be close to the earlobe with posts. No hoops, drops, or dangling earrings are permitted for safety reasons.
- B) **No cell phone watches, (i.e. Apple Watch)**

Personal grooming and appearance:

- A) Acrylic nails and makeup are not permitted.
- B) Clear or soft pink finger nail polish is permitted. Colored nail polish is permitted **only** on Spirit Days, Catholic Schools Week, Walk-a-Thon and Relay for Life.
- C) Hair needs to be pulled out of face during Physical Education class.

Boys K thru 8

Shirts:

- A) Solid red or white polo shirts with collars either long or short sleeved. No name brand names or symbols on shirts.
- B) Plain white t-shirts may be worn under uniform shirt
- C) All shirts must be completely tucked in at all times.

Pants:

- A) Solid navy blue uniform pants should be worn to school.
- B) Students in Grades 4-8 must wear a belt (brown or black) with the pants. **A belt is optional in the primary grades.**

Shorts:

- A) Solid navy blue shorts, no shorter than 3 inches above the knee, may be worn in August, September, October, April and May.
- B) Shirts must be tucked into the shorts at all times.
- C) **Please note that uniform shorts may NOT be worn to school Mass in Grades 3-8.**

Sweaters:

Navy blue cardigan sweaters or pullover sweaters may be worn over uniform shirts.

Sweatshirts:

- A) Gray uniform pullover sweatshirt purchased through St. John's is the only sweatshirt to be worn for grades K-8.
- B) Hooded or other non-uniform sweatshirts may be worn to school or recess as a jacket but must be taken off once students enter the classroom. **Hoodies or non-uniform sweatshirts must be removed during Mass.**

Shoes:

- A) Gym shoes or dress shoes with closed toes and closed heels must be worn. (No boots)
- B) Shoes must be tied and fit securely at all times.
- C) Light up shoes are not permitted during school hours.

Socks:

- A) For hygiene purposes, socks must be worn at all times.
- B) Sock colors must be solid black or white. Logos should not be visible. We do not encourage purchasing expensive socks.
- C) Socks must cover the ankle or higher. Socks should be visible above the students' shoes.

Undergarments:

Only solid white t-shirts without emblems, writing, pictures, etc. on them may be worn under the uniform shirt.

Jewelry:

No cell phone watches, (i.e. Apple Watch)

Personal grooming and appearance:

- A) Hair must be clean, neatly groomed, and of a natural color. Hair must be trimmed so it is above the eyes and above the shirt collar. No designs shaved in head or mohawks are permitted.

All Students K-8

Spiritwear Day - The second Wednesday of each month is designated as "Spirit Day." Please note: Due to a conflict with School Picture Day, September's Spirit Day is on Wednesday, September 20. Students may wear spiritwear from any St. John School activity. Clean, well-fitting, hole-free jeans, athletic pants, capris, and athletic shorts to the knee may be worn on Spirit Days. **Jean shorts are not to be worn to school on spiritwear days unless they go to the knee.**

Out of Uniform Days – clothing worn to special events, out of uniform days and physical education classes must be modest, in good taste and appropriate for a Catholic, elementary school setting.

NOTE:

- ❖ **A written notification will be sent home if your child is in violation of the dress code.**
- ❖ **Repeated violations can result in suspension.**
- ❖ **Please send an explanatory note if you cannot send your child in the correct uniform for some unexpected/unforeseen reason (i.e., broken limb, financial).**
- ❖ ***The Principal reserves the right to decide whether or not something conforms to the dress code.***

DRESS CODE FOR CONFIRMATION/8TH GRADE MASS OF THANKSGIVING-GRADUATION

Students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral and/or participating in the 8th grade Mass of Thanksgiving-Graduation Ceremony are to dress modestly.

Girls should wear MODEST dresses or skirts and blouses. Dresses should not be strapless, halters nor have spaghetti straps and should be no shorter than two inches above the knee.

Boys should wear a white or pastel shirt and tie with dress pants. A coat is optional. Both Boys and Girls should NOT wear Gym Shoes for these celebrations.

A SWEATER OR OTHER APPROPRIATE COVERING **WILL** BE PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS NOT DRESSING APPROPRIATELY FOR THESE CELEBRATIONS.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES:

Students in grades K to 3 may wear their regular uniform clothes to physical education class, but must wear athletic shoes. Girls must wear shorts under their jumper or skirt.

Students in grades 4-8 must dress for physical education class, including on Spirit Day or other out of uniform days. A St. John spirit T-shirt (with sleeves) is required for physical education class. The shirt may be white, grey or red. All students will be required to purchase and wear approved athletic shorts available at school. These are for both boys and girls and are of modest length.

PLEASE TAKE SPECIAL NOTE:

T-shirts, hats, lunchboxes, book bags, etc. promoting alcohol, drugs, tobacco, violence, off color humor, un-Christian messages or philosophies, etc. will not be tolerated. If there is doubt about appropriate attire, ask first; decision of Principal is final.

Writing on School Uniforms is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Students writing on the uniform will be assigned an automatic detention and sent home until they are dressed appropriately. No report card will be issued until all disciplinary assignments are fulfilled.

SAFETY

St. John the Baptist School's physical plants meet all the requirements of the Ohio Building Code, the State Fire Marshall's Office, The Harrison Fire Department, and the State Department of Health. Our Crisis and Emergency Plans are on file at the Office of the Attorney General and we are constantly assessing ways to improve the safety of our campus.

