

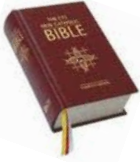


# JAGUAR JOURNAL

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FRIDAY, January 27, 2012



## Read Sunday's Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

*"...The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes..."*

<http://www.sjbharrison.org/LunchMenu.pdf>

<http://www.sjbharrison.org/principal.html>

<http://www.sjbharrison.org/ptc/JaguarNews.pdf>

### **From the Principal:**

**Faith/Academics/Service** - These words represent the core of Catholic education, and are this year's theme for Catholic Schools Week. This special celebration begins with our Open House on January 29 and will continue throughout the following week as we celebrate the students, teachers, volunteers, and community involved in the success of our wonderful school. This week, our final week before the onset of Catholic Schools Week, we celebrate the St. John the Baptist parish and community and their contributions to our school.

As early as the 1870's, the Catholics in Harrison knew they wanted a school for their children to learn and grow in their faith, academics, and service. Until very recently, the Sisters of Charity filled the classrooms of our school and oversaw the education of many generations of young Catholics in this area. These children grew up, married, and many continued to send their own children to St. John the Baptist School. This has been their "home" just as it will always be "home" for the families who pray, work, and play here today.

As the sisters' numbers began to dwindle, it became necessary to search for caring, qualified educators to continue the Lord's work in teaching future generations of faith followers. This brought about the need for tuition. In order to attract and retain families, schools have sought and added technology, supportive services, hot nutritious lunches, and specialists to the staff of St. John the Baptist. Even on a very conservative budget, it costs nearly \$5,000.00 to provide a year of elementary education to a child. The generous contributions of our parish members, parents, grandparents, and all those who utilize the weekly envelopes, continue to help support the children in this parish. The volunteers and legions of grandparents and parents who help with coaching, religious education, work in the cafeteria, and improving the buildings and grounds of our campus help make it possible to keep tuition affordable. Thank you to all who offer a prayer, an envelope, or your time to ensure that a quality, Catholic education is available to all the children in this community

God Bless,

*Susan Meymann*

Principal

**Calling all Parents!** We are still in need of parent volunteers on Wed., 2/1 from 11:15 to 1:20. The PTC is providing lunch for the teachers to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We need parents to take recess duty for the teachers so they can enjoy a nice lunch together. Please call the school office or email Meg @ [morris\\_m@sjbharrison.org](mailto:morris_m@sjbharrison.org) if you can help for any or all of that time frame. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help on this day!

*The PTC Board*

### **Attention Parents of Young Children!**

The Preschool Program has been opened up to ages 3-5! Please pass on this information to anyone you know who has a child between these ages.

Registration for St. John the Baptist Preschool is well underway! Registration information is also available on the school website, outside of church, or in the school office. Please click on the links below for forms and information.

<http://www.sjbharrison.org/RegistrationForm.pdf>

<http://www.sjbharrison.org/PreschoolInfo.pdf>

<http://www.sjbharrison.org/OhioHealthForm.pdf>

### **Looking Ahead**

#### **January**

**29 Open House 1-3 p.m.**

**30 Catholic Schools Week Begins**

**29-February 3 - Registration Due**

#### **February**

**7 Science Club 3:45-4:45**

**8 Late Start**

**16 Parent Conferences**

**17 School CLOSED**

**20 School CLOSED - President's Day**

**21 Interims Come Home**

**22 ASH WEDNESDAY**



## Sports News

**Football Sign-ups** are coming! Yes, it is cold outside and the last thing people want to think about is outside sports, but it will be here before you know it! Sign-ups will be held during St. John's Open House on 1/29.

### **Track Sign-ups**

Signups for Boys and Girls Track will be held during Open House on 1/29 in the cafeteria. St. John's Track is open to students in grades K-8. Contact Sarah Heffron at 364-4042 or Kate Rewwer at 460-7025 or [rewwer@fuse.net](mailto:rewwer@fuse.net) or more information.

