



October
2019

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DATES TO NOTE

Oct 12 - HOPE Dinner

Oct 14 - Flu/Vision Clinic

Oct 14 & 15 - P/T Conferences/Book Fair

Oct 17 & 18 - No school -Teacher's Convention

Nov 1 - All Saints Mass @ Basilica

Nov 11 - No School - Veteran's Day



The first Cafeteria bill will come through FACTS October 5th. Once the bills are entered parents should receive an email stating the amount due. All that should have to be done is to ok the transaction. If you would like to prepay you can stop by the office with a check or cash.

LIBRARY

October has arrived and along with comes the Book Fair in the Library. The **Book Fair** this year will be during conferences **October 14th and 15th**. Hours for the Book Fair are 3:00 p. m. to 6:00 p. m. on Monday and 3:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m. on Tuesday. The students coming to the Book Fair during conferences need to be accompanied by a parent or parents.

If you child(ren) are missing any items please come check the lost and found. There are several jackets /pullovers.



The school office is open from 7:30am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday.

All items are donated to the Goodwill after 30 days



As a reminder, we ask for a minimum of 20 hours per SJA family and 10 hours per SJA PreK family.

Please submit parent volunteer hours online or to Brenda in the office. Thank you

Families of St. John's Academy,

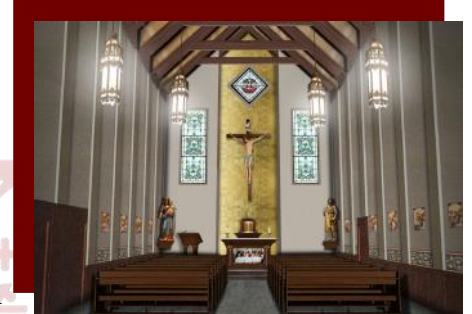
It is amazing how fast the month of September passed by. As we settle into the school year, I wanted to share how even, in my second year, I continue to be impressed with all who are involved at our school. From our respectful, hardworking, polite and grateful students to the teachers and staff whose dedication, focus and commitment to providing an amazing Christ-centered education is inspiring. Furthermore, as we approach our annual HOPE Dinner, I am touched by the efforts from parent-volunteers and HOPE Committee members who pour in countless hours, hard work and love to ensure a successful HOPE Dinner.

Through these observations I am reminded daily of what a blessing it is to all of us to be affiliated with St. John's Academy.

Notes for the month of October:

Building Project: Things continue to progress on the school addition. The building is beginning to take shape as the block work nears completion and the steel beams, joists and pillars are set. Concrete floors have been poured for the new cafeteria, chapel and west driveway with more to be completed in the coming weeks.

We anticipate the Childcare wing to be completed in early November. SJA Childcare drop-off and pick-up will take place at the North entrance as soon as the work on the north side is completed.



Rendering of new school chapel

Capital Campaign: The total cost of the project is estimated to be between \$5.9 and \$6.1 million. Thus far we have secured in pledges nearly 90% of the funds required to complete the addition and administration renovation. Although 10% appears to be a small amount to raise, we need to complete our goal and secure the additional \$650,000 before we can move onto Phase II which includes the renovation of the existing building.

Thank you to the over 400 families who have supported this endeavor. Your financial support is a testament to the importance of the faith-based education that takes place at the Academy.

We ask for continued support through prayers, donations and by sharing the message of the work our Lord is completing at St. John's Academy.

School Happenings: Teachers have set the classroom expectations and students are falling into the routine. As I shared with the staff last week in our meeting, I am really excited about how the school year has started and am anticipating great academic gains and powerful learning experiences this school year!

Upcoming Events:

HOPE Dinner – Saturday, October 12th (Includes: 2nd Grade Music and SJA Band performances)

Parent Teacher Conferences – Monday, October 14th and Tuesday, October 15th

Teacher Conventions – No school – Thursday, October 17th and Friday, October 18th

Spanish Club Begins – October 22nd – Grades K-2

Kindergarten Finger Play – October 25th – 2:15 – Faith Formation Room

All Saints Day School Mass – November 1st – 10:00 AM - Basilica

Sincerely,

Jeff Trumbauer
Principal - St. John's Academy



Childcare addition nearing completion

North Dakota Offers new tax credits for donations to non-public schools

The 2019 North Dakota Legislature expanded tax credits for non-public schools, which means charitable gifts to Catholic schools in ND are now eligible for a ND tax credit. This is big news to those who make annual or regular contributions to their favorite Catholic School.

ND resident taxpayers (corporate or fiduciaries) are allowed a non-refundable credit equal to 50% of the amount of the contribution, but limited to 25% of the taxpayer's total income tax OR \$2,500, whichever is less. (ND Century Code 57-38-01-7). There is no carry forward of these credits when filling returns, so taxpayers will likely want to apply these credits before applying other available credits. The credits for non-public schools are divided into three different buckets, so to speak. For those who donate to various education levels of Catholic education, this new law provides for more tax credit opportunities.