A. EMERGENCY CLOSING OR DELAYS

You will be notified of school closing information by phone call, text or email via Option C, over the radio stations and television networks. Please do not call the school. If there is no announcement,

classes will be held on normal schedule. **In the event of bad weather, St. John the Baptist School will follow the decision of the Southwest Local District. If Southwest District is closed or delayed, then St. John the Baptist School is closed or delayed. If we are on a two-hour delay, there will be no morning preschool or morning kindergarten.**

B. TORNADO, SAFETY, FIRE DRILLS AND WARNINGS

Tornado drills are held so that children will become familiar with the safety routine necessary when a tornado is possible. Students will not be dismissed in case of a tornado warning. Children are only dismissed when it is prudent to do so. Students will be retained after normal dismissal time if a tornado warning is given before the departure of the bus. Drivers are instructed not to leave school, and the children are escorted back to school. Parents are asked not to call the school at these times, as lines must be open for instructions and emergencies. Cars and buses are no match for a tornado. We urge parents not to attempt to take their children from school if a warning is sounded.

Monthly fire drills are held in order to provide students with knowledge of procedures for coping with fire emergencies. Tornado drills are conducted in September and during the spring when violent storms are most likely to occur. Crisis drills and rapid dismissals take place throughout the year.

Tornado drill procedures are as follows: Students in the Geil Building and Park Avenue Building will proceed to the basement of their prospective buildings. Students in the second floor of the Harrison Ave. Building will proceed to the basement and students on the first floor will go into the hallway.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Grades Kindergarten through 8

A. JON PETERSON SCHOLARSHIP SERVICES

St. John the Baptist School is a private provider for the Ohio Department of Education's Jon Peterson Scholarship. We offer a Catholic, highly structured classroom environment, with resources in place to support your child's individual needs. Students in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade receive accommodations or modifications to the curriculum as have been recommended by their individualized education or service plan. Whenever possible, differentiation takes place within the regular classroom setting, however individual skill development or interventions are sometimes provided in small group settings. Support services are provided by licensed professionals and specialists in collaboration with the regular education teacher. With a combination of the scholarships, tuition, federal and state funds, and parish support, we are able to provide speech and language therapy and occupational therapy to those students who qualify.

Once a student has been identified through an evaluation team report (ETR), or a Multi-Factored Evaluation (MFE), we will fill out the scholarship application to apply to the State of Ohio. We work with your local Ohio public district of residence (Southwest Local Schools for most families) to develop an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). This IEP drives the amount of services a student can receive through the scholarship program. Once the application is approved, St. John the Baptist School will submit statement of cost forms quarterly to the state for services your student received. The state then sends a check in both your name and St. John the Baptist School, which you sign over to reimburse the school.

Our goal is to fully include each student in the St. John the Baptist community. Your son or daughter is encouraged to join our athletic, scouting, and fine arts programs. Your child will participate in faith formation activities and celebrate the sacraments, along with their peers. At St. John the Baptist School, we promote independence and life long learning. We want to ensure your child a "home" in a school community that encourages academics as well as spiritual, physical, and social development.

As long as Ohio continues the Jon Peterson Scholarships, we are able to provide these services. Prior to the Peterson Scholarship, we have done our best to support the individual needs of students, without the supports of specialists and additional therapists. This scholarship allows us to more thoroughly address the specific academic and therapeutic needs of our students. We look forward to working with you in this commitment to educating your child's individual needs.

Non-Discrimination Policy

For students enrolled in St. John the Baptist School and who are eligible for the Ohio Jon Peterson Program, we do not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, disability, age, or ancestry.

Privacy of Student Records

1. The release of student records is controlled by federal and state law. The policy of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is in compliance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, (P.L.93-380) and the Ohio Revised Code 3319.321.
2. Parents must be given access to all of their children's school records upon request. A reasonable charge to cover the cost of reproducing records may be assessed to the parent.
3. Schools must respond to reasonable requests in a timely manner.
4. Student records may be released to other appropriate agencies only when a record release form is signed by the parents authorizing such action.
5. Students over 18 years of age may request the release of their records with a signed release form.

Available Services

1. Title I Reading Specialist
Since the ability to read fluently is key to academic success in the elementary curriculum, our Auxiliary Supports provides remedial reading assistance to students who have been identified as needing more intensive instruction than that provided in the general curriculum. We also provide math tutoring, and inclusive support in the challenging content-driven classes in the upper grades. Either parents or teachers may initiate accommodations or specific instructional modifications using our intervention assistance referral, available in the school office. The principal should also be made aware of such concerns and any supports parents or teachers may have initiated on their own.

When student needs appear to be more intensive than can be addressed by the reading specialist or school tutor, the intervention team may meet with the parent to consider gathering more information about the learner or ways in which the curriculum may require modifications for a specific child. An Individual Service Plan or Individualized Education Plan may be designed, specific to the needs of your child. Students with such plans may be eligible to apply for a Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship through the Ohio Department of Education.

Once a student's application has been approved, our school intervention team, consisting of the parents, school psychologist, regular and special education teachers, speech pathologist, and principal will convene and determine which services we may offer based upon the recommendations of the IEP.

2. Speech and Language
Our licensed and highly trained speech and language pathologist provides therapy in the classroom, in small groups, or individually. Research-based therapy techniques are used and data is collected to monitor student progress. Areas addressed in therapy include pragmatic (social language) skills, phonological awareness, articulation, receptive

language, abstract and non-literal language, expressive language, voice quality, listening skills, and speaking fluency. Our SLP has previous experience as a staff member at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and helps develop behavior plans, social stories, and role playing techniques to foster independent social skills, as well as to strategically address other communication goals.

3. Occupational Therapy

The occupational therapist works with small group and/or individually to help with sensory processing deficits, social interactions, and fine motor development. They may develop sensory diets or sensory breaks, targeted to the specific needs of students identified with sensory integration differences. An occupational therapist plays a crucial part in recommending and ordering equipment and materials to enable our students to more fully access the curriculum or to lessen anxiety or sensory distractions. They may also team in conjunction with the speech pathologist as "coach" to teach social interactions during physical education, art, or recess. They consult with parents and teachers to provide the best outcomes for the student.