### **Boys Volleyball Signups**

Signups for boys volleyball will be held on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10 am-12 pm. in the hallway outside of church. Volleyball is available to all boys in grades 3 through 12. Practices start in early March with the season starting in late March and ending in mid May. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Kluesener at 367-5369 or [JulieKluesener@fuse.net](mailto:JulieKluesener@fuse.net).

### **Girls Softball Signups**

Signups for Girls Softball will be held during Open House on 1/29 in the cafeteria and 2/12 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. outside the cafeteria. St. John's offers teams for grades K-8. Be a part of a program with an ever-growing winning tradition. Contact Pat Kelley at [stjbs softball@yahoo.com](mailto:stjbs softball@yahoo.com).

### **9U Baseball Evaluation and FINAL 2012 Baseball Sign-up.**

The baseball evaluation for St. John's 9U division will be held Sunday, 1/22 from 4-6 p.m. Any player who is eligible to play 9U baseball will need to be at this evaluation (may not turn 10 before 5/1/12). Skills evaluated include catching, hitting, fielding and pitching. If you have not signed up yet, it is not too late. Please come and sign up at the evaluation. The 9U evaluation will be held at 1300 Schenley Place, Greendale IN, 47025 (indoor facility). All other age groups (5U, 7U, 11U and 13U) will have a final sign-up during St. John's Open House, Sunday, 1/29. Completed rosters are due 2/1 so all registrations must be turned in by this final sign-up. If you have any questions, contact Bryan Knoop at [STJBbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:STJBbaseball@gmail.com) or 367-1519.

### **St. John's Spiritwear Available Online**

[www.companycasuals.com/stjb](http://www.companycasuals.com/stjb) Orders are dropped off to the school office every other Wednesday or shipped to the location of your choice. Contact [tshirtusa@gmail.com](mailto:tshirtusa@gmail.com) with questions or concerns.

### **WE NEED YOUR PICTURES!!!!**

With the end of the 2nd quarter, we are half way completed with the 2011-2012 school year! With that being said, we will soon be ordering 2011-2012 SJB Yearbooks! In order to have a complete & full Yearbook filled with lots of pictures, we need your pictures!! Please send any school event pictures you may have to [sjbharrison@gmail.com](mailto:sjbharrison@gmail.com).

Please put as much info as you can in the Subject line related to the event. For example, if you are sending Football pictures from the Pony team, put in subject line "Pony Football". If you are sending field trip pics, put "September-Volker-Zoo". Also, please only send one event per each email.

This will help us sort through the pictures & get them organized for placement in the YB. Please know that every picture sent cannot be placed in the YB. Our goal though is to be sure to include every school related event and therefore we need a variety of pictures!! If you have questions, please contact the YB Co-Chairs through that same email or contact Chrissy McAlister @ 513-608-3864 or Laura Roberts @ 367-2869.

Also, we will need volunteers to develop the grade pages. Several of you have helped in the past & we would love to have you help again! Please contact us & let us know you are willing to help out again & with what grade or event! If you have never help before but would like to, contact us as well!

Thanks, The Yearbook Committee

### **WINTER/MONTHLY BOXTOP WAR**

Hopefully you have been saving your Boxtops for Education, Campbell's and Tyson (42¢ each!) labels! We will be having our first *monthly* Boxtops war beginning on Monday, 1/23 and ending on Tuesday, 1/31. Start sending in your boxtops, etc. to your child's homeroom. Winning homeroom will win a prize. We will also have one in February, which will end on Monday, 2/27. If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Jenny Watson @ [jellyroll@fuse.net](mailto:jellyroll@fuse.net).

### **New Products Added to Save-More Money to Earn**

Please check out [Labelsforeducation.com](http://Labelsforeducation.com) - they have NEW PARTNERS! More Point Power! Now over 2,600 Participating Products! (list of products attached below) New Participating brands include Pace, PEOPLE Magazine, Dannon Kid's Yogurt and Emerald Nuts.

Also, register your Kroger card on this site and link up to St. John the Baptist School (so we earn points from you buying the product and then earn more points by clipping the label and sending it in!)

