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Sunday's Gospel LK 14:25-33

"If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."

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- 8 - PTC Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 14 - Picture Day
Spirit Wear Day
- 23 - SJB Strickers Grove
- 27 - Science Club
- 30 - Walk-A-Thon

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

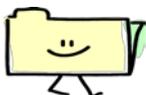
Preschool begins next week! September seems to have brought beautiful blue skies and low humidity with it, for which we are all grateful. The forecast promises more of the same for this long, Labor Day weekend. When we return next week, our preschool students will be joining us, and so please expect a few more cars in the parking lot at arrival time. It is also helpful when our older students smile encouragingly at the new, little people they may encounter near the first grade hall or computer lab. From them and from the preschool teacher, Mrs. Childers, our youngest jaguars learn that school is a good place!



On Thursday, students involved in scouting wore their uniforms to school in honor of Scout Day. Perhaps you remember the fun and friendships you formed in your school scouting program? Contact Mr. Combs (288-8714) if your sons are interested in Cub Scouts, but were not able to attend Thursday's sign ups. The Girl Scout/Brownies sign-ups will take place on September 8 in the school cafeteria.

Our Technology Use Keeps Expanding! Third and fourth grade students now have daily access to assigned Chromebooks. Their Chromebooks do not leave school, but are charged overnight in grade level charging stations. Our technology team consists of parents with strong technology or information networking backgrounds, and St. Johns teachers who meet weekly to try to anticipate and troubleshoot technology issues across our campus. **Several families had questions about the need to purchase insurance since the Chromebooks are sent home with grades 6-8. When we purchased the Chromebooks for the students, we did choose to purchase a comprehensive plan to cover most instances of accidental damage, such as cracked screens. You may wish to purchase your own personal property insurance to include the Chromebooks if you have reason to be especially concerned about flood, natural disaster, or theft.** We are seeing many good outcomes in the classroom! Students are doing well with work completion and submissions, and some previously reluctant writers are really soaring. If you have additional questions or concerns about school technology, please be sure to contact the Technology Team.

Enjoy Labor Day with your families and may God bless us with many smiles and a safe weekend!



Friday Folder Flyers

- **September Lunch Menu**
- **Picture Day Info.**
- **EWTN Flyer**

Reminders

- **The first PTC Meeting is September 8 at 7:00. All parents are encouraged to come and discuss the Walk-A-Thon, Technology and other important topics.**

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!!!

CONGRATULATIONS to the weekly Lotto winner!
Dale L. Cox won \$100 for the week of 8/29. The winning ticket was sold by Ellie Cornett.

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

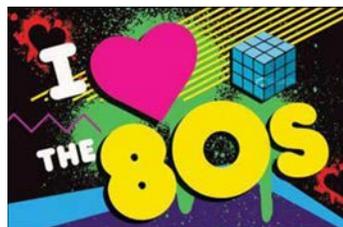
At the door = \$50/couple - \$25/individual

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/hgzjjrf>

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



Clubs are Beginning

Jag Wire will be returning for our fledgling journalists and photographers. They will meet on Fridays.

We would like to be able to support a student initiative to begin a Book Club for our older students in Grades 5-8. Two parents are needed to make this happen. Please contact Mrs. Meymann at Meymann_s@sjbharrison.org if interested.

The PE shorts have been delivered this week. Please be sure to write a name on the tag as we have 175 pair of these shorts purchased and we don't want to misplace any the first week they are worn. Starting on Tuesday, all students in grades 4-8 will be required to wear the required shorts. Part of being a responsible student, is coming to class prepared with the proper equipment. For PE class that means: purchased shorts, STJB t-shirt with sleeves, gym shoes and socks.

Please send payment of \$8 per pair to school ASAP. We prefer payment by check which can be made payable to St. John the Baptist School. Thank you for your cooperation!



A Word from the Technology Committee

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.

Warranty Update: after a thorough reading of the warranty by the SJB Tech Team, we have a better understanding of the coverage we have already purchased for the Chromebooks for grades 6-8. Our warranty will cover repairs with the exception of damage from flood, natural disasters, or theft. If you are interested in purchasing additional insurance, you would want to look into personal property insurance. Please don't hesitate to contact the SJB Tech Team with questions related to this or the technology here at St. John's. 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](#).



McAuley High School Holds Future Mohawk Sports Nights

College Hill – This fall, McAuley High School will hold two Future Mohawk Sports Nights for grade school girls interested in experiencing McAuley Athletics. Grade school students who attend will enjoy games, fun, a McAuley giveaway, and free admission.