4. Intervention Specialist

Our special education specialists have met the requirements of the state of Ohio for certification. Several regular education teachers are also certified to teach special education. We make accommodations and modifications to all aspects of the student's learning, grounded in the belief that all children can learn, but may be at different stages of developmental readiness.

Instructional Specialist

While not a licensed special education teacher, our Instructional Specialists have had unique training and/or experiences making them well qualified to address academic goals for our students with service plans or IEPs. They may work cooperatively with both regular and special educators.

Parents are an integral part of our educational team. We consult with you to make the most beneficial changes to produce maximum results in learning. Modifications are changes to the curriculum to better match the child's developmental level.

Accommodations are tools enabling the student to more fully participate in the regular education classroom. Accommodations may also be interventions not intended to change the breadth and objectives for learning. They may call for changes in how the student will take in the information or demonstrate their learning. The following is a partial list of commonly utilized accommodations:

- Preferential seating
- Copies of teacher-made or peer-made notes
- Extended time for completing assignments/tests
- Providing study guides
- Guided editing
- Providing breaks to maintain or refocus attention
- Opportunities to clarify or repeat directions
- Using number lines, multiplication grids, or calculators to aid computation
- Advance preparation for transitions or schedule changes
- Providing color-coded folders or tabs to aid in organization and study skills
- Providing extra sets of textbooks to have for home use only

While accommodation meetings generally take place just before school begins, grade level teachers and specialists may meet and review accommodations on a quarterly basis. This collaboration ensures strategies and interventions are monitored and revised to reflect the needs of our ever-changing students.

5. Staff

All teachers and staff have a child-centered approach. As a staff, we recently came together to articulate our core beliefs about children. These beliefs form the basis of our relationship with students and their families, and express how we represent Christ to and for each other throughout the school:

- Each person is a child of God.
- Each person should be treated with dignity and respect.
- We are committed to educating the whole child, spiritually, academically, and socially.
- We believe love of neighbor means family, community, and world.
- We believe all members of our church and school community is responsible for living the gospel messages.
- We believe that educating students includes more than academic preparation; educating students involves the goal of producing faith-filled people who are also full of joy and inner peace.
- We believe parents are our partners in educating our students. Parents are the primary religious educators of their children and we need to support them in this ministry.
- We believe a successful education cannot be measured in students achieving financial success. It is measured in how our students perceive the world and each other.

6. Our Intervention Team works collaboratively. Together they can modify the learning environment to accommodate sensory needs. They develop, implement, and assess self control strategies designed to eliminate or increase specific behaviors. No matter what our experiences have included, all of us can learn more about what works best for individual students.

7. The School Principal supports the faculty and staff in meeting the needs of an increasingly diverse population of learners. Classroom observations, specific feedback, and opportunities to enhance professional knowledge are provided every academic year for teachers. Every staff member, including administration, establishes yearly professional and personal goals, as well as following those goals from our school accreditation plan. Resulting staff development directly reflects these goals and surveys and personal reflection help us monitor our personal progress. We have been working to increase our knowledge of available resources such as the *Kelly O'Leary Center*, *Starfire*, *Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services*, *The Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services*, *Cincinnati Occupational Therapies*, and *Brain Balance* to support the school and families as we make long-term plans for our students.

Program Requirements/Procedures

The Jon Peterson Scholarship Program requires applicants to reapply each year. An IEP must be on file with the district of residence and the private provider. The steps for the IEP process will be as follows:

1. One to two months prior to the deadline for the annual review, the intervention specialist or school psychologist at St. John the Baptist School will contact you to arrange a date to review the progress of the student and write a rough draft of goals and objectives. This is

- a time for everyone to share both the progress and existing needs of your student. Whenever possible, students should be a part of this sharing/planning session.
2. Using this data, the St. John the Baptist School professionals will create the IEP. Subsequent goals and objectives will be shared with both the parents and the district of residence.
 3. Two to four weeks prior to the annual review date, you will be contacted to set up a meeting, to review the final copy of the IEP. You are required to sign the final copy stating whether you agree or disagree with the plan and if you want this implemented. Your meeting may be face to face or a phone interview. The IEP cannot be implemented until you sign the final draft.
 4. When it is time for the Evaluation Team Report (ETR) to be written, the public school district will meet with the current team (including the parents) from St. John the Baptist School to begin the data collection process. Your public school district will write the ETR and have a meeting with the school team to discuss the results.

Parents may convene the team at any time to discuss progress. St. John the Baptist School will write quarterly progress reports to be delivered to both parents and the district of residence. In addition, Jon Peterson Scholarship recipients will participate in the Ohio Academic Assessments. Parents will receive this data usually about 6 weeks after assessments are administered.

Application Procedures

Parents must fill out the parent application each year to renew the scholarship. This is an on-line process, and St. John the Baptist School is expecting to help with this process. The principal will be in contact with parents to help with the annual renewal process each year. Applications may be submitted throughout the year.

Withdrawal

If you do not want your child to continue participation in the Jon Peterson Scholarship Program, you need to state in writing your decision to no longer receive the services the program provides. St. John the Baptist School must then contact the State and inform them we are no longer serving your student.

Questions regarding the Peterson procedures, should be directed to the Ohio Department of Education at peterson.scholarship@ode.state.oh.us

B. ENRICHMENT

While the general curriculum meets the academic needs of most students, there are always children whose abilities, unique interests and talents may require enriching experiences beyond the general curriculum. For some, these experiences may take place in the regular classroom and others may meet the eligibility requirements of Explore, our program for children scoring in the superior cognitive range. Children who attend this weekly program must have a minimum score of 127 on the CogAT composite as well as permission from their parents and teacher recommendation. The program is based upon shared experiences with higher level thinking skills and problem solving simulations. The gifted educator also provides ideas for working with high level learners to the staff as professional development. The formal Explore program is limited to students in grades 3-8.

C. ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

There is a scheduled and systematic testing program at St. John the Baptist School. All schools within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati use the IOWA test of basic skills as their common tests of student achievement. These tests are routinely administered each spring to students in grades 3 through 7 and sometimes to other grade levels as well. Results of these tests are kept on file. Additionally, these tests will give teachers and parents a better understanding of the progress of students and a

clarification of each student's current achievement and growth. From these results, further programs can be developed and curriculum and instruction may be enhanced. In addition to the Iowa tests, students are given group screening assessments, such as DIBELS NEXT and STAR READING AND MATH to help us identify students needing intervention and additional supports.

The State of Ohio requirements for testing and evaluation are followed. Competency Based Tests are given in the spring to students in grades 2 and 5 according to Archdiocese of Cincinnati and State of Ohio guidelines.

D. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Student birthdays are acknowledged and birthday pencils distributed during morning announcements. Children are permitted to bring in birthday treats which are usually taken to the cafeteria to be distributed as dessert. **In an effort to prevent social misunderstandings and hurt feelings, we are no longer permitting students to distribute birthday party invitations at school.** Please respect the potential harm this may create in a classroom and take the time to mail invitations to student homes. The school directory is a great resource for preparing your invitations for mailing.

E. COMPUTER ROOM

Computer education is offered at St. John the Baptist School for all students. Students receive computer instruction at least once a week in the computer lab, for students in kindergarten thru 5th grade. Students in grades 6-8 receive daily support in the regular classroom as they work with Chromebook technology. Our new mobile technology means computer instruction may take place in both the computer lab and the regular classroom. Currently, we have 1 piece of technology for every student in grades 6-8. Our goal is to provide a 1:1 ratio for all by 2019.

F. HOMEWORK

Homework has a definite objective and is given as an outgrowth of the instructional program. It is suggested that in the case of an elementary school student, the average amount of work to be completed at home should be about:

- 20 minutes for Grade 1
- 30 minutes for Grades 2 and 3
- 45 minutes for Grades 4, 5, and 6
- 75-90 minutes for Grades 7 and 8

Please remember students work at various rates. If your child is spending much less or more than the suggested amount of time on homework, please contact your child's teacher. All written work must be neatly done and handed in at the assigned time. Copying homework is not acceptable. No credit will be given to either student.

E. MAKE-UP WORK

In the event of an absence, the student is expected to make up any missed assignments. The school allows the same number of days to make up work that the student was absent.

Within the limits of a student's maturity, it is his/her responsibility to obtain, complete and return to the teacher any work missed by absence. Parents may pick up daily assignments in the office between 3:30 and 4:00 p.m. If you will be picking up your child's work, please notify the office in the morning. No classroom is open after 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

F. GRADUATION

A graduation ceremony is held at the end of the fourth quarter for students who have successfully completed Grade 8. During this ceremony, recognition will be made of the various awards that have been earned by the graduates during the year.

G. PROMOTION AND RETENTION

As a general rule, children follow an elementary school program for eight years after completing kindergarten. For promotion from one grade to the next it is required that a student exhibit satisfactory assimilation of that grade's concepts and skills, achieving a 70% mastery, or its equivalent grade, for the year's work.

A student, who, although working to the best of his /her abilities and supported by a variety of evaluations, cannot achieve the level of mastery required for promotion, may be transferred to the next grade or retained in the same grade. The decision to transfer or retain will be made by the principal, after discussion with teacher(s) and parents.

Retention may be suggested to give the child a chance to arrive at a certain level of maturity or to gain a satisfactory degree of mastery. If parents do not agree with the decision to retain the student, a statement to that effect must be signed by them and filed in the school office. Final decisions will be made prior to the start of the next school year, based upon the student's final performance data.

H. REPORT CARDS

Report cards are issued on a quarterly basis. Primary, Intermediate and Junior High Departments have their own online evaluation form for the students. The report card reflects not only the academic achievement of the student, but also conduct, effort, and study habits. In addition to report cards, interim reports are issued at mid-quarter and on-line grades are available to all families in grades 2 through 8, throughout the academic year. Report cards should serve as a tool for communicating children's progress, and never replace two-way communication between teacher and parents.

I. FAMILY ENVELOPE/JAGUAR JOURNAL

In an effort to keep communication between families and school open, families will receive a weekly newsletter, "**The Jaguar Journal.**" With a "Go Green" perspective, we have transitioned to sending the weekly newsletter electronically. **Each Friday, the "Jaguar Journal" will be sent home via e-mail to the e-mail address on file. Please read over the newsletter carefully each week since it contains pertinent information you will need to know about our school.**

On occasion, there are forms, flyers, etc. that need to be send home in hard copy. For these times, there will be a FAMILY ENVELOPE, which is a large manila envelope with your family name at the top. This will be sent home with the youngest child in each family. In it will be items of interest from school, the P.T.C, Athletic Association, etc. After checking the envelope, please place in it any items you wish to return to school when the child returns it to his/her homeroom teacher on Monday morning. This procedure will be repeated each week.

If you do not have access to the internet, please inform the school office and you will receive all information in hard copy in the FAMILY ENVELOPE.

If you have submissions for the weekly Jaguar Journal, please have them to Mrs. Siemer by noon on Thursday.

J. FAMILY VACATIONS

Vacations during the school year are discouraged due to the unavoidable problems they cause in the student's continuous schoolwork and progress. We especially ask that vacations not be scheduled or taken during the mandated state testing weeks or the first week of October when we monitor attendance for the state of Ohio for funding purposes or during our spring testing period in March/April. When necessary, requests for vacation absences should be made in writing to the teacher at least one week in advance. Parents are asked to understand that teachers cannot give day-to-day forecast of all class activities, and are not obligated to provide assignments to your student before vacation. Work will be recorded as pending until it is completed. At the end of the quarter, work still pending will be

changed to Missing. Vacation days during the school year will be counted as days absent on student records. If parents plan to be out of town for more than one day, but they allow their child to remain in school, the school office must be notified of the person who is assuming parental responsibility.

