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## Sunday's Gospel LK 14:1, 7-14

"..For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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## August

30 – Science Club 3:45 – 4:45

## September

5 – Labor Day  
14 – Picture Day  
Spirit Wear Day  
30 – Walk-A-Thon

## **A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN**

**Thank you for a Great Beginning to the School Year!** We have finished another positive week of learning at St. John the Baptist! For new families, I'd like to say thank you for your part in following the established routines and in preparing your children for the new school year. From the lunchroom, to carpool lanes, to our first fire drill, all has gone smoothly. Here and there, we have had a few snags with the Chromebooks. Thanks to the supreme efforts of our Technology Committee members, such issues as being unable to print or delays in homework postings have been very few. Be sure to check out the technology updates below and continue submitting concerns or questions through the technology committee link. Teachers in grades 6-8 appreciate the busy schedules of families. All have agreed to make sure assignments have been posted online before the 4:15 p.m. general message is distributed. If teachers are absent, it may be impossible to send out a complete schedule of assignments, but we will do our best. Students are doing a wonderful job of staying within the crosswalks while moving through the parking lot in the morning. Parents are staying in the single drop off lane or parking to walk younger students to their classrooms. Thank you for following our safety rules. Thanks to all the staff members who have been so helpful and welcoming to our new teachers. We are all united in our mission to work together to bring the best educational experiences we can to our students in a faith-filled setting.

**What is Ascend and how is it Useful to My Family?** By now, you have hopefully signed into your child's Ascend account. Ascend Student Management System is a hosted platform for managing attendance, grades, conduct, health, lunch and parent communication. If you have not yet logged on, please note you will be prompted to CHANGE your password. You can also LINK all your children's accounts together, in order to login just once, and view multiple children's grades, etc. from one screen. Teachers can post detailed homework assignments and due dates, as well as items to bring to school or comments and messages for specific students or classes. Missing work may be counted as "pending" rather than as a low grade, if the teacher has his or her gradebook set up in this manner. This is very helpful for students who are absent. Registrations and report cards may be recorded through the Ascend portal as well and printed for your convenience in sharing with your student. Something for parents to look forward to is the ability to set up a cafeteria account on Ascend. By uploading money into your child's lunchroom account, you will have no need to send in cash with your child, and will be able to quickly see how much money remains in your account. We hope to offer this convenience to families in the next few weeks!

*August is  
the Sunday  
of summer.*



### Friday Folder Flyers

- Faith Formation
- Spirit Wear Order Form

### Reminders

- **One Family Income Form must be returned to the office per family. If you need a form, please contact the office.**

### **Attention All Parents/Volunteers**

Please check your Virtus accounts and make sure you are up-to-date on all of the bulletins. If you are behind more than 3 bulletins the Archdiocese is starting to mark you as Inactive. That can change the ability to volunteer in your child's classroom or assist on any sports teams. Don't let that happen!

Thanks!!!

### **SJB Family & Friends - Join us in support of the 8th grade Washington DC Trip**

**80's Dance - Saturday, September 10**

7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Adults only

Location: VFW Hall - 9160 Lawrenceburg Rd, Harrison,  
OH 45030

Admission:

Advance tickets = \$40/couple - \$20/individual

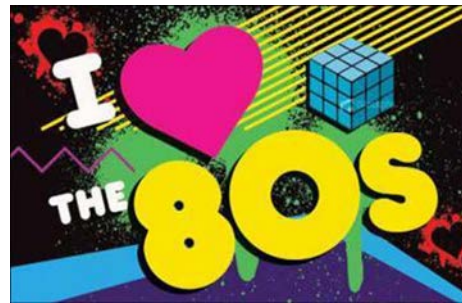
At the door = \$50/couple - \$25/individual

Soft drinks, appetizers and desserts provided. Cash Bar  
DJ

Live and Silent Auctions, 50/50 raffle, Heads & Tails  
Professional Digital Photos - \$10

To purchase tickets - <http://tinyurl.com/hgzjrf>

Or call Cindy Abrams [513/266-2599](tel:5132662599)



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Thank you for all your pull tab collection efforts. St. John's donated 56.6 lbs. this summer. Because of donations like this, Ronald McDonald raised \$20,000 through this program to help provide a "home away from home" for critically ill children and their families.

Please continue to save pull tabs and send them in to school, so Ronald McDonald can continue to surround families with hope and support during their difficult time and bring joy and a sense of normalcy to children as they heal.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the weekly Lotto winner!  
Bryan Vanderkooi won \$100 for the week of 8/22. The  
winning ticket was sold by Jack & Tucker Ward.



### **A Word from the Technology Committee ....**

Chromebooks for grades 6-8 are here! Awesome job returning the AUP's. The SJB Tech Team is still hard at work and we want to say thank you to everyone who has helped out and for your patience and understanding as we continue to move forward.

We will continue to respond to questions and concerns as we move forward. We truly believe a 1:1 program will support and personalize education in a way paper never will be able to.

One question asked at Monday's meeting was about warranty information. SJB purchased an extended warranty on the entire **new 6-8 grade Lenovo N22 Chromebooks**. Click [HERE](#) for the link to the full warranty.

Please don't hesitate to email the SJB Tech Team at [techteam@sjbharrison.org](mailto:techteam@sjbharrison.org). You may also submit issues or concerns in the following form --> [SJB Tech Help Form](#). The warranty information and the help form will also be made available on the SJB Technology website. You can also find "Frequently Asked Questions" and their answer on this [website](#).

We are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning and growing with the new technology here at SJB.

