

The Blue Jay Flyer



Reach up to God, Reach out to others, Reach far for success

November 28, 2018

From the Principal's Desk...

Behold, I am coming soon.

Dear parents,

I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving. I enjoyed cooking for and spending time with my family. I am always reminded of how quickly time passes especially as I watch my three grandsons grow and change.

As we move through the final few weeks of this year, there will be many, many experiences, programs and events for all of our students. All of these will come and go quickly. We just finished two days of Santa Shop. I was amazed by the quality and quantity of Christmas items available. Thanks to all of those who helped make this fun event possible.

Next week, we will celebrate St. Nicholas Day with an All School Mass. All are welcome to attend. We will also have the Mercy McAuley Vocal Ensemble here on this day for a concert in the morning. I would imagine that somewhere on this day there will be treats for our students. It's a busy time of year.

In the midst of all of this, we are asked to prepare our lives and our hearts for the Lord during the Season of Advent. It is a sacred time to reflect upon Jesus' coming not only at Christmas, but at the end of time. The final reading for the last day of this Liturgical Year, Saturday, December 1, comes from the Book of Revelation. We are reminded, "**Behold, I am coming soon.**" (RV 22:7)

This time of year is exciting, hectic and it goes by quickly. This week and during Advent, take the time to stop and reflect with your family on what is most important to you. As you prepare for the coming holidays, think about what you are waiting for. John tells us to prepare when he writes, "**Behold, I am coming soon.**"

Sincerely,

Daniel A. Minelli

Despite Northwest Local School District being closed on Friday due to Colerain High School traveling to the State Championship, we will be in school and our buses will be running.

#iGIVECATHOLIC
#GIVINGTUESDAY

St. John the Baptist School is Awarded \$1000.00

A very sincere thank you to all of our donors on Giving Tuesday. We came in 2nd place for having the highest number of donors for an elementary school. As a result, the Archdiocese awarded our school \$1000.00! Stay tuned for more information regarding our ongoing five year capital campaign.

Early Dismissal Wed. December 12th

Just a reminder that we will have an early dismissal at 1:55pm on Wednesday, December 12th. Buses will be operating and aftercare will be open.

Shopping Cent\$ Orders Filled Tomorrow

Please send in your orders to school tomorrow! Orders will also be filled on Dec 6th and 13th.



Visit St. John's on the web at www.stjohnsdrschoool.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 29	Shopping Cents Orders Filled
November 30	All School Mass
December 3	4th Grade Mass 8:30AM
December 5	PTO Board Meeting/Dinner
December 6	Faith Family All School Mass 8:30AM Mercy McAuley Vocal Ensemble 11:00AM K-8
December 11	Taft Museum Field Trip 1st Grade
December 12	Early Dismissal 1:55PM
December 19	Christmas Concert Gr. 1-3 7PM
December 20	Kindergarten Pageant 8:30AM



Skatin' Party

THURSDAY, DEC. 6th, 2018
6:00PM-8:00PM

\$6.00 PER SKATER
Includes Regular Skate Rental
Jam Skates or Inlines \$4.00

ADD ON AN ATTRACTION FOR \$3.50
Laser Tag Bumper Cars
Climbing Walls Ropes Course

NEW Preschool Times Next Year

Please note the following changes to our Preschool Program's class times for the 2019-20 school year.

****3-year old classes will be offered Mon/Tues
9:00am-11:30am OR 12:15pm-2:45pm**

****4-year old classes will remain Mon/Tues/Wed
9:00am-11:30am OR 12:15pm-2:45pm**

****Pre-K class will be offered Wed/Thurs/Fri
9:00am-12:30pm**

Attention 8th Grade Parents...

If you have not already submitted your high school applications and financial aid requests, please pay close attention the various deadlines. Detailed information can be found on the school websites.

Mercy McAuley Vocal Ensemble **K-2nd Pack Lunch on Dec 6th**

Students will be enjoying a performance from the Mercy McAuley Vocal Ensemble at 11am on Thursday, December 6th. **Students in grades Kindergarten-2nd grade will need to pack a lunch that day** as the concert will take place during their regular lunch period.

Dollar Dress Down Day Dec. 10th

Student Council will be sponsoring the first Dollar Dress Down Day on Monday, December 10th. **Students that bring in \$1.00 may be out of uniform that day.** Please remember that only clothing appropriate for a Catholic school may be worn. Proceeds this year are going to help fund a new electronic bulletin board for the front of school. We are hoping to do one dress down day per month for the rest of the year.

PTO Holiday Toy Drive



PTO and Community Matters are once again partnering for a Holiday Toy Drive. **Collection of new and unwrapped toys will take place next week, December 3-7.** We will not be offering an out of uniform incentive this year, please help reiterate to the students that we are doing this toy drive as a way to give back to those less fortunate than us.

Just a friendly reminder that for the safety of our students, they are not permitted to come back into the school building after 3:30pm to retrieve items. Also, students may not be in the lobby of the Parish Center (Gym) without adult supervision before and after practices/activities. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

A Note from the School Nurse

Head Lice - Head lice can affect anyone at any time. There is no specific "season" for them. The best defense is knowledge of how to deal with a potential infestation. Lice are spread primarily through head to head contact - they do not jump or fly. Lice like clean hair. Check everyone in the family every week. Youtube is an excellent resource for what lice and nits look like. Instruct your children not to share hats, coats, hair ties, hairbands, