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Sunday's Gospel MK 10:46-52

"Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you."

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A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

Breast Cancer Awareness month This year's Student Council members had their first meeting this week and are now ready to lead our school in supporting a very worthy cause. **All those bringing a dollar to support finding a cure for breast cancer may be out of uniform on Wednesday, October 28.** Those supporting this cause may wear pink shirts and either jeans or uniform pants or skirts. Remember, mammograms save lives! Thank you, Student Council, for reminding us of this important cause.

Halloween Habits and Clothes for Cool Weather Our Halloween parties and parades for the younger grades will take place on Friday, October 30th after 2:00 p.m. Costumes should be brought to school and should be appropriate for the children to walk safely. Please leave weapon props and gory masks at home, and save your make up creations for Halloween night. All students, staff, and parents are allowed to change into Halloween, orange or black shirts after mass on October 30. Since it is a special occasion, all colors of nail polish may be worn. Be creative in your nail decorations! Remember when you return to school on Monday, nails should be clear or light pink and students may no longer wear the uniform shorts. Solid red or blue sweatshirts, cardigans, sweater vests, and St. Johns spirit wear (excluding hoodies) may be worn in school for extra warmth. Jackets and coats worn outside should be removed when students are in class.

Student Directories Please note that our school handbook specifically states we will not distribute birthday party invitations at school. As a faculty, we have seen the sadness being excluded from parties brings to some children, and we imagine few families can afford to invite every child in the grade to a celebration. However, we do want to encourage play dates, carpool and blossoming friendships and so we are attempting to create a student directory as a resource for families. Please *do not* feel you must include your family information in the directory. There is a place on the form to indicate you do not wish to share family/student information. Please look for the form in the Friday envelope and return it to school as soon as possible so we may begin compiling this resource for interested families. This information will *not* be available online.

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Friday Folder Flyers

- **COSI on Wheels – K – 6**
- **Directory Permission Slip**

Reminder

The Student Council is sponsoring an out-of-uniform day on Wednesday, 10/28. For a \$1 donation you can wear **PINK** shirts with jeans, shorts, or athletic pants to raise money and awareness for breast cancer research. All proceeds will be donated!

Who's Watching the Kids? Please be sure your students and their siblings are attended by a responsible adult when arriving for after school activities, such as Science Club, athletics, guitar lessons, or Young Rembrandts. All children must know who is responsible for them and those supervising should be made aware of their responsibilities. St. John Staff are not responsible for supervising students beyond 3:45 p.m., except for bus duty. This is a prime time for grade level and cross-curricular meetings for our staff. The YMCA after school latch key program runs until 6:00 p.m. each day and provides a safe and consistent setting for an after school snack, homework completion, and quiet games or outdoor play. For more information about before or after school childcare, call 923-4466.

Cursive Writing Remains in our third grade curriculum. Although it is not taught beyond third grade, we are discovering our students are losing this skill from lack of use in the upper grades, and have determined we will be requiring cursive handwriting on *some* assignments in order to maintain the skills. Parents may also notice their children using their "official" signature on classroom tests and assignments. Students have been provided with a cursive writing refresher to aid them in their letter formation, but we are already seeing an improvement in their speed. For many, a combination of print and cursive becomes their chosen, most efficient means for taking notes. We hope you will encourage your children to develop a legible script, even in this day of texts and emails.

St. John's Girls' Basketball Sign Ups and Evaluations

St. John's has a girls' basketball program for grades 3-8. Grades 3-4 focus on introducing and developing skills; girls will play all positions and have equal playing time. Teams are randomly selected. Grades 5-8 are divided by ability through an evaluation process and assigned to appropriate team levels (e.g. A, B1 & B2)

Important Dates

- Signs ups are available online -
<http://sports.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=573884>
- Registrations close by November 1
- Evaluations for grades 5 & 6 are October 23 in the school gym from 3:45 - 5:00. If you cannot make these evaluations, please inform Kim Vogelgesang or Emileigh Davis.
There may be an additional evaluation on 10/30.
- Practices start mid-December (depending on gym availability)
- Season: Games begin the week of January 23 and end mid-March. Typically practices are 2x/week with one game/weekend. Approximately 8 games.

