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Sunday's Gospel LK 20:27-38

If someone's brother dies leaving a wife but no child, his brother must take the wife and raise up descendants for his brother.

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A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

It was wonderful to see so many families taking advantage of meeting with teachers during our fall conferences. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of the family and school working as a team to help each child make cognitive, social, physical, spiritual, and emotional gains. Parents possess insights regarding their individual child, and the school must establish and implement the curriculum and educational experiences needed to address the standards at each grade level. For the majority of students, the grade level standards are very appropriate goals, however parents or teachers sometimes identify areas needing attention, such as speech, reading, fine motor, or organization and focus. We are blessed to have access to both experienced regular educators as well as intervention specialists as resources, and I wanted to remind everyone of the procedures we follow when addressing student concerns.

Parents should always be invited to take part in a meeting of the minds, in which your child's regular classroom teacher, the school psychologist, and perhaps the appropriate specialist work to identify the problem area and to design an intervention plan, unique to your child. It may involve adding a new instructional method into your child's educational week, or perhaps allowing your child to take tests in a small group setting or have them read aloud. Such interventions are added to your child's education and progress is measured to determine whether the interventions are helping your son or daughter. The team of parents and teachers meet again after about 6-8 weeks to analyze the success of the interventions and whether they should continue, be intensified, or discontinued. Sometimes, an alternative intervention may be developed, or the decision may be made to gather more information about your child through an educational evaluation. Sometimes, parents have obtained private assessments through Children's Hospital or their pediatrician and this information is considered valuable and useful to the team as they determine what further information may be needed for obtaining a complete picture of your child's individual strengths and weaknesses. If the results of all the assessments, indicate a disability is present, the team may begin to develop learning goals, specific to your child's individual needs. This becomes an IEP (Individualized Educational Plan). The plan identifies specific goals and objectives, unique to your child's learning needs, who and in what type of educational setting the goals will be addressed and measured, and the time allocated each week to address the specific goals.

If this process sounds, thorough and lengthy, it is because we strive to ensure only students who truly meet the criteria for receiving special education services are identified. Many students participate in reading club, or a small group for math practice, or use recommended educational programs on their school technology.

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Friday Folder Flyers

- **November Lunch Calendar**

Reminders

- Spirit Wear Day on Wednesday
- Veteran's Day Assembly on Thursday
- No School on Friday

Attention 8th Grade Parents

As you and your 8th grader are completing the high school applications, a Release of Records form from each high school they are applying must be given to Mrs. Siemer. We cannot send grades or any information unless a Release of Records form is signed and given to us. Thank you!

SJB Baseball Sign-ups

2017 Baseball Sign Ups are from November 12, 2016 – December 11, 2016.

..... Less than 8% of our students are likely to be identified for special education services, but many families choose to take advantage of non-special education interventions available at St. Johns. Incidentally, the gifted population makes up about the same percentage of our student body, and we also have had students who have been identified with having both a learning disability and as gifted, or Twice Exceptional.

Only five years ago, students with most types of learning disabilities had to leave St. Johns to receive their eligible services in public schools, but in 2012 Jon Peterson scholarships became available to ensure Ohio students could have those same services, no matter where they went to school. The scholarships are intended to pay for the services needed to address each child's IEP needs. St. Johns was one of the first private schools in the archdiocese to meet the criteria needed to receive Jon Peterson scholarships and our program has continued to improve over the last four years. While students from Indiana cannot utilize the Jon Peterson scholarship funds for services, we do receive additional federal funding to make services for all our students possible.

Veterans Day Program

The students in Grades 4 and 5, along with the entire student body and staff, invite all veterans to attend a special program. The students will be playing instruments, singing, and moving to a variety of patriotic songs to honor those who have served and those currently serving in our military. This will be held on Thursday, November 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the school gym. We hope many of our veterans will be able to join us in a celebration of their service to our country.

SJB'S ANNUAL CAN FOOD DRIVE



Student Council is sponsoring SJB's Annual Can Food Drive. Please bring in any canned food or non-perishable items from **Monday, November 7 – November 21**. If we can collect 1200 or more items, we will enjoy **Monday, February 6, the day after Super Bowl Sunday off school**. If everyone brings in at least 4 items, we will achieve our goal!!! This day is made possible because Southwest will not be in session on November 8 due to Election Day, hence giving us an extra day off to use as needed.

