



September
2020

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DATES TO NOTE

Sept 21 - 24 School Pictures

Sept 22 - First Day of Fall

Sept 28 - Virtual HOPE Auction Begins

- <http://www.orrauctioneers.com>

Oct 3 - HOPE Dinner (watch for mailing with more information)

- **Auction ends at 10pm**

Oct 5-6 - P/T Conferences

Oct 7 - Chapel & Altar Consecration Mass

- **will be Live Streamed - Limited attendance**

Oct 9 - No School

Oct 22-23 - No school -Teacher's Convention

DRESS CODE

Last day to wear shorts to school is:

SEPTEMBER 30th

Parent will be contacted and asked to bring pants for their child(ren) if shorts are worn after September 30th.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE
ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY 30TH ANNUAL
VIRTUAL H.O.P.E. AUCTION

This is the school's largest fundraising event of the year and our goal is to **Help Offer Private Education (H.O.P.E)** to our community. All proceeds from the event will directly benefit the students who attend the Academy.

THIS YEAR THE AUCTION IS GOING *Virtual!*

All bidding will be accomplished via your computer or mobile device and will be hosted by Orr Auctioneers. Moving to a Virtual Auction allows those who are unable to attend HOPE Dinner the ability to support the Academy and participate in the auction.

All items up for auction will be available for bidding
**12:00 pm September 28th -
10:00 pm October 3rd**

Spread the word to your family and friends; we hope to increase participation and support the Academy which has been affected financially by COVID-19.



Principals Corner

Families of St. John's Academy,

As you read this letter, we just completed the second full week of the 2020-21 school year. It was great to see familiar faces and greet new students on the 27th of August. On behalf of the staff at the Academy, the return of the students brings a sense of completeness as your children, our students, are our purpose and motivation. Teachers, staff, and administrators are extremely happy to return to our mission of providing a strong, Christ-centered education to your child(ren).

Construction and COVID-19: Have presented a number of challenges and certainly increased the workload for the staff at the Academy. A word of thanks, although insufficient, is necessary to our staff for their work over the summer to prepare for the 2020-21 school year. The addition and renovation, although wonderful, created an enormous number of tasks to accomplish in the final days leading up to school year. Everyone on staff rolled up their sleeves, working long hours to get their rooms and the building prepared for their students. The additional blessing of state-of-the-art Smartboards required installation and training for our staff. This combined with the implementation of Schoology, Learning Management System, greatly increased the number of hours logged by the staff at the Academy. Hours were not counted as everyone was focused on ensuring that we would be ready for your children. Another testament to the wonderful individuals we have here at St. John's Academy.

Additional thanks to the many volunteers and contractors who assisted in tying up the loose ends to make sure that the doors could be opened on the 27th. The work of these individuals was an answer to prayer as the amount of work required made me question if we would meet the deadline. We made it just in time and I am incredibly thankful for everyone who helped us reach the finish line. THANK YOU!

New staff: As we approached the school year there was a great deal of thought and consideration given to what steps could be taken to ensure that our building would be safe and that face-to-face instruction could take place throughout the school year. A proposal was made to the Basilica of St. James Parish Finance Council to add additional staff to reduce class size, enhance social distancing measures and provide internal flexibility to trouble shoot potential issues that may develop due to COVID-19. The proposal for an additional budgetary expenditure of \$130,000 for an increase in staff was approved and has resulted in adding new members to the St. John's Academy team. I am very grateful for the Basilica's continued support of our school and families. Their approval of the proposal is once again a sign of their unbelievable support of the Academy and their belief in the importance of what transpires at St. John's Academy. We were fortunate to be able to add such quality teachers to our staff this year. Please join me in welcoming: Jamie Chadwick (Assistant Childcare Director), Jennifer Ova (1st Grade), Meghan Orr (2nd Grade), Josie Beckman (4th Grade), Shane Hendrickson (5th Grade), and Mona Tottingham (Counseling and Resource).

Virtue Education: Another addition this school year includes the Education in Virtue curriculum. The program, created by Ignatius Press, provides the opportunity to discuss and practice 39 virtues of Christian life throughout the year. Each week teachers will be discussing a new virtue, providing definitions and examples of what each look like, sounds like and how they can be practiced. The implementation of this program provides a foundation to discuss and live out the virtues in our daily lives. Additional information will be provided to our families on how these virtues can be reinforced at home. Partnering with our families, we aim to make an impact in the development of these virtuous behaviors within our school family. As the saying goes, "Children are the future." One of the most effective ways to improve our community is to focus on raising a kind and charitable generation.