K. FIELD TRIPS

Field trips sponsored by the school will be the outgrowth of subject material being taught. Written permission must be given beforehand by parents for the child to accompany the class. Permission slips with information concerning the trip will be sent home several days prior to the planned activity. Any student lacking a properly signed permission slip will not be permitted to attend the field trip. Field trips are privileges afforded to students. No student has an absolute right to a field trip. Students can be denied participation if they fail to meet academic or behavioral requirements.

IMPORTANT: Parents are reminded not to park on the main playground or in parking area immediately east of Geil Building when chaperoning field trips.

Please note that chaperones and parent helpers must attend a Virtus Child Abuse session and obtain a background check prior to spending more than a few hours volunteering or coaching.

L. HEALTH SERVICES

All children attending St. John the Baptist School must have proper immunization and booster shots as required by the State of Ohio

A nurse is available to us through Auxiliary Service Funds 5 days a week. The nurse's only duty is to provide regular record keeping, routine hearing and vision tests, and coordinate the County Board of Health Services. The nurse also gives any necessary testing, such as Scoliosis Screening in Grade 6 and 7, and gives basic first-aid in case of any emergency.

In the event that a pupil needs medicine dispensed during the school day, a written request signed by a parent/guardian and the prescribing doctor must be on file in the Health Office. Forms for this purpose are sent home in the beginning of the school year in August. Extra forms may be obtained on request. A separate form is required for each prescription. Parents are responsible for keeping the records up to date.

The following is the procedure followed should a child become ill during the school day.

1. Contact parents to see who is at home to take care of the student and who is to come to school for the child.
2. If parents cannot be contacted, we follow the directions on the child's Emergency Medical Authorization Form.

On returning to school after an illness caused by a communicable disease, student must present a release card from the doctor. On returning to school after any illness, a note to the teacher is required. Students should be free of fever (without medication) and have not vomited for twenty-four hours before returning to school after an illness.

M. LIBRARY SERVICES

The School Library functions under the auspices of the Daughters of Isabella and volunteer parents. It is open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Each class has the privilege of visiting the library once each week to select books. Books are issued for a period of one week and may be renewed for another one week period. On Thursday mornings, the library is open for student use beginning at 8:25. Students should report to their homeroom prior to visiting the library.

At the end of each quarter, **if a book, video, or CD checked out on a student's library card is missing or overdue, that quarter's report card will be withheld.** The student's report card will be given to them when the missing or overdue book, video, or CD is returned, paid for, or replaced.

N. PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Kindergarten – 8th Grade Conferences are scheduled twice during the course of the school year. The first conference is held after the issuance of the first report card. The second is held during the second semester. If parents desire a conference at any other time, please write a note or send an email to the teacher and he/she will contact you to make an appointment. Please do not come to see the teacher before or after school without an appointment, as this is disruptive to the school day. Do not call teachers at their homes. **If a problem arises it should be taken up with the teacher first, by appointment. If the problem cannot be solved to your satisfaction, it should then be brought to the attention of the administration.**

K-8th Grade Conferences are October 25 from 5-8:30 p.m., November 2 from 4-6:30 p.m. and February 15 from 5-8:30 p.m.

Preschool Conferences are January 11, 2018 from 4-8 p.m. and April 26, 2017 from 4-8 p.m.

STUDENT INSURANCE

Our school provides the opportunity for parents to purchase insurance to cover accidents involving their child while on school premises or while traveling to and from school. Information is available at the school office by parental request.

STUDENT USE OF THE TELEPHONE

We believe it is important to encourage responsible behavior in our Students and for them to learn resiliency when faced with a simple problem at school. For this reason, **students will not be permitted to use the phone to call home for forgotten items, such as lunch or homework.** Calling home for forgotten eyeglasses or medications is the only exception to this rule. Please encourage your child to prepare materials the night before.

P. SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL, AND VOLUNTEERS

All substitute teachers, temporary professional personnel and **volunteers** who come in direct contact with the students of St. John the Baptist School shall meet the criteria established by the Cincinnati Archdiocese's Decree on Child Protection, including taking the Virtus class as prepared by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and being fingerprinted or having background checks. Further, all such persons shall be held to the Gospel values, the mission, philosophy, goals and objectives of St. John the Baptist School.

Q. TEXTBOOKS

Most of our school books and a few library books have been purchased by the State of Ohio Auxiliary Service Funds. Textbooks are issued in good condition to the children; it is expected that they receive proper care. Damaged or lost books must be paid for since they have to be replaced at the school's expense. School procedures require that hardcover texts be covered. Book covers should have the subject and child's name on them.

R. VISITORS/PARENTS/VOLUNTEERS

State law requires that all school visitors, including parents, report to the office before going anywhere in the school buildings. All visitors to the school will be asked to wear a Visitor's Badge. Please use the sign-in book in the office. All staff members are expected to direct anyone not wearing a visitor's badge to the office to sign-in. All volunteers must pay for BCI/FBI clearance and attend Child Abuse Prevention training. VIRTUS Decree on Child Protection training will be offered throughout the year.

S. WITHDRAWAL OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS OF A STUDENT

If a student is withdrawing from St. John the Baptist School, a release form must be signed by the responsible parent/guardian in order to forward records to another school. Notice should be given to

the school office as soon as possible when such a move is anticipated. Children who withdraw from St. John the Baptist School for reasons other than moving or approved academic needs will need to petition the Education Commission for possible re-entrance to the school. The final decision rests with the administration. If your move is within the parish, please inform the school of the change in address and phone number.