3 Ways to Receive and Benefit from Tax Credits in the Same year:

Bucket 1
**ND Catholic Elementary
Middle School (K-8)**



Bucket 2
ND Catholic High School



Bucket 3
ND Catholic University



Example: John and Mary figure they will owe \$1,000 income tax to North Dakota for the year 2019. With some clever planning they make 3 donations to various Catholic Schools (Elementary, High School and University). They make 3 checks out for \$500 to each school. Because of these donations, they will now ear a \$250 ND Tax Credit for each gift. They are now able to reduce their tax bill by \$750 (3 x \$250), and only have to pay the remaining \$250 in income tax.



Endowment Contributions

Additionally, tax credits are still available for contributions to qualified ND endowment funds. Gifts of \$5,000 or more to one of the many qualified endowment or scholarship funds (school related or not) are eligible for a tax credit equal to 40% of the charitable gift. The maximum credit is for \$10,000 for an individual; \$20,000 for married individuals filing a join return; and \$10,000 for corporations and pass-through entities. Any unused portion of the credit can be carried forward for up to three taxable years, so this credit can be applied after the non-public school credits (ND Century Code 57-38-01-21).

As usual, for your own unique tax situation, please consult a professional tax advisor.



What's the difference between a tax deduction and a tax credit?

You might think the two are interchangeable, but they aren't. A tax deduction is something that reduces how much taxable income you claim. A tax credit is something that directly reduces how much tax you owe.

SJA Drama Club

SJA Drama Club is up and running! The cast of 30 students is working on their first production, A Mother Goose Comedy by Patricia Barry Rumble. In this play Mother Goose explains how she came up with her nursery rhymes. If drama rehearsals are any indication of the hilarity of the play, you will not be disappointed! The tentative date for the production is Thursday, November 14, at 7 pm at the Reiland Fine Arts Center. More information on the time and place of the show will follow. (Play produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Denver, Colorado.)



Kids' Kingdom

TINY NATURE TREASURE HUNT
- September

With so very little nature left around our school building due to construction...

we rode the school bus to McElroy Park where we were scientists specifically observing tiny things. Highlights from the kids were said to be: "the dragonfly that landed on Otto's knee and stayed forever", the dog 'yuck' right where we got off the bus that the owner didn't clean up, a chewed up baseball, staircase of old cement steps that seemed to be "secret", collecting tiny flowers that fit into our 2 oz. cups, finding the playground at the end of our walk, and using magnifying glasses once we got back to the classroom.



PreK

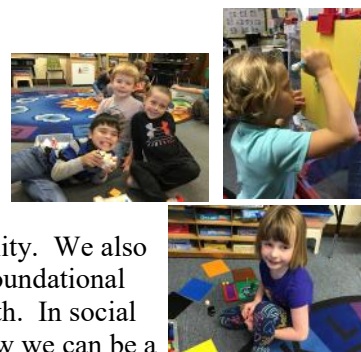
Pre-K is off to a great start!! We've been having so much fun playing and learning together. Here are some of the last month's highlights:

- We tasted various things made from apples (applesauce, apple juice, etc.), and we graphed our favorite items.
- Our centers focused on leaves. We matched numbers, identified, letters, and played with sand in the sensory table.
- During our art time, we painted a tree with fall leaves.
- We went on a nature scavenger hunt around the block, and collected items to "explore" in our classroom.
- While we were learning about the letter "L", we walked to the Alfred Dickey Library for a tour and story time.



KINDERGARTEN

September was a month of real growth in Kindergarten as we continued learning our routines, how we play well together and how we can show responsibility. We also began building on our foundational skills in reading and math. In social studies we discussed how we can be a



good citizen in our own communities and learned about Johnny Appleseed. In religion we learned about the God our Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We have also gotten pretty good at reciting our prayers. We got a chance to meet our Prayer Partners for the first time from Mrs. Vandal's 3rd grade class. One of our favorite activities of the month was Friendship Friday. We met with the Pre-K, Kid's Kingdom and Child Care kids and got to go from room to room playing with new friends and new toys.

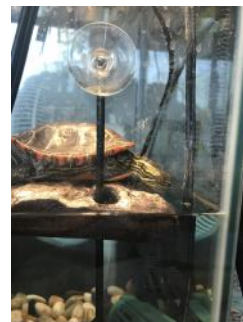
1st Grade

In First Grade, we have begun our Reading Program. We have learned about city and country living. We learned how to take care of pets. In Math, we are learning our double facts. We have a fun "rap" so ask your child to do the doubles "rap". In Science we have finished learning about animals and are now moving on to learning about different habitats. In Social Studies we are learning about different American Symbols.

2ND GRADE

In 2nd Grade we have been singing our hearts out getting ready for the HOPE Dinner. We have our songs down and are very excited (and a little nervous) to perform.

In science, we are learning about different groups of animals. Our favorite group to learn about was reptiles. Kevin the turtle came in very handy and helped us see different qualities of reptiles.



Students are really excited to welcome each other every morning with our Morning Meeting. As you walk down the hall, you can see us singing, dancing, and discussing different topics. Shhhh...we don't always think we are learning at the same time!

Winter Weather this week

Please make sure your child(ren) is dressed for the weather.



Students need to have winter coat, snow pants, gloves/mittens, stocking hat and snow boots.