Halloween Fun Day and Parade

Thank you to the many volunteers who came to help with the Fun Day. The students agree they had a great time. A Big Thank You to Becky Lipps, Missy Rehn and Kelly Besl who worked very hard to make this day a success and fun! Awesome Job!!!



Important News if your Child is a Bus Rider – November 8, Election Day, all Southwest Public Schools are closed. Buses will still be running for St. John's students, however, the buses they normally ride to and from school will be different. The times will vary as well. Your child will be picked up a little later and will arrive home earlier. Please make arrangements for this change. Thank you.



Visit our NEW JagWear Spirit Shop!

Grand Opening:

November 13th, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

(during the Turkey Dinner)

Located in the teachers' workroom across from the gym!

Stock up for Christmas with new spirit wear options and special order items!

All orders over \$100 receive a 10% discount!



Please support our 2016-17 Walk-a-Thon Gold Sponsor, Brater Winter Funeral Home when possible



And Silver Sponsor

FENTON

Turkey Dinner & Vendor/Craft Show



Please join us for Family, Fellowship, Fun, and Good Food at the Annual Fall Festival Turkey Dinner on **Sunday, November 13th**. Dinner will be served from 11:00 AM until 6:00 PM in the cafeteria. There will be a Vendor/Craft Show from 12:00 PM until 5:00 PM in the gym. We will be serving a homemade turkey dinner with all of the trimmings. You can dine in or purchase carry out dinners. Bring your family and friends for dinner and the vendor/craft show. Please don't forget to bring your dessert donations! They are accepted all day!

[SJB Turkey Dinner Volunteers](#)

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Congratulations to the following teams on making it to the WCSA Post Season Quarterfinal and Semi-finals games this coming weekend at Cleves Park on US 50 (River Rd.). If you want to come out and support the Jaguars the following information is when and where they play. Good Luck to all!

St. John Girls 1st and 2nd Grade Team Schoster and Longworth

- Quarter Final Game is Saturday at 10:00am on field 2 and if win, then Saturday at 3:00pm on field 2
- Finals Game would be on Sunday at 3:00pm on field 2

St. John Girls 5/6 Grade Team Rewwer and Albrinck

- Semi-Final Game at 2:45pm on field 6 and if win, then Sunday at 2:45pm on field 6

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That's right! It's a St. John Jaguars 5/6 Grade Semi-Final Showdown! Winner not only makes it to the finals, but also qualifies for State. This is a bitter sweet moment for sure...both teams have played well all year and now they have to play each other. Congratulations to both teams on making it this far!

St. John Girls 1st and 2nd Grade Soccer Players Playing this weekend

- Rylee Mieth
- Evelyn Hotopp
- Regan Oaks
- Marcie Fette
- Lucy Longworth

- Emma Marks
- Olivia Fleckenstein
- Sophia Fleckenstein
- Leah Schoster
- Jenna Holder

St. John Girls 5th and 6th Grade Soccer Players Playing this weekend!

- Ava Whitis
- Gabby Rogers
- Caroline Sander
- Cecilia Rice
- Lucy Rewwer
- Lillian Montavon
- Micah Ulm
- Grace Whitis
- Allie Kiefer
- Karlie Davis
- Sarah Albrink
- Juliana Vogelgesang
- Makayla Wong
- Cara Mattis

- Lilly Longworth
- Claire Jeffreys
- Hannah Mayer
- Anna Borcher
- Brooklyn Lonneman
- Sarah Enginger
- Cate Cole
- Ella Jansen
- Nicole Griebel
- Jessie Roell
- Rachel Roell
- Hailey Lipp
- Rachel Hudnall
- Lilli Flannery

Congratulations to all teams and Good Luck this weekend!

GIRLS ON THE RUN Update

Thank you to all who expressed interest in Girls on the Run! Unfortunately, we do not have enough girls to form a team for the Spring 2016 season. You may still be able to register your daughter with another school or community location. Please visit www.gotrcincinnati.org for details. However, we will prepare to have a team in Fall 2017, likely for grades 6-8, or depending upon interest next fall. I hope many girls choose to participate next year, and we will begin another great activity at SJB for years to come! ~Miss Kist