<http://www.labelsforeducation.com/Portals/0/assets/pdf/ParticipatingProductsList.pdf>

**SJB Lotto Update** - Please continue to sell your tickets. If you are unable to sell them, please return the unsold tickets to the school office. Additional tickets are available in the school office.

Thank you for supporting the SJB Lotto!  
<http://www.sjbharrison.org/SJBLotto.pdf>

### **SPIRIT WEAR FOR SALE**

We will be having St. John Spirit wear available to purchase or to order during the Open House this Sunday from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Make sure you stop by the cafeteria to view a wide variety of items we have to choose from including hats, bags, decals, and rhinestone apparel. These items are a great way to show your pride for St. John the Baptist School and parish. We accept cash and checks. Hope to see you there!

### **My Coke Rewards for Schools Program**

provides an opportunity to support all the ways kids play and make great things happen for your school. You can donate My Coke Rewards points to St. John the Baptist. The points can be redeemed by Ms. Ziegler to purchase physical education equipment or by the teachers for school supplies. [My Coke Rewards](#) codes can be found under caps and on inside tear-offs of 12-packs and multi-pack wraps on 13 Coca-Cola beverage brands, which are Coca-Cola, Coke Zero, Diet Coke, Sprite, DASANI, POWERADE, Minute Maid, Fanta, VAULT, Barq's, Fresca, Pibb, and Mello Yello. Please start saving the caps from 20 oz. drinks, 1 Liter & 2 Liter bottles, and the tear-off cardboard end from 12 pks or cases of these products and send them into school. This is just another way to receive FREE money for our school and students!

If you already have a My Coke Rewards account, you can enter the codes yourself and click on "Donate Your Points" to donate some or all of your points to St. John the Baptist School. If you have any questions, please contact the school office or Jenny Watson @ [jellyroll@fuse.net](mailto:jellyroll@fuse.net) or 812-637-3724.

**TITLE VI-B Funds** The Southwest Local School District is currently formulating a budget for the expenditures of Title VI-B Funds for 2012-1013. These funds are used in providing educational services for preschool through grade 12 special needs pupils residing within the Southwestern Local School District. Persons wishing to have input regarding the allocation of these funds should contact Mr. Carter Cordes at 367-4169.

**Ohio House Bill 136** - Ohio House Bill 136 could significantly impact Catholic Schools. It will create ways for parents' tax dollars to follow the education of their children regardless of whether they have attended public or Catholic schools. Contact your State Legislator to support BH 136. For more information, go to [http://www.ohiocathconf.org/home\\_frameset.htm](http://www.ohiocathconf.org/home_frameset.htm).

### **New website for Catholic News and Updates!**

Have you seen The Catholic Beat yet? It's a new website for local Catholic news and features.

You'll find it at [www.thecatholicbeat.com](http://www.thecatholicbeat.com) or [www.sacredheartradio.com](http://www.sacredheartradio.com) -- just click on the big red box that says, "The Catholic Beat" for stories about area Catholic people, places, and events. It's updated daily, so there's always something new about area Catholic life.

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS LAUNCH FACEBOOK-BASED TUITION GIVEAWAY**

~School parents in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati can now use their Facebook accounts for more than just keeping up with old friends. The Catholic Schools Office recently launched a Facebook-based tuition giveaway that offers \$17,500 in tuition credits and prizes to families who will send their children to Archdiocesan Catholic schools next year. Both current and prospective families are eligible to win. Entrants must go to <http://facebook.com/mycatholicsschool> to register. Deadline for registration is noon Friday, 2/3, the last day of Catholic Schools Week, and the drawing for winners will be held that day. The idea of using social media comes directly from the Holy Father himself. In a 2009 message celebrating the 43<sup>rd</sup> World Communications Day, Pope Benedict XVI called the new technologies a "gift to humanity" and challenged users to "endeavor to ensure that the benefits they offer are put at the service of all human individuals and communities."