Parking: Thank you for your cooperation with the revised flow of traffic around the school and observance of the parking rules for the school day. A couple of quick comments regarding this to aid in improving the traffic flow:

- 1) **Use the Loading Zone** - at the end of day by staying in your vehicle and pulling forward to the most open position at the front of the zone. Your child will come to you once the vehicle has come to a stop. Pushing back your arrival time until after 3:00PM should create a smooth process for after school pick-up as you can pull into and out of the loading zone without having to cross the street or leave your vehicle.
- 2) **Avoid Double Parking** - avoiding double parking will ensure a continued flow of traffic during drop-off and dismissal and avoid having students cross in front of other vehicles. Vehicles waiting to enter the drop-off zone should circle the block or utilize street parking until a space becomes available. I have noticed that around 3:05 the flow of traffic improves, and the process is accelerated.
- 3) **Use Crosswalks** - If you do need to park across the street from the school, I strongly encourage you to use the crosswalks for your safety. Additionally, this teaches our students safe and proper ways to cross streets.

Once again, thank you for entrusting St. John's Academy with the education of your child(ren). We are blessed to have the opportunity to have your them in our school and are aiming to make this year an academically impactful and spiritually fruitful experience for all. Know that our staff will be praying for you and your children throughout the year.

God bless,

Jen Trumbauer
Principal - St. John's Academy

Kids' Kingdom



KINDERGARTEN

We are off to a great start in Kindergarten. The first few days we explored our new classroom and got to know each other. The students were excited to see each other. We have been getting used to our school routine. Our days have been flying by. In reading we have spent time reading stories, learning new words and even reading our first book together. In math the students have explored with teddy bears, pattern blocks and graphed how many boys and girls in our class. For religion we have learned about the three theological virtues: Faith, Hope, and Charity. In Social Studies we spent time creating All About Me memory books. We know we are having fun in kindergarten when the students can't believe it is time to go home.

SEPTEMBER VIRTUES

Week of Sept 8: CHARITY
Week of Sept 14: TEMPERANCE
Week of Sept 21: JUSTICE
Week of Sept 28: FORTITUDE

This year at St. John's Academy, we are implementing a new curriculum called Disciples of Christ, Education in Virtue. Each week, the children will be learning about a different Christian Virtue. What does each virtue mean? What does the Bible say about these specific virtues? How can we demonstrate Christian virtues in our lives? Discuss these virtues and pray as a family.

"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them upon your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." Deuteronomy 6:6-7

PreK

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

- We had an open house to visit our new classroom and meet our new classmates.
- We've been practicing learning our friends' names and learning new things about each other.
- For Grandparents Day, we created bookmarks with our photos and a special message. These will be mailed for a special surprise.



1st Grade

The first graders are loving their new classrooms! They are air conditioned, they have a very cool Smartboard, and there's even a bathroom in them (we never need to leave!). We are learning new routines and reviewing letters and sounds. In Math, we are practicing writing our numbers. In Science, we are beginning to learn about the different groups of animals. We are all so glad to be back IN SCHOOL!! We are eagerly waiting for the chapel to be finished so we can visit daily to thank God for all his wonderful gifts.

School Portraits

WITH HAPPY MERMAID

Schedule for Picture Week

Monday, September 21 Kids' Kingdom MWF Classes Pre-K Classes Sixth Grade	Wednesday, September 23 Second & Third Grade
Tuesday, September 22 Kids' Kingdom Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten First Grade	Thursday, September 24 Fourth and Fifth Grade

2ND GRADE

In 2nd Grade, we are busy learning about the world around us! We are learning about God's love and his creation in Religion. In Science and Social Studies, we are learning about plants and what makes good citizens. In reading we are learning how friends depend on one another. One of our favorite activities is to read on Epic and use the iPads and SmartBoard activities!

We are very happy to see our friends and learn together.

3RD GRADE

We are off to a great start this year! The kids are excited to be back and grow both in knowledge and in their faith. We have one new student in our grade, and we are having fun getting acquainted.

We are looking forward to celebrating both the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist later in the year. We have been discussing how God created us for holiness and are discussing the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity. We are watching videos about some saints that have shown these virtues in their lives.

We look forward to all that God has in store for us this year!



Under guidance from the United States Department of Agriculture, beginning immediately, St. John's Academy will be offering free meals to all students. Every student is eligible for free breakfast and lunch daily, independent of income level. Free meals are set to continue through December 31st, 2020 or until USDA funding is no longer available. All families will automatically receive free meals while the program is active and need not take any action to receive this benefit.

As the special funding for this program does have the potential to end unexpectedly, families are strongly encouraged to continue to complete free and reduced meal applications for this school year. Completing an application not only ensures your students receive free school meals without interruption, they also directly impact important school funding sources.

We are very pleased to be able to offer meals to all students at no cost. Menus will continue to include your same favorite entree and side choices. Cold lunch and extra milk cost 50 cents.

5TH GRADE

We have enjoyed being back in school with everyone. We have been learning about cells and how organisms are classified in science. For math we have been working on sequencing and practicing different algorithms. In reading/language arts we have been reviewing punctuation and learning how to use context clues to find answers that are not immediately obvious. We are busy learning about our virtues each week and how we can practice these virtues in our everyday life. We are off to a great start and are excited to be back!

4TH GRADE

Our 4th grade class has worked hard to build a positive classroom atmosphere these past couple of weeks. This included creating a "Classroom Agreement" that hangs on the top of our classroom doorway.



Once we were done brainstorming how we would like to treat our friends and our classroom we each "signed" this agreement by coloring a sun beam to hang on top. At the end it looks like a sunrise! We have also done many team building activities to get to know each other and get into our routines. Yay 4th grade!

6TH GRADE

The sixth graders are thrilled to be back together at SJA to learn and pray every day. We welcomed three new students in our class this year, too! Our classroom is bigger and better than ever. We are enjoying the new space that we have from the incredible building project. Sometimes it takes a challenge for us to realize how blessed we are for what we have; our experience with distance learning last spring has helped us embrace a new attitude of gratitude.



We celebrated the first day of school by attending daily Mass at the Basilica and staying for a few moments of Adoration. Our journey this year will focus on building a friendship with Jesus and living out our faith. In previous years the 6th graders spent quite a bit of time helping/visiting others; this year we are going to be creative and still accomplish this. We already started by writing and sending letters. We also shared pictures with our Prayer Partners in Mrs. Mahoney's Kids' Kingdom's afternoon group.



We are looking forward to a fantastic school year!

Photo captions: Students were thankful to be back in school...even thankful for the work

6th grade celebrated National Trail Mix Day

We love using technology to help us study and learn



September Breakfast 2020

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

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Breakfast Prices:

Cold Cereal also
offered daily.

Breakfast served
from 7:45-8:15

1	Sausage	2	Fruit and Yogurt Parfait	3	Mini Pancake Wrap	4	Carmel Roll		
7	Closed	8	Ham, Egg, and Cheese Patty	9	Blueberry Muffin	10	Rope Sausage	11	Pumpkin Bread
14	Oatmeal	15	French Toast	16	Hashbrown and Eggs	17	Sausage	18	Carmel Roll
21	Fruit and Yogurt Parfait	22	Ham Egg and Cheese Patty	23	Blueberry Muffin	24	Rope Sausage	25	Breakfast Pizza
28	Oatmeal	29	French Toast	30	Hashbrown and Eggs				



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Lunch Prices:

Guests-\$3.50

Cold lunch milk &
Extra Milk-\$.50

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

September Lunch 2020

MON

TUE

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FRI

1	2	3	4
Chicken Breast and Wild Rice	Beef Stroganoff	Chicken Hotdish	Mac N Cheese

7	8	9	10	11
Closed	Hotdogs & Baked Beans	Pizza Pasta Hotdish	Pulled Pork Sandwich	Bean Burrito

14	15	16	17	18
Tortellini	Crispito	Chicken Patty	Sweet and Sour Chicken	Tomato Soup with Cheesy Breadstick

21	22	23	24	25
Hamburger	Meatball Sub	Chili	Scalloped Potatoes and	Fish Sticks

28	29	30
Breakfast Pizza	Lasagna Soup	Chicken Nuggets