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Read Sunday's Gospel: MT 21: 28-32 "...Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you..."

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A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

As I write this week's update, a voice on the radio has just announced it is exactly three months until Christmas. Does this message bring a smile to your face or add to your already full plate of tasks to finish each day? Now that we are fully emerged in the new school year, extracurricular activities are well under way. The school campus is a busy place with band practice on Mondays, guitar lessons on Tuesdays, *Young Rembrandts* on Wednesdays, and sports practices and scout meetings taking place most days. Weekends are filled with games, tournaments, chores, mass, and hopefully some relaxing time!

As a staff, most of us are working parents. We appreciate the busy lives and schedules of families today. This is an early-in-the-year reminder about the importance of homework. Homework is intended to provide an independent opportunity to apply and/or practice the skills introduced in the classroom. Homework should be meaningful work that's been assigned in order to further student understanding of concepts, rather than busy work to be checked off as complete. As our handbooks indicate, homework should take about 10 minutes a night per grade level. This means a typical kindergarten student should have no more than 10 minutes each night, while our junior high students should be spending 80-90 minutes studying or completing assigned work. Occasionally, teachers may use a "flipped instructional" approach in which students are asked to read or preview information prior to it's being taught and then come into class with specific questions or a lab to apply the information to classroom activities. If information has not been previewed, students will have a difficult time participating in the class activities!

Parents can assist by providing the location and materials needed for homework completion, by checking over *some* answers (not all) for accuracy, and by making sure students put their names and homerooms on their papers, before turning them in. This is especially true if your child is making up work from an absence! Please encourage your children to be assertive and to ask when they may make up missed tests or quizzes.

We have time built into each grade level when no direct instruction is being given to the whole group so interventions and enrichment may take place, so there are opportunities to complete make-up work, but students need to make these arrangements themselves, starting around 4th grade. It is fine to let teachers know your son or daughter has a test to make up when you write the note upon their return to school, but please continue to urge your children to self-advocate, as it's an important life skill.

Please take some time this weekend to consider ways to support the students as they prepare for the upcoming Walk-a-Thon. We have constant needs for replacing and updating technology and hope to continue to provide daily experiences with technology to students. We have reached the point where we have one computer for every two students! Let's keep working toward our goal of a device for everyone!

Have a blessed weekend as you dust off your walking shoes and catch up on your sleep!

Mrs. Meymann

Spirit Wear Orders

Spirit Wear orders are now being placed. Order forms were sent home in the Friday envelope and the deadline for placing the orders is Friday, October 3. Please make all checks payable to: St. John Spirit Wear.



Fall Toy & Clothing Sale

St. John's PTC Toy & Clothing Sale will be held on Saturday, October 4, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the gym and cafeteria. Lots of items including clothes, movies, games, toys, baby equipment and much more! All proceeds help buy much needed items for the school. Please spread the word! Cash only please! Call Stacie Combs @ 513-367-1145 for more information.

Congratulations

to Hunter Cupp, Danielle Montgomery, Ryan Crail and Gavin Vogelsang for leading the Boys 8th Grade and Girls 7th Grade Eagles Cross Country team to second place overall finishes in the Pleasant Run Invitational last night.

Walkathon Top Sellers for the Week

are Ruby Barrow \$175, Benjamin Armburst \$60, and Maddie Kiefer \$60! Congratulations and keep up the good work!!



URGENT

The Walk-a-thon needs your help!

The Walk-a-thon is scheduled to take place next Friday, October 3rd. **We have a goal of \$20,000.** To date we have raised \$5,184.52.

We are adding a BONUS turn-in day on Monday, September 29th.

Also, remember that if the students raise \$20,000 they will receive a FREE DAY OFF OF SCHOOL!!!!

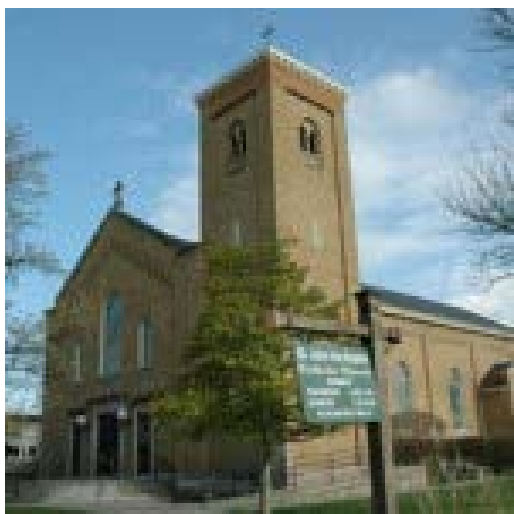
WE CAN DO THIS!!!!!!!!!!!!

School Reminders – On Friday, Oct. 3, the cafeteria will not be open to purchase food. The PTC is providing lunch of hot dogs, chips, fruit and water for the Walkathon. If your child would like something different to eat, please pack their lunch. Thank you!

Parish News and Updates

Lotto Winners

CONGRATULATIONS to the weekly Lotto winner! Carole Lonneman won \$100 for the week of 9/22. The winning ticket was sold by Eva & Nick Lonneman. It was pulled by Joy Gemperline and Angie Land



September 25, 2014

Dear Parents:



The graduating 8th grade class of 2015 from St. John the Baptist Catholic School in Harrison, will be hosting a GOLF OUTING on October 11th, 2014. This event will be held at Circling Hills Golf Course in Harrison, Ohio. This event is just one of many fundraising activities that the 8th grade is doing this year to help offset the cost of their 8th grade expenses (graduation, 8th grade class trip, scholarship to St. John's students, etc.).

We are asking businesses to help us achieve our goal by making donations. The donations can be monetary for a hole sponsor or cart sponsor, gift certificates, gift cards, items for door prizes, promotional items, coupons, cash donations, etc. to assist with making this fundraiser a HUGE success!

Following is a sheet with all the details of our golf outing and the options you have for supporting the 8th grade class this year. Also, please consider getting a foursome together and join us for a wonderful day of golfing & fun!

Please contact us if you would like us or need us to pick up your donation or need us to meet you to get your donation. Otherwise, the donation/sponsor form, donation, and/or foursome information can be mailed to:

St. John's 8th Grade Class Golf Outing

Attention: Bill Trabel
10755 Stone Ridge Way
Harrison, OH 45030

If you need someone to pick up the donation, please contact:

Polly Duebber	(513) 324 - 4691	pduebber@gmail.com
Angel Cupp	(812) 637 - 9844	fourcupps@gmail.com
Jenni Trabel	(513) 257 - 7935	jenni.trabel@yahoo.com
Chrissy McAlister	(513) 608 - 3864	chrissymcalister@me.com

THANK YOU FOR ANY HELP that you can provide or consider. We look forward to seeing you at the GOLF OUTING!

Sincerely,

The Golf Committee & 8th Grade Students of St. John's - Harrison

Bj & Chrissy McAlister
Rich & Angel Cupp

Bill & Jenni Trabel
Keith & Polly Duebber



GOLF OUTING 2014

St. John the Baptist School - Harrison
 Benefiting the 2015 Graduating 8th Grade Class
 (Sponsored by the 8th Grade Parents)



Circling Hills Golf Course - Saturday October 11th, 2014

Registration: 12:00pm Golf (Scramble Format): 1:00pm Shot Gun Start
 Dinner, Awards, & Prizes - Immediately Following Golf

\$75 Per Golfer - Includes green fees, cart, lunch at the turn, dinner, drink tickets, gift bag, & door prize

Mail Completed Form & Payment to: *Bill Trabel*
 10755 Stone Ridge Way
 Harrison, OH 45030

REGISTRATION & Payment DEADLINE: September 27th, 2014

*After Deadline, Call 513-257-4549 or Email btrabel@cinci.rr.com for
 Registration*

#1 Golfer listed will receive email confirmation & will be considered the Golf Team Captain & Contact

FOURSOME: \$300 (\$75 per golfer)

Golfer #1: _____ Email: _____ Ph#: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Golfer #2: _____ Golfer #3: _____ Golfer #4: _____

Name of the Student or Students the FOURSOME is Supporting: _____

HOLE SPONSOR: \$100 Donation (includes hole sponsor sign)

Company/Individual Name to be placed on the Sign: _____

want a logo on the hole sponsor sign, please email logo to bjmcalister@me.com

Student or Students the HOLE SPONSORSHIP is Supporting: _____

CART SPONSOR: \$25 per cart/ \$40 for 2 carts

Company/Individual Name to be placed on the Sign: _____

If want a logo on the hole sponsor sign, please email logo to bjmcalister@me.com

Student or Students the CART SPONSORSHIP is Supporting: _____

DOOR PRIZE DONATION:

Contact one of the following people to arrange for pick up or drop off

Polly Duebber	(513) 324 - 4691	pduebber@gmail.com
Angel Cupp	(812) 637 - 9844	fourcups@gmail.com
Jenni Trabel	(513) 257 - 7935	jenni.trabel@yahoo.com
Chrissy McAlister	(513) 608 - 3864	chrissymcalister@me.com

*Make Checks Payable To: **St. John's 8TH Grade Golf Fundraiser***

ELDER HIGH SCHOOL SHADOW PROGRAM

Choosing the right high school can be a challenging process. Elder's shadow program allows a young man to go directly to the heart of the high school experience: spending a day on campus and in our classrooms. The Elder High School Shadow Program provides an opportunity for prospective students to ask questions of our students and teachers, to sample the ambiance of the school, and to determine if Elder is a place where he will personally be comfortable.

To schedule a shadow day, parents should contact JP Owens, Director of Admissions & Marketing, at [513-921-3744](tel:513-921-3744) ext. 3427 or owensjp@elderhs.net for details.

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST – NOV. 22

8th Grade Boys: Check out www.elderhs.org/HSPT to:

- Register to take the High School Placement Test at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at Elder. Cost is \$30.