Please inform the school office and teachers of changes in places of employment and phone numbers.

T. HANDWASHING POLICY

All St. John the Baptist students and faculty are reminded to wash hands frequently. Hand sanitizers are provided in classrooms to ensure a germ free environment.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL FACULTY AND STAFF

2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

Pastor: Rev. Jeffrey Kemper

Nurse: Karen Albrinck

Principal: Mrs. Susan Meymann
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School Secretary: Monica Siemer
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Director of Religious Education

Joy Gemperline

Preschool Rm 28 Carla Childers

Art Teacher Stacie Combs

Kindergarten: Rm 21 Judy Moehring
Rm.19 Amanda Wallace

Computer Lab Dir. Mallory Kist

Grade 1 Rm 29 Julie Post
Rm 26 Peggy Frey

Music: Christina Bingle
Phys. Ed. Marla Ziegler
Counselor Dr. Jerry Darling
Intervention Spc. Cathy Callahan
Intervention Spc. Kathy Eckes
Intervention Aide: Eileen Schroeder
Intervention Aide: Amy Drees
Psychologist: Audrey Duran
Speech: Angela Knoop
Reading Kristine Terris
Occup. Thera. Cathy Witte
Enrichment/Explore Geri Fischer

Grade 2 Rm 18 Mary Steelman
Rm 17 Pam Fox

Grade 3 Rm 25 Marilyn Walter
Rm 24 Kathy Dean

Grade 4 Rm 14 Jana Anneken
Rm 15 Danielle Nash

Grade 5 Rm 213 Angie Smith
Rm 111 Jan Metzger

Cafeteria: Mgr: Debbie Dole
Cafeteria Staff: Jackie Dold

Grade 6 Rm 113 Jeff Schalk
Rm 114 William Golden

Auxiliary Secretary: Cathy Rushke

Grade 7 Rm 211 Amy Griffin
Rm 212 Samantha Clarke

Grade 8 Rm 214 Karen Schwab

Email addresses for school staff follow the same pattern as principal above:

last name_first letter of first name@sjbharrison.org

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

School Office	513-367-6826
Fax	513-367-6864
Nurse's Office	513-367-0451
Preschool	513-367-0202
Cafeteria	513-367-9860
Supportive Services	513-367-4220

Psychologist – Audrey Duran
 Reading – Kristine Terris
 Speech Therapist – Angie Knoop
 Occupational Therapist – Cathy Witte
 School Counselor – Dr. Jerry Darling

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office		513-367-9086
Pastor	Father Jeff Kemper	Ext. 215
Business Manager	Michael Newton	Ext. 211
Office Staff/Tuition	Angie Land	Ext. 214
Secretary/Bulletin	Jessica Hollerman	Ext. 217
Dir. Religious Education	Joy Gemperline	Ext. 218
DRE Secretary	MaryAnn Threm	Ext. 219
Youth Ministry	Eric Hollis	Ext. 220
Pastoral Ministry	Lynda Noel	Ext. 216
Maintenance	Mike Meyer	Ext. 212

<u>Service</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Boy/Cub Scouts	Joe Combs	513-367-1145
Brownies/Girl Scouts		
Children's Liturgy	Joy Gemperline	513-367-9086
Church Festival Steering Committee:		
	Larry Kelhoffer	513-738-3072
	Andy Klare	812-637-6129
	Mike Murray	812-637-2713
Greeters	Patty Dean	513-367-9814
Latchkey	YMCA	513-923-4466
Library	Julie Koors	513-367-9380
Liturgical Committee	Dottie Beetz	513-367-4045
Parish Council	Don Kuntz	513-738-2605
RCIA – Adults	Laura Noyes	513-845-4607
RCIA – Children	Joy Gemperline	513-367-9878
Southwest School District	Bonnie Berkemeyer	513-367-4139
Vacation Bible School	Carrie Roell	513-367-5679
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Knights of Columbus	Ken Kromme	513-202-9399
Lectors & Distributors	Dottie Beetz	513-367-4045
Marriage Encounter	Steve & Diane Brockman	513-367-5005
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Substitute Teachers	Susan Meymann	513-367-6826
Ushers	Roger Brock	513-367-6659

Parish Committees:

LRAP Leadership	Fr. Kemper	513-367-9086 (O)
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	Douglas Hoffman	513-367-1908 (H) 513-484-5066 (C)

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	Larry Kelhoffer	513-738-3072 (H)
Communication	Andy Klare	812-637-6129 (H)
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	Brian Compton	513-600-9422 (C)
Parish Life	Patty Dean	513-367-9814 (H)
	Jenny Kelhoffer	513-367-4741 (H)
Administration & Finance	Paul Tepe	513-317-4548 (C) 513-367-4448 (H)
	Doug Lohman	513-367-6562 (H) 513-503-7736 (C)
Buildings & Grounds	Mike Murray	812-637-2713 (H) 513-325-2411 (C)
	Ron Nusekabel	513-367-9905 (H)

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Contact PTC board members via email at ptcboard@sjbharrison.org

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Art to Remember	Anna Herrmann	513-367-0150
Book Fair		
Catholic Schools Week	PTC Board	
Grandparents Day	Becky Lipp	513-845-4464
Ice Cream Social	Kristy McGuane	513-202-1278
Promotions (Boxtops, etc.)	Sarah Hunter	513-202-0926
Santa's Breakfast	Sarah Hunter	513-202-0926

Santa's Workshop	Mary Ann Meyer	513-738-1910
Scrip	Mindy Caldwell	513-202-1068
Trivia Night	Mary Steelman	513-367-2598
Walk-a-thon	Kelly Besl	513-202-0537
Yearbook	Chrissy McAlister	812-637-3799
Restaurant Night	Christine Barrow	513-349-1771

P.T.C. COMMITTEES AND PROJECTS

St. John the Baptist School's PTC is a very vital, active part of the school community. The PTC raises money through a variety of fund raisers providing support for St. John the Baptist School through purchases, programs, and volunteer networking. Parents are strongly encouraged to become involved in their child's education through volunteering for one or more activities by contacting the committee chairperson. The time and talent you can offer will be greatly appreciated.