Questions; contact coordinators: Emileigh Davis emileigh@fuse.net or Kim Vogelgesang kimvogel123@gmail.com

No evaluations for 7/8th grade players

7th and 8th grade girls interested in playing basketball will not need to do evaluations. As of 10/22 we have 10 girls registered therefore we will only have one team. There needs to be a minimum of 14 registered players to conduct evaluations. You will be notified in early November with the respective team information.

Parish and Other News

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER & VENDOR/CRAFT SHOW

Sunday, November 8th, 2015

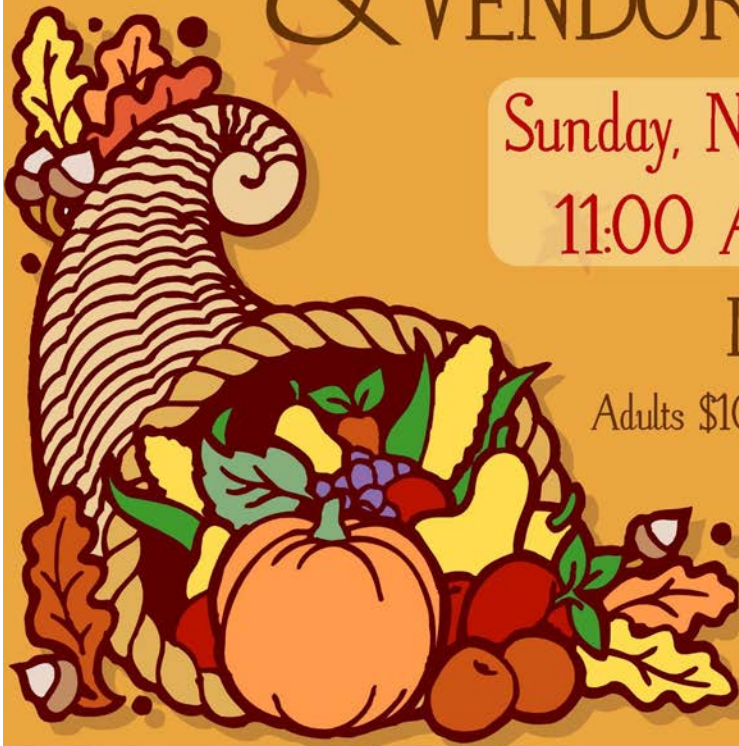
11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Dine-in or Carry-out

Adults \$10, Seniors \$9, Children \$5, Under 6 Free!

Vendor/Craft Show Hours:
12:00 PM - 5:00PM

509 Harrison Ave, Harrison, OH | 513-367-9086



Fear Factory, ranked 5th in Indiana for scariest Haunted House on [Visit Indiana](http://VisitIndiana.com) and Southeastern Indiana's scariest Haunted House, is now open every weekend through October 31! Admission is just \$10.00 and benefits Cierra's Club, a nonprofit organization to help fight the abuse of drugs and alcohol by teenagers.

Located in the Romweber Marketplace, 7 S. Eastern Avenue, Batesville, Indiana. Use the entrance off South St. /Eastern Ave. Visit www.fearfactorybatesville.com for details.

Hours of Operation:

October 23 & 24 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

October 30 & 31 @ 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

CONGRATULATIONS to the weekly Lotto winner! Mike Meyer won \$100 for the week of 10/19. The winning ticket was sold by Tammy Ludwig.



NOVEMBER PROGRAMS**Harrison Branch Library**

10398 New Haven Road

Harrison, OH 45030

(513) 369-4442

Harrison@CincinnatiLibrary.org**ADULTS' NOVEMBER ATTRACTIONS:**

Paper Making! Make your own handmade paper and learn how to marble paper. Participants will go home with handmade stationery.