3RD GRADE

It's hard to believe that a month has flown by already. We have worked on many things already from subjects and predicates to synonyms and other context clues to weather and map skills to addition and subtraction. We are working hard and taking in all that we are taught especially in Religion where we are studying about the Trinity, our Catholic beliefs (creed), and the most important form of worship (the Mass).

We are also doing a couple of different service projects throughout the year: saving Box Tops for Education for our classroom supplies, saving pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, and bringing in money for our money jar to help support the SJA capital campaign. The students truly see the need and benefit of helping others in these ways and are excited to help out.

4th GRADE

Fourth graders have been busy taking a tour of the United States. They are enthusiastically learning about the regions and the different states that make up our country. We have been learning about landforms, resources, and climate. We put all our hard work into action during a fun couple day of review. Students modeled landforms, made menus from different regions, and competed with states and capital knowledge. We have also enjoyed singing the "Tour the States" Song and are getting pretty good at keeping up with the fast-moving lyrics.

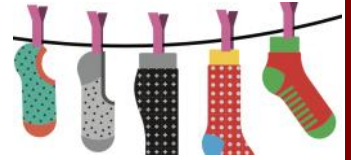
These fourth graders could truly form their own choir. Not only do they rock their states song, they also just learned about subordinating conjunctions in grammar. Do NOT worry if you don't remember these because the fourth graders could sing to you about "A WHITE BUS!" They were also able to connect with the makers of the song all the way in the United Kingdom via Twitter.

5TH GRADE

Father Kuhn continues to teach us more and more about Religion, we enjoy having him in our class. We have started working with word problems and division in math. Science has been about life cycles of different organisms. In social studies we have been talking about different explorers and their voyages.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The 2019-20 SJA Student Council elections were held at the end of September. The new council members are excited to come up with great ideas to help celebrate our awesome school and also help the community. They are starting off with Sock-tober, a sock drive. This has become a tradition at SJA. If you'd like to donate socks, please do! We will be accepting donations until Wednesday, October 30. The 6th graders will be taking the socks to Mary's Sharing and Caring Hands in Minneapolis on their mission trip.



2019-2020 Student Council

President – Luke LeFevre
Vice President – Mia Kaiser

Grade 5

Tucker Allen
Owen Sorlie

Grade 4E

Claire Marker
Bella Woiwode

Grade 4G

Tylea Sortland
Joe Trumbauer

6TH GRADE

September set the tone for the year in 6th grade. We learned that not only do we play hard and work hard, but many times, the two overlap. We were able to combine fractions and baking when we made the cookies that we presented at the Grandparents' Day Mass, and our Chip Lab in science truly illustrated the work/play combo. We are most proud of mastering the writing of the perfect essay answer; this



skill will take us through the rest of our educational career! Throughout all these activities, we are always building our relationship with Jesus and learning how to be a light to others. We were able to spend some

time with our Prayer Partners in Mrs. Neville's Pre-K classroom. We have visited Ave Maria a second time for Mass and games with residents and even led the Rosary for them. We know that building any relationship takes time and effort, and it is no different with our God.

Thankfully at SJA we are able to make time for prayer and helping others numerous times each and every day. That's a life skill that we will take us through the rest of our lives. What a blessing to be at SJA!





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Breakfast

Prices:

Students-\$2.10

Cold Cereal, Fruit and Juice also offered daily.

Breakfast served from 7:45-8:15

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October Breakfast 2019

30	Breakfast Sliders	1	Scrambled Eggs	2	Egg and Cheese Ta-co	3	Sausage Links	4	Caramel Rolls
7	Rope Sausage	8	Build Your Own Oatmeal	9	Banana Bread	10	Ham, Egg, and Cheese Patty	11	French Toast Sticks
14	Breakfast Pizza	15	Egg and Cheese Ta-co	16	Blueberry Muffin	17	No School	18	No School
21	Mini Donuts	22	Breakfast Sliders	23	Build Your Own Pancake	24	Scrambled Eggs	25	Caramel Rolls
28	Breakfast Pizza	29	Rope Sausage	30	Banana Bread	31	Jack-o-Lanterns (Smoothies)		





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Lunch Prices:
Students-\$2.80

Guests-\$3.60

Extra Milk-\$.50

**A cold sandwich
will be offered as a
second option
every day.**

**Salad Bar is
offered K-6**

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October Lunch 2019

30	1	2	3	4
Beef Stroganoff	Hotdogs	Chicken Nuggets	Chicken Wild Rice Soup with Breadstick	Pepperoni Pizza

7	8	9	10	11
Chicken Alfredo	Fish Sandwich	Sweet and Sour Chicken	Spaghetti	Chicken Drumsticks

14	15	16	17	18
Fried Rice	Super Nachos	Chicken Tortilla Soup	No School	No School

21	22	23	24	25
Mini Corndogs	Chicken Parmesan	Baked Potato	Sloppy Joe	French Toast Sticks

28	29	30	31
Chicken Breast with Wild Rice	Cheeseburger Chowder Soup	Chicken Wild Rice Hotdish	Blood and Bones (Salsa and Taquitos)