BOOK FAIR

This event is held to encourage reading at home and in the classroom. Students are able to purchase books at reasonable prices. Profits from this event are used to purchase Language Arts materials for each classroom and for the Library.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Each year the PTC grade representatives, along with parent volunteers, will organize and serve refreshments to visiting grandparents. The dates for Grandparents' Day will be determined by the principal, pastor, and PTC chairperson and placed on the school calendar.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

This event is held in May to show appreciation to the students and staff. Each person has the opportunity to make their own sundae.

PROMOTIONS – BOX TOPS, CAMPBELLS AND OTHER LABEL PROGRAMS

St. John participates in the Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Labels for Education and Tyson Project "A" Programs. By collecting Box Tops, UPCs and labels, we earn money and points for classroom supplies, videos, computer, electronic and athletic equipment. Ask your friends, relatives, neighbors and co-workers to support St. John by saving box tops and labels. Information is sent home throughout the school year regarding these programs.

SANTA'S BREAKFAST

This event benefits the PTC Scholarship Fund. Santa and Mrs. Claus visit with the children during the meal and they get to sit on Santa's lap for pictures. Activities include painting faces, decorating cookies, making ornaments, etc.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP/CRAFTS

Santa's Workshop is an opportunity for the children to Christmas shop for family members and friends on their own. Items usually cost less than five dollars. This shopping adventure is held in the school. In order to be ready for this big event, the committee is busy all year long – searching for ideas, watching sales and working on projects. We need volunteers for ideas and crafts as well as the actual sale and set-up.

WALK-A-THON

This year the PTC will sponsor the 4th Annual Walk-A-Thon! This is our primary fundraiser for the year and will take place sometime between the end of September and the first part of October. The students will obtain pledges from family, friends, neighbors and companies. The students will then walk

for a period of time. The PTC will have special rewards for laps completed and the amount of pledges they collect.

Volunteers will be needed to tally pledges received and to work the day of the event.

YEARBOOKS

Each year the PTC has yearbooks published for your viewing pleasure. It is compiled throughout the school year by parents, students and staff taking pictures at special events, field trips, etc. Class and student pictures are included. The yearbooks are pre-ordered at the minimal price and published over the summer for distribution in the late fall.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

St. John the Baptist Athletic Association sponsors individual sport teams in the Western Athletic Conference, the Catholic Youth Organization, Northwest Board of Recreation, and the Girls Western Athletic Conference. The teams are considered “parish teams” and are open to any member of the parish, not just St. John the Baptist’s students.

The St. John the Baptist Athletic Association is sponsoring the following programs for the 2016-17 athletic seasons:

BOYS

Football – Grades K-8
Basketball – Grades 3-12
Baseball – Grades K-8
Volleyball – Grades 3-12
Track – Grades K-8
Soccer
Cross Country – Grades 5-8

GIRLS

Volleyball – Grades 3-12
Basketball – Grades 3-12
Softball – Grades 1-8
Track – Grades K-8
Cheerleading –
Soccer
Cross Country – Grades 5-8

Teams entered in the various leagues are determined by participation, resource availability, and St. John the Baptist Athletic Association review.

Parents are encouraged to attend the St. John the Baptist Athletic Association monthly meeting, held at school the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Parents who would like to volunteer to coach or in another capacity are encouraged to let a board member know.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OFFICERS FOR 2016-17

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Doug Abrams	513-383-5489
Sarah Kiefer	513-367-4171
Amy Enginger	513-367-5552

Boys Coordinator -

Football	Joe Jansen	513-367-7788
Basketball	Todd Heffron	513-367-0946
Baseball	Mark Hoffman	513-845-4463
Boys Volleyball	Open	
Cross Country	Mike Anneken	812-637-9663
Track	Open	
Golf	Trevor Ward	513-845-0299
Soccer	Mike Lipp	513-582-6256
	Jen Hudnall	

Girls Coordinator -

Volleyball	Julie Schroder	513-202-9946
Basketball	Michelle Ehrhard	765-647-4885
	Kim Vogelgesang	513-367-9322
Softball	Nick Murphy	
	Dave Dalessandro	513-460-5843
Cross Country	Mike Anneken	812-637-9663
Track	Open	
Golf	Trevor Ward	513-845-0299
Soccer	Mike Lipp	513-582-6256
	Jen Hudnall	
GWAC Rep	Kelly Besl	513-259-0569

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ADDENDUM TO PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK 2017-18

ACCIDENTS

Serious accidents are to be reported to the school office. Teachers send injured children to the nurse. Parents are informed of injuries as deemed necessary by the nurse. This is determined by the severity of the injury, need for possible further evaluation by medical personnel and/or continued monitoring by the parents, and the child's overall reports of discomfort and reaction to the injury. In an extreme emergency the parent's signature on the Emergency Medical Authorization Form gives consent that "9-1-1" be called first. The parent's signature also, assists the principal and the nurse in admitting a child to the emergency room. Therefore, it is important that the entire form, including any medication a child is taking, is completed in order to assist emergency room staff in providing the best care possible to a child.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Medication in a school environment must be handled with care and caution. The school contains a number of young people who are not yet aware that while medication helps many live a healthier, fuller life, taken in the wrong dosage or by the wrong person; it can have negative impacts on a person's health. Many children confuse medications with candy due to similar shapes and colors.