- **Tuesday, Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m., Volleyball** – The McAuley Mohawks will take on Ursuline at McAuley.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 21, 6:15 p.m., Soccer** – The McAuley Mohawks will take on Seton at McAuley. The soccer field is located behind the school.

Additional Future Mohawk Sports Nights will be held for basketball this winter and for lacrosse in the spring. For more information, contact Maria Schweikert, Director of Admissions, at (513) 681-1800 x2272 or schweikertm@live.mcauleyhs.net.

HARRISON BRANCH LIBRARY

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Harrison@CincinnatiLibrary.org***OCTOBER ATTRACTIONS FOR ALL***

Customer Appreciation Day! Celebrate the **15th Anniversary of the Harrison Branch Library** on **Saturday, October 15!** Activities to enjoy all day: see the photo display of the construction of the branch library and enjoy cookies. From **10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.** the **Cincinnati Northern Model Railroad Club** will have a working model train display and be available for your questions.

COMING IN NOVEMBER FOR ADULTS

German American Heritage – Learn more about our region’s rich German Heritage from Don Heinrich Tolzmann, a nationally and regionally noted historian of German Americana on **Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m.** He has written and edited dozens of books and contributed to countless others. Register by calling (513) 369-4442.

KIDS’ OCTOBER ATTRACTIONS

Legos in the Library! Bring your friends and family to build amazing Lego creations on **Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m.** **Ages 12 & under with caregiver** – register by calling (513) 369-4442.

Special Edition Family Storytime: Fire Prevention Week! Join firefighters from the Harrison Fire Department on **Wednesday, October 12** as we learn what to do in case of a fire, how to protect ourselves and our homes, and see a real fire truck up close!

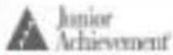
10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Storytimes will be combined into this special **11:00 a.m. time** so all groups can meet our guests. **For children and their caregivers**

Family Storytime: Trick or Treat! Wear your costume and trick-or-treat in the library after today’s storytime! Enjoy books, songs, activities and more, while building early literacy skills. **Wednesday, October 26, 10:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.**

TEENS’ OCTOBER ATTRACTIONS

Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children Challenge! In honor of the theatrical release of the Ransom Riggs book, come to the library to participate in our unique game with prizes for the winners on **Thursday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m.** **Grades 6-12** register by calling (513) 369-4442.





GIVE THEM
THE POWER
TO PURSUE
THEIR
DREAMS.



WE NEED YOU AS A ROLE MODEL!

The **K-8th 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.

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, 513-633-1163 call or text

November 19th High School Placement Test (HSPT) – Preparation Opportunity

Learn more and sign-up – www.RedwoodPrep.com

Jim Telles and I have been partners in instruction for over 25 years at St. Xavier High School and will be **offering an HSPT preparation course** for interested 7th and 8th grade students (boys and girls) **at St. Xavier High Saturday, October 29th and November 5th**. The actual HSPT exam will be held on Saturday, November 19th ensuring the concepts and preparation learned in the course stay fresh for exam day.

This is an 8 hour preparatory course for the HSPT. The first 4 hours of instruction are offered on October 29th and the second 4 hours on November 5th. Students can register for the 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM or 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM session. The time slot that the student chooses to attend on October 29 is also the same time slot he or she will attend on November 5. If inclement weather forces the cancellation of either weekend session, students are expected to be available on Saturday, November 12th for a make-up session.

Jim and I pioneered the study strategy course at St. Xavier High for incoming freshmen that welcomes over 300 kids over the summer. We enjoy teaching these programs and hearing about the great results our participants achieve. We work with **RedwoodPrep**, a group of educators with a nationwide HSPT preparation curriculum and program, to offer an HSPT preparation program here at St. Xavier High.

Students often go into the HSPT exam lacking formal preparation leading to poorer results and more stress. Our two day program comprehensively prepares students and addresses all the key topics in each of the exam's 5 major areas: Verbal Skills, Mathematics, Reading, Language and Quantitative Skills. We also teach students key test-taking strategies applicable to the HSPT and – just as importantly – future standardized exams as well (e.g., time management, answer choice elimination). By program's end, students will know how to tackle every type of problem on the HSPT and know how to navigate standardized exams more effectively and efficiently.

To learn more and sign-up, visit www.RedwoodPrep.com.

We look forward to working with you and wish you all the best with your high school admissions process,

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