Students should arrive at Elder by 8:00 AM. Test begins at 8:30 AM and will end around 12 PM. Students can take the test at any high school in which they can enroll and have the option of sending their results to three different schools.

La Salle High School - 8th grade boys

Learn what makes La Salle a leader. 8th grade boys looking to create their own unique path of success and experience how La Salle is crafting brilliant minds have the opportunity to follow a current La Salle student throughout his daily schedule. Shadowing begins September 8, 2014. Students can expect a REALISTIC school day focusing on academics, faith, discipline and development of each student. You can sign up at www.FUTURELANCERS.com or by contacting Jake Pucci at [513-741-2365](tel:513-741-2365) or jpucci@lasallehs.net.

GET THE ST. XAVIER ADVANTAGE**X-PERIENCE NIGHTS**

St. Xavier High School will be hosting six X-perience Nights during the month of October. You and your 7th & 8th grade family will receive an invitation to come to St. X on October 21. While we hope that your families can attend on the specific evening to which your school has been invited, they certainly can come to one of the other dates if they cannot make it that night. To RSVP, please call Jeff Pugh, Assistant Director of Enrollment at 513-761-7815 x 501.

The X-perience Night is an opportunity for parents and students to learn more about St. Xavier and its programs. The evening begins in our chapel at 6:30 and concludes around 8 p.m. Parents will hear a presentation about the mission of St. Xavier from a parent of a current student, a faculty member and an admissions representative. There will be ample time for questions and answers afterward. Students will learn about St. X by taking a tour of the school, guided by current St. X students.

In addition to X-perience Nights, St. Xavier hosts other admissions events. Our Open House is on Sunday, November 16 from 1 to 4 p.m. The Open House is an opportunity for St. Xavier to welcome prospective students and their families to our campus.

The Entrance Exam is on Saturday, November 22 from 8:30 to noon. Families can register for the test at our website, www.stxavier.org

St John the Baptist Catholic Church
 'Trunk or Treat'
 509 Park Ave

Harrison, Ohio 45030

Sunday, October 26, 2014 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

(WEATHER PERMITTING)

Trunk or Treat is a free event, which will provide a safe, fun alternative for Trick or Treating.

Children will have the opportunity to walk through the parking lot full of decorated automobile trunks and fill their bags with lots of goodies.

Set up will be in St John's School parking lot. Just drive your vehicle in, set up a chair, and pass your treats out of your trunk.

If you would like to participate in this fun event, by passing out your treats, please complete the registration form below and mail by October 17th to:

**Mary Lohman
 9220 New Haven Rd
 Harrison, Ohio 45030**

Name and Address _____

Phone _____ Email address _____

For questions, please contact Mary at 513-367-6562 or email doug.lohman@gmail.com

Again, there is NO COST for this event. Simply bring your treats at 2:30 pm to St John's School parking lot, to pass out from your trunk from 3:00 - 5:00. We do ask that the treat be individually wrapped. And decorating your trunk would be fun, but optional.

Guidelines and Waiver

1. Signature is required on registration form (see waiver below)
2. Set up can begin at 2:30 pm., but must be completed by 3:00 pm., when the event begins.
3. Please plan on staying until the end of the event, for safety concerns.
4. Your space needs to be cleared of all items at the end of the event.

Waiver: I will not hold St John the Baptist Catholic Church or any individual, working with the Trunk or Treat event, responsible for personal injury, damage to property, or theft, nor will I be party to any legal action against them.

I have read and agree to the above.

Applicant's signature: _____

Date: _____

Annie Moses Band Coming to Cincinnati October 25

GCPAS Presents Annie Moses Band Oct. 25 - Concerts For Catholic Schools

The Greater Cincinnati Performing Arts Society will present The Annie Moses Band Saturday Oct. 25 at the McAuley Performing Arts Center at 7:30 PM. The Annie Moses Band has been inspiring and entertaining audiences for over a decade, bringing their distinctive style of music across the nation and around the world. A captivating blend of folk and classical, the Annie Moses Band is a talented ensemble of songwriters, singers, and musicians, combining technical skill with exhilarating showmanship. The Band's innovative sound has delighted audiences around the world - in record breaking numbers of airings on PBS and on stages as diverse as Carnegie Hall and the Grand Ole Opry. The members of the Band are also family. Veteran composer, Bill Wolaver, weaves musical styles together into cinematic arrangements while the virtuosic siblings bring Juilliard-honed chops to Nashville-styled music-making. The Annie Moses Band combines the best of beloved genres in a style that unifies audiences, young and old, classical connoisseurs and roots enthusiasts, jazz aficionados and bluegrass buffs. This is outstanding music. You can designate \$5 from every ticket purchase to go to the Catholic elementary school tuition assistance program of your choice. GCPAS supports 94 Catholic schools throughout the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky areas. The donation will be matched by the ESAP Foundation which also supports Catholic elementary education. This totals a \$10 per ticket donation. Let's work together to support Catholic schools and make sure that families who want a values based education for their children can get it. Thank you for your support!

Have a Wonderful Blessed Weekend