All medication, both prescription and over-the-counter (non-prescription i.e. Tylenol, ibuprophen, cough syrups) will only be administered by school personnel if accompanied by a physician's order. The "Medication Order" form must be completed and signed by the licensed prescriber and the parent/guardian before any medication can be given during the school day. The order is only able to be utilized for one school year. However, if there is a change in dosage or the number of times a day a dose is administered, a new order will be required. Additionally, a new order is required for each school year, even if the medication remains the same. Additional forms are available from the nurse as needed.

As mandated by the Ohio Revised Code 3313.718, students are allowed to carry self-administer Epi-pens and asthma inhalers. There must be a current medication order on file in the health office. The parents and physician must sign off on the medication orders that the student is capable of administering the medication, identifying the need for administration, and safely transporting said medication. The student must also be knowledgeable in how to notify a staff member to alert the nurse should further assistance be needed.

All medication must be brought to the school office by the parent or guardian in the original container. Do not send medication to school with your child. While at school or on the bus, any child found with medication, prescription or over-the-counter, will be subject to disciplinary action. The only exception is for Epi-pens and inhalers where a current order is in the nurse's office. Please do not send any medication to school with your child.

At the end of the year, all unused medication will be available for pick up by a parent or designated adult. No medication will be stored at school over the summer months. Any medication which remains at the end of the school year will be destroyed.

We appreciate the help of our parents in providing a safe learning environment for our children. If you have any questions, please contact the Health Room at 513-367-0451.

COUGH DROPS

Cough drops containing no medication are permitted to be brought and used during the school day. They must be accompanied by a note from the parent. Please be sure to write a new note for each episode in which children need the cough drops. Children are asked to bring both the note and the cough drops to the health office in the morning. Please only send the number of cough drops needed for the day. Like other medications, the overuse of cough drops can leave children not feeling well.

SPECIAL HEALTH CONCERNS

If your child is allergic to any medication, food allergies, bee stings, etc., or has anything we should know about such as a heart condition, a hearing problem, diabetes, etc., please notify the nurse at the beginning of each school year so necessary precautions can be taken. This information will be kept on file so that we can pass it on to teachers. If there is any reason your child should not be permitted to take part in physical education classes, whether this is occasionally or on a regular basis, please notify your child's physical education teacher promptly in writing. A doctor's note will be necessary to exclude a child from physical education classes for any period over three school days.

FOOD ALLERGY MANAGEMENT PREVENTION PLAN

The following guidelines will be used to help students with allergies and their families manage the risk or reactions. It is recognized by all staff at St. John the Baptist School that food allergies are a serious and potentially life threatening condition that need to be managed through coordinated communication between school families, school staff members, and the child's health care provider. These guidelines are designed to outline the responsibilities of all involved parties.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOOL STAFF

- Attend annual training regarding food (and other) allergy management
- Attend annual training with regard to epi-pen administration
- Develop individualized plans of care for students including emergency plans of care
- Provide the safest environment possible by being aware of allergens and the potential reaction which may occur due to exposure
- Communicate with school families regarding individual needs

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS

- Provide documentation regarding child's needs and orders from health care providers as appropriate.
- Provide safe snacks for students to have as an alternate to other treats.
- Provide the homeroom teacher with a list of safe snacks to be shared with other parents in the homeroom.
- Determine which foods from the cafeteria a student may purchase.
- Educate children regarding their allergies and which foods are safe for them.
- Communicate with school staff regarding individual student needs.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENTS

- Be educated about their allergies
- Abide by the parent identified list of safe foods
- Understand the importance of not sharing food with other students

At St. John the Baptist School, the school nurse will provide training to all school staff, including cafeteria staff, on an annual basis. Additionally, the school nurse will work to implement “alert” procedures within the cafeteria to assure that staff is aware of students with allergies and understand the management plans in regard to each individual student. The school nurse will maintain an up to date binder of food labels for parents to review and work with parents to create an approved foods list for their child.

Note: St. John the Baptist School is not a peanut/nut free facility.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost articles are kept in the health room so that children can claim them. Each child's valuables should be marked with his or her name in permanent marker. Items still in the Lost and Found at the end of the year will be donated to charity.

Health Emergencies

CHOKING AND HEIMLICH MANEUVER

People commonly choke when they are eating too fast or while laughing or moving around. These behaviors are a daily occurrence among students in school cafeterias so schools and school staff members must be prepared to perform the Heimlich Maneuver. Many lives have been saved because someone knew how to perform the Heimlich Maneuver.

If a student is visibly choking, cafeteria staff/monitor/teacher may asked the child if they are choking and if the child responds with any gesture of “yes”. The adult may then proceed with the Heimlich maneuver.

The Heimlich Maneuver

A choking victim can't speak or breathe and needs your help immediately. Follow these steps to help a choking victim:

- From behind, wrap your arms around the victim's waist.
- Make a fist and place the thumb side of your fist against the victim's upper abdomen, below the ribcage and above the navel.
- Grasp your fist with your other hand and press into their upper abdomen with a quick upward thrust. Do not squeeze the ribcage; confine the force of the thrust to your hands.
- Repeat until object is expelled.

AED (Automatic External Defibrillator)

AEDs are portable devices used to induce electrical stimulation to the heart muscle in the event of potential cardiac arrest. Early access defibrillation has been recognized as a significant factor in

survival from incidents of sudden cardiac arrest. Adequate preparation for responding to a life threatening emergency can save lives.

Here at St. John the Baptist School there is two portable AEDs. One is located in the hallway where the church and school meet. The second device is on the outside of the school office. Inside each cabinet is the AED, one adult size adhesive pad, one child size adhesive pad and a CPR mask. Beside each cabinet hangs a list of instructions, a work order, a supply order and the extensive policy regarding the AED and use.

In case of a medical emergency, someone should stay with the victim and assess the situation, call 9-1-1 if deemed, start CPR and follow the audible instructions of the AED before the Fire/EMS arrives.

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