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Read Sunday's Gospel - Mt. 21: 33-43 ".....The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes"

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A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

Parents of 8th grade students should be on the lookout for some information specific to our "almost high school" students. It includes information regarding the November High School Placement Tests and upcoming Open House events. This week's *Principal Message* is also geared toward our older students. In the early years of schooling, we don't expect students to be able to guide their own learning; the teacher is largely responsible for creating classroom experiences that lead to student learning. As kids get older, we accord them increasing responsibility so that by the time they are in fifth or sixth grade, we can assign them a chapter to read or questions to answer and expect them to come to school, armed with some understanding of new content. Parents can help in the usual ways like providing an established time, space, and materials for homework completion, but there are also a few strategies students need to master in order to make the most of independent learning times.

Study Strategies that Work!

Strategy 1: Elaborative Interrogation (Questions and Self-Explanations)

For comprehension to take place, students have to be engaged in what they are reading. If questions are read before the reading takes place, students automatically have a purpose or focus while their reading. If they can answer the question verbally, putting it into writing is just around the corner.

Strategy 2: Distributed Practice (Studying a Little at a Time for Better Retention)

When preparing for tests and quizzes, there are really two typical ways to go about it - studying a little a day or cramming the night before. Cramming actually works well if you are studying something you only need to memorize for a short time. For true learning to take place, notes and reading should be spaced apart over a week or two. It is never too early to teach your children time management skills. Not only does this prevent feeling overwhelmed, but the learning is much more likely to be remembered, even years later.

Strategy 3: Interleaving (Mixing it up)

When studying, study several concepts together, rather than analyzing one at a time. If students study different vocabulary at the same time, for example, they are much more likely to begin comparing/contrasting them while studying. This is one of the principles being implemented within our math program as different strategies are practiced on the same day. When we practice a page of 20 problems calling for the same procedure, it is easier, but fewer connections are being made and students will have a more difficult time applying several strategies on a test or mid-term than if they had practiced several at the same time.

Strategy 4: Practice Testing! (Taking a practice test and receiving feedback)

Study after study shows that taking a brief quiz is better for memory than rereading. The largest benefit to memory occurs when the student gets immediate corrective feedback. This is a relatively painless way for students to determine which areas need more work before the "big test". Use the questions or self-checks in the textbooks to help figure out where more studying is needed.

Question to consider: In high school, mid-terms and finals play a large part in establishing grades. Should we consider giving mid-terms or comprehensive final exams to our junior high students in order to help them be more prepared? Email me at meymann_s@sjbharrison.org with your suggestions.

Spirit Wear Orders

Spirit Wear orders are now being placed. Order forms were sent home in last week's 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 Drew Maune, Max Klare, Cooper Welter, Gavin Vogelsang, Will Jansen and Matthew Heimkreiter on their football win against St. Antoninus. The boys play for St. John Blue Jays. The final score was 12 – 7. Good job boys!

Library Help Needed

Parents, Grandparents and Friends of the Library, Are you looking to get involved in the school but don't know where to volunteer? Help is needed in the library on the 1st and 4th Wednesday morning of every month. The hours needed are from 9:00 – 10:00. The job consists of checking in and out books and then shelf the returned books. If this sounds like a job for you, call Julie Koors at 513-367-0451, or come to the library on either of those mornings. Thank You!

Walk-A-Thon

SUCCESS STORY

The Walk-A-Thon was a Huge Success for many reasons!!

- The numerous volunteers who came to help wherever needed. (Over 25% of the families were represented)
- The students who raised **\$16,242.77!!!**
- The Faculty and Staff for all the help and support they gave.
- The rain that held off and the sun for shining, because the students had an awesome time!!
- The UC Bearcat who endured the hugs and excitement of the students.
- Our Sponsors: Brater-Winter Funeral Home, Fenton, AC Electric, McDonalds and Tri-State Elevator
- Remke Market, Kroger and Sam's Club for their generous donations that made lunch possible. Sara Lee and Bimbo Breads for the hot dogs and buns and Rosemary Zinser for the popsicles.
- Last but not least, Kelly Besl and Becky Lipps who put in many hours to make the Walk-A-Thon the Huge Success that it was.

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!!!

