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Sunday's Gospel JN 21:1-19

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."



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A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

Ask your children about *Everybody Counts!* All the grade levels have been learning about the characteristics, challenges and opportunities associated with a wide range of special needs this week. We believe that with knowledge comes increased sensitivity and compassion for those who must overcome physical, cognitive, social, or sensory differences. Please reinforce this at home with stories of friends or family members who have demonstrated perseverance and determination in tackling life's challenges and by trying your best to take derogatory terms such as "retarded", "lame", "spastic", and "handicapped" out of your family vocabulary. Our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Erhard and her entire team of volunteers for helping to bring these experiences to each grade level.

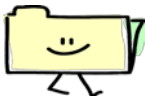
Iowa Results have arrived and we are currently taking them apart and reviewing them as a staff. We realize the data can sometimes be a bit confusing! Each child's individual results are being sent home next week, along with a cover letter explaining what many of the terms and initials mean. I was very pleased by the building results and growth apparent in both individuals and at each grade level.

Chromebooks are Coming! Refers to the link we put in with questions and answers regarding our new 1:1 Chromebook program for next year's 6th through 8th grade.

Jump Rope for Heart

Our annual Jump Rope for Heart event to benefit the American Heart Association is history, but I need to take a few lines to say "Great Job!" St. John raised \$3,558.40 which was our best year since I started teaching here 12 years ago. A big thank you to our top five fundraisers: **Ellie Cornett, Isabelle Pieczynski, Alexis Hunter, Alex Jackson and Sam and Matthew McAlister.** All the prizes have been passed out to our fundraisers and we all have healthier hearts with the jumping that was done. We also received a \$250 credit from US Games to buy some equipment for P.E. class. Thanks again for being so generous!!!

Mrs. Ziegler



Friday Folder Flyers

- **Partners in Faith**

Reminders

- **Annie Tickets are on sale now**
- **RSVPs for Grandparents Day are due on April 11**
- **Spirit Wear Day is on Tuesday and not Wednesday this Month**

SJB Drama Presents Annie Jr.

Please come support SJB Drama in this year's performance of Annie Junior. Show times are:

Friday, April 15 – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 16 – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 17 – 4:00 p.m.

Order forms were sent home this week with the youngest child. If you did not receive one, please call the school office.



A Note from the Nurse

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS of 2016-2017 SEVENTH GRADERS:

New State Mandated Immunization Requirements prior to entering 7th Grade

All students are to receive an additional dose of TDAP (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) vaccine *before* entering the seventh grade. If your child received a TDAP vaccine within 5 years of entering the 7th grade (2012 or later), it meets the requirement.

Additionally, beginning with the start of the 2016-2017 school year, one dose of meningococcal vaccine is required prior to entry into the 7th grade. This requirement is met if your student has had this vaccine at any time before entering 7th grade.

Please send updated immunization records as soon as possible for the upcoming school year.

Thank you for cooperation regarding this,

Karen Albrinck, RN
 nurse@sjbharrison.org
 Health Room - (513)367-0451
 School Fax - (513)367-6864

Lost and Found

If your child practiced basketball at **Christ Centered** gym this past season, he or she may have left a jacket, sweatshirt or other clothing item there. If they are missing something, please have them check the nurse's office.





St. John the Baptist School is dedicated to preparing students for a global workforce requiring 21st century skills. To accomplish this, students in grades K-5 will have access to a greater number of devices in their classrooms and the computer lab. Every student in grades 6-8 will be issued a Chromebook for his/her exclusive school use beginning with the 2016/2017 school year.

The Chromebook for grades 6-8 will be used in classes throughout the day & taken home each evening for continued learning. In addition, SJB will continue to use Google Apps for Education, a free set of communication & collaboration tools that includes the use of Google Drive, Docs, Calendar & more. Teachers will create virtual classrooms, track document changes & progress for their students. This 1:1 program will allow the teaching staff to infuse technology & online resources in powerful new ways within classroom instruction. Students will be engaged in retrieving, manipulating, interpreting & applying information & data available through a wide variety of media. As a result we hope to enhance our learning environment by further enriching critical thinking, collaboration, communication, & creativity.

As with the start of any new project there are many questions. A few of them are listed below.

- Q: What is Google Apps for Education (GAFE)?
- Q: What is a Chromebook?
- Q: How will the Chromebooks be funded?
- Q: How is the Technology Fee used?
- Q: How will the Chromebooks be used?
- Q: Will the Chromebooks leave the building?
- Q: Can a student "opt out" of getting a device?
- Q: How will St. John's prepare for the 1:1 program in grades 6-8?
- Q: How are the teachers being prepared for the new technology?
- Q: Will unsafe or inappropriate websites be filtered on the devices?
- Q: How can students submit work or assignments via their devices?
- Q: Will SJB supply my child with any Chromebook accessories, such as a protective case?
- Q: What role will textbooks play in student learning?
- Q: What training and/or support will my child receive?
- Q: How long will the Chromebook be expected to last?
- Q: Why now? This seems very fast.
- Q: I have other questions not covered on here. Who do I contact?

For the answers:

- Visit the SJB Technology Website (<http://sjbharrison.org/Academics/Technology.aspx>)

OR

- Click on this LINK to the answer document
https://docs.google.com/document/d/13AtP7nKW4XhzMhguyur_rhw4DLqd4LhZlYPUSe1f7E/edit

2016 Football / Cheerleading Signups

Registration is now open ONLINE for 2016 Bandit K-2 Football, 3-8th grade Football and Cheerleading. The online sign up period will run until April 22nd, 2016. Space on the roster cannot be guaranteed after April 22, 2016. Signups and payment will be done online, fittings (football only) will be done in person.

To sign up, please go to <http://www.stjab.com/> (this is Saint John the Baptist Dry Ridge Blue Sombrero site).

Click Login (previous users) or Register (new users) in the top right corner and follow the prompts.

MANDATORY EQUIPMENT FITTINGS TIMES (MUST ATTEND ONLY ONE)

- **APRIL 17th, 2016**
- **ST JOHN DRY RIDGE BOOSTER BARN**
- **12-2pm**

- **APRIL 24th, 2016**
- **ST. JOHN HARRISON SCHOOL CAFETERIA**
- **12-2pm**

Players that are not sized for equipment will be delayed getting their equipment. If you are unable to attend one of the fittings, please contact Chad Campbell at chadandkim@me.com.

COST (per player or cheerleader)

CHEERLEADING \$50

BANDIT \$85

PONY/RESERVE/ VARSITY \$125

TEAMS

BANDIT - K-2nd grade

PONY - 3-4th grade

RESERVE -5-6th GRADE

VARSIITY - 7-8th GRADE

Please contact Joe Jansen with any questions/concerns (513-400-8358)

HARRISON BRANCH LIBRARY

KIDS' MAY ATTRACTIONS

Book Character Bingo! It's Children's Book week! Enjoy a story and play Book Character Bingo for a chance to win a prize on **Tuesday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m.** Come dressed as your favorite book character for an extra prize. Register by calling (513) 369-4442. **Ages 12 & under with a caregiver**

Tween Game Night – Hang out and play video games with your friends on **Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m.** **Ages 8-12** register by calling (513) 369-4442.