Presented by Carisa Hund-Bunten of Seventh Street Gifts on **Monday, November 9 at 6:30 p.m.** Register by calling [\(513\) 369-4442](tel:5133694442). **Adults and Teens Grades 6-12**

Last Days in Vietnam Screening and Discussion – Join the Library and CET for a screening and discussion of **Rory Kennedy's** documentary titled **"Last Days in Vietnam."** Presented in partnership with CET, **Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m.** Adults register by calling [\(513\) 369-4442](tel:5133694442).

KIDS' NOVEMBER ATTRACTIONS:

Tween Game Night! Hang out and play video games with your friends on **Tuesday, November 10, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Ages 8-12

Star Wars Bingo! May the force be with you! Can't wait for the new Star Wars movie? Join us for a fun game of Star Wars Bingo on **Saturday, November 21 at 10:30 a.m.** Ages 12 & under

TEENS' NOVEMBER ATTRACTIONS:

Paper Making! Make your own handmade paper and learn how to marble paper. Participants will go home with handmade stationery. Presented by Carisa Hund-Bunten of Seventh Street Gifts on **Monday, November 9 at 6:30 p.m.** Register by calling [\(513\) 369-4442](tel:5133694442). **Grades 6-12 and Adults**

5th Quarter

YOU Are Invited

Bring this ticket for your free entrance to 5th Quarter
October 30th for 6th-12th grades

When: After home football game- 11:00PM

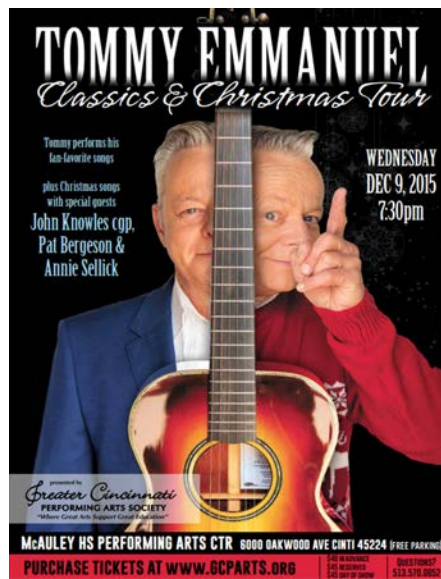
Where: Harrison High School Gymnasium

Free Pizza, Pop, Trick or Treat Goodies

And Give-A-Ways

Games: Blow ups, Dodge Ball and Basketball Tournaments,
Music





GCPAS Concerts For Catholic Schools - The Gift of Music For the Holidays

The Greater Cincinnati Performing Arts Society has 5 concerts coming up featuring multi-Grammy nominated performers. In addition to enjoying a great night of entertainment, you can also help support the Catholic elementary school of your choice. Don't forget that the gift of concert tickets is a great idea for the music lover in the family. Ring in the holidays on Wednesday Dec. 9 when legendary Australian guitarist Tommy Emmanuel presents his Christmas and Classics concert at McAuley at 7:30 PM. On Jan. 30, the multi-Grammy nominated Bluegrass group, Blue Highway brings their incredible musicianship and harmonies to the St. Xavier Performance Center. St. Xavier will also host the zany antics of Antsy McClain and the Trailer Park Troubadours Saturday Feb. 27. If you are a Jimmy Buffett fan, you will love Antsy! ON Saturday April 2, Blues guitar legend Robben Ford will perform at the Martin Marietta Theater at Harrison High School and the season will wrap up on Saturday May 14 with The Orchestra featuring former members of ELO. This will be an evening of the greatest hits of the Electric Light Orchestra. Be sure to get a group of friends together for this one! With the purchase of a concert ticket, you can designate \$5 of the ticket price to go to the Catholic elementary school of your choice. The Education Scholarship and Assistance Program (ESAP) will match all donations for a \$10 per ticket contribution. This is the best deal going - have a great night out, and your school gets a check. For tickets and show information goes to www.gcparts.org or call [513-570-0652](tel:513-570-0652).

The Greater Cincinnati Performing Arts Society - Where Great Arts Support Great Education!