According to Dr. Jim Rigg, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, the tuition giveaway is part of an overall effort to increase awareness about the good news of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. "We have to improve our efforts to reach out to all those who could benefit from a Catholic education," he said. "Social media can be a wonderful tool for connecting our schools and families." For more information, contact Chris Pasura at 421-3131 [pasura@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:pasura@catholiccincinnati.org).

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cincinnati is the 38<sup>th</sup> largest Catholic diocese in the country, with almost 500,000 Catholics, and has the eighth largest network of Catholic schools in terms of enrollment. The 19-county territory includes 214 parishes and 113 Catholic primary and secondary schools.

**Mercy to Host Girls Night Out** In support of their annual auction, Hooray for MERCYWOOD, Mother of Mercy High School is hosting a Girls Night Out event on Friday, January 20 from 7:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at Boogie Nights at Hollywood Casino. Grab your girlfriends and dance away those winter blues! For more details and to purchase tickets please visit [www.motherofmercy.org/GirlsNight](http://www.motherofmercy.org/GirlsNight).

**LaSalle Drama presents Willy Wonka**  
**A One Hour Musical Join us for great fun for all ages! Price of \$8 includes lunch, drink, gifts, door prizes, autographs and more surprises!**  
**Two shows: Sat. 1/28 and Sun., 1/29 at 3:00 p.m.**  
**Call 741-2369 for reservations. Pre-assigned seating, so get your orders in early!**

**Search for Children with Handicaps~**

The Southwest School District seeks to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with handicaps birth-age 21 based on I.D.E.A. (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) eligibility. This includes children attending private or parochial schools whose parents reside within our district. Conditions such as multi-handicapped, hearing handicapped, visually handicapped, orthopedically and/or health handicapped, severe behavior handicapped, developmentally handicapped, specific learning disabled, autistic and speech and language handicapped would be included. Additionally, it is the intent of the district to ensure that students who are handicapped within the definition of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are evaluated, identified and served. Section 504 disabilities are mental or physical impairments or a history of such impairments that "substantially limit one or more major life activities." If you know of a child with a suspected handicap, please contact Mr. Carter Cordes, Pupil Services Director/504 Coordinator at The Special Education Services Office at Harrison High School, 9860 West Rd., Harrison, Ohio 45030 or 513-367-4169. In accordance with the Ohio State Plan for the Ohio State Plan for The Education of Ohio's Homeless Children and Youth and the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (P.L. 100-77), as amended in 1990, homeless school-age children shall have access to a free, appropriate public education which would be provided to the children of a resident of Ohio, consistent with Ohio's school attendance laws. If you are aware of or suspect that a homeless child is eligible for placement under this policy please contact Mr. Carter Cordes at 513-367-4169.

**La Salle's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Youth Baseball Coaches Clinic ~**

The La Salle baseball coaching staff would like to invite all athletic directors, baseball coordinators, and coaches to attend La Salle's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Youth Baseball Coaches Clinic on Sunday, 2/12 from 1:00 – 4:15 p.m. in La Salle's gymnasium. The clinic will have former professional baseball players Chris Sexton of the Cincinnati Reds and Ken Osterkamp of the Boston Red Sox as special guests. Cost is \$10 per coach. For more information contact Joe Voegelé 741-4353. In the case of hazardous weather, call 588-6607 for possible cancellation of the clinic.

**McAuley Spaghetti Dinner -**

McAuley High School's Vocal Ensemble is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Sunday, 2/12/12, 4-7 p.m. in McAuley's cafeteria. The student vocalists will be performing. The proceeds of the dinner will help defray the cost of the annual spring competition in Nashville, as well as the World Choir Games this summer. (The Vocal Ensemble was invited to compete in the World Choir Games because they were national champions in 2009.) Adult dinners are \$7.00, seniors/students are \$5.00, and children under 5 are \$3.00, payable at the door. Click on the link below for more information.

<http://www.sjbharrison.org/McAuleySpaghettiDinner.pdf>