Thank you,  
SJB Tech Team



### **Cub Scouts: The Adventure Begins**

Boys, do you like camping, swimming, roasting marshmallows, BB's and learning archery? Would you like to build a model car from scratch and race it against your friends? Do you like arts & crafts? Laser Tag? Bowling? Cub scouts do all this and more!

Parents, would you like to see your son develop responsibility and a sense of good citizenship? Would you like to see him become a young man who cheerfully serves others? When he grows up do you want people to think of trustworthiness, loyalty and helpfulness when they hear his name? Do you want to join him in the adventures described above? Then cub scouts is definitely for your family!

Cub Scout Pack 408 is holding its fall signup night on Thursday, 9/1/2016, at 7 PM in the Cafeteria. Cub Scouts is open to all boys in Kindergarten thru 5th grades for the 2016-2017 school year. Note that this means we are launching the new Lion Cubs Program as part of a pilot with Dan Beard Council this fall, Kindergarten Lions will take place in age appropriate activities intended to introduce them to the fun of scouting.

For more information or if you can't make it on Thursday contact Joe Combs at [513-202-4031](tel:513-202-4031) or [jcombs10@gmail.com](mailto:jcombs10@gmail.com).



### **Future Mohawk Shadow Days Available for Eighth Grade Girls**

College Hill – Eighth grade girls are invited to experience all that McAuley has to offer at a Future Mohawk Shadow Day. Students will be hosted by a McAuley Student Ambassador for the day and will sit in on classes, meet teachers and students, eat lunch in the cafeteria, and tour the school.

A variety of Future Mohawk Shadow Days are available from August through December. To register, please visit [www.mcauleyhs.net/shadow2016](http://www.mcauleyhs.net/shadow2016). For more information, please contact Maria Schweikert, Director of Admissions, at (513) 681-1800 x2272 or [schweikertm@live.mcauleyhs.net](mailto:schweikertm@live.mcauleyhs.net).

### **About McAuley High School**

McAuley High School is a college preparatory, Catholic school for young women, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas and part of the Mercy Education Collaborative of Cincinnati (MECC). Located in College Hill, it has a 56-year history of academic excellence and is designated a National Blue Ribbon School by the US Department of Education. McAuley provides a strong focus on academics and offers a unique Women In Program that exposes students to careers in medicine, technology, engineering and law. It also offers competitive athletics, award-winning arts programs, an innovative Tablet PC Program and more. For more information, visit [www.mcauleyhs.net](http://www.mcauleyhs.net).

### **X-PERIENCE NIGHTS**

St. Xavier High School hosts six X-perience Nights in October (*3, 11, 13, 17, 19 & 25*). Your school and all 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade families will receive an invitation to attend. While we hope families can join on the specific evening of your school's invitation, they certainly can attend any night that best fits their schedule.

The evening begins in our Chapel of the Holy Companions at 6:30 p.m. and concludes at 8 p.m. Parents will hear a presentation about the mission of St. Xavier from the parent of a current student, faculty member, and an admissions representative – with ample time for questions and answers afterward. Students learn about St. X by taking a tour of the school, guided by current St. X students, also followed by a question and answer session. (Parents will *not* receive a tour on X-perience Nights.) Families have found these nights to be an intimate opportunity to receive information and hear different perspectives. Parents and faculty often can give a more “on the ground” view of the school.

### **OPEN HOUSE**

On *Sunday, November 13 from 1 to 4 p.m.* prospective students and families are invited to attend our annual Open House. Tours are given by current students, allowing families time to speak with teachers, co-curricular moderators, and students about their experiences.

### **ENTRANCE EXAM**

The High School Placement Test is on *Saturday, November 19 from 8:30 a.m. to noon*. Families may register for the test at our website, [www.stxavier.org/exam](http://www.stxavier.org/exam).

Thank you for your help informing families and guiding them to make the best decision for their sons. We wish you the best as you begin the 2016-17 academic year. God bless.



GIVE THEM  
THE POWER  
TO PURSUE  
THEIR  
DREAMS.



## ***WE NEED YOU AS A ROLE MODEL!***

The **K-8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers at St. John the Baptist** have signed up for Junior Achievement programs and volunteers are needed to present it!!

### ***What is Junior Achievement?***

Junior Achievement is the world's largest and fastest growing economic educational organization. Our purpose is to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, business and economics to improve the quality of their lives. Our hands-on programs are presented to students by "Consultants" from the community who demonstrate how education directly affects future employment and success.

### ***What will I be doing?***

- Using hands-on, age-appropriate activities to engage students
- Using Junior Achievement's lesson plans and pre-packaged materials
- Talking about the skills students will need to succeed in the world of work
- Enriching the curriculum with your own experiences...and having fun!

### ***How much time will it take?***

The time commitment per class is designed to be 45 minutes, with 5 classroom visits, plus time at home to read the lessons and prepare. There is also a one-time training session to familiarize you with the program materials and Junior Achievement. If you need additional information, you can visit our website or contact Kym McGee at 513-346-7100, ext. 113 or [k.mcgee@ja.org](mailto:k.mcgee@ja.org).

### ***What other volunteers say about their Junior Achievement experience:***

"I loved walking into the class and hearing the kids whisper to each other that I was here....I felt like a hero every single time that I walked into the class!"

"I loved the JA experience. The kids made me feel very valuable and knowledgeable."

***If you'd like to make a difference in the lives of our area youth,  
in any grade level, K-8, please Melissa Pitzer.***

To sign up as a volunteer contact:

Melissa Pitzer, [mpitzer35@gmail.com](mailto:mpitzer35@gmail.com), 513-633-1163 call or text