THE WINNERS ARE.....

Top Homerooms - Ice Cream Social

Mrs. Finn - \$1,645.00

Ms. Hornsby - \$1,218.00

Top Overall Seller - Kaitlyn Wilms \$325.00

Top Turn-in for 10/3/14 - Rylee Drees - \$175.00

Natalie Penick - \$175.00

I-pod Winners - Justin Dietz and Nora Ludwig



**START SAVING FOR OUR
FALL SCHOOL YEAR LABEL WAR
BOXTOPS, CAMPBELL LABELS, TYSON LABELS & COKE PRODUCT
CAPS**

**It is time for another Box Tops/Campbell Labels/
Tyson Labels and Coke Caps War – WE HAVE ADDED A NEW
PRODUCT THIS YEAR
“SUNBEAM/AUNT MILLIES BREAD”**

The money and point rewards are used to buy school supplies
and gym equipment.

**The War will run the week of
October 13th – October 17th
(FINAL COLLECTION October 17TH)**

A TREAT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE 1ST PLACE CLASS

The War is between CLASSROOMS – not grades. The Classroom turning in
the highest number of items is the winner (not \$ amt).

We are focusing on quantity of items and raising awareness to our fundraising
efforts – These labels and caps are so beneficial to our school – it is FREE
MONEY just for RECYCLING.

Please see the school website www.sjbharrison.org for more ways to earn
money for the school under Student Activities - Fundraising

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

JENNY WATSON

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SJB Athletic Assn.

The next Athletic Association meeting will be
on **Monday, October 6** at 7:00 in the community
room. All who are interested in attending are
welcome to join us.

Also, we are in need of a new baseball coordinator
ASAP! Our current baseball coordinator, Bryan
(yes, he has a first name) Knoop, has done a
fantastic job over the past several years and we
appreciate all that he has done for the Athletic
Association. We need one person, or possibly two
people who want to split the coordinator duties, to
step up and fill this role. Our coordinators play
crucial roles for each individual sports program and
the sports seasons cannot take place without the
work that they do. If you are interested in the
baseball coordinator role, please contact the
Athletic Association at stjbathletics@gmail.com.
Thank you.

Art to Remember

Your child has already created his/her artwork
at school during Art class. Now you have the
opportunity to purchase their masterpieces.
We believe you will be excited by these unique
personal keepsakes. They make great gifts for
the Holidays. A personalized order form with a
picture of your child's artwork has been sent
home.

If you would like to purchase the artwork,
please return the order form no later than
Thursday, October 9.

We know you will be pleased with the product.



Parish News and Updates

Lotto

Winners

CONGRATULATIONS to the weekly Lotto winner! Jennifer Adams won \$100 for the week of 9/29 with ticket #680. The winning ticket was sold by The Smith Family. It was pulled by Joy Gemperline & Angie Land.



Seton High School invites 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls to **OPEN HOUSE** on **Thursday, Oct. 23 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.** Join us to tour the building and explore our state-of-the-art, technology-equipped classrooms. You will hear about our unique schedule and the benefits it provides to our students; and learn about the endless opportunities afforded to future Seton Saints!

Eighth-grade girls are also encouraged to sign up to **Shadow at Seton** for a day and experience the Seton Sisterhood! Please go to <http://www.setoncincinnati.org> and click on the Admissions tab to fill out your form. You will also be able to register for two FREE HSPT Prep Review classes from 3:30 -5:00 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 12 (Math) and Tues., Nov. 18 (Language Arts); as well as register for the High School Placement Test which takes place on Nov. 22 at 8:30 a.m. For any questions, please contact Admissions Director Marianne Ridiman at 513-471-2600 ext.206 or ridimanm@setoncincinnati.org. **#WEARthePLAID**

McAuley High School Open House this Sunday, October 5, 2014!!!

Find out why our students choose to Be Empowered at McAuley! Learn about our academic programs, athletics, arts and clubs, talk with our teachers and students, and experience all that McAuley has to offer. Drop in any time on October 5, from 1:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

We look forward to meeting you there!

Link: <https://www.mcauleyhs.net/page.cfm?p=624&LockSSL=true>

Have a Wonderful and Peaceful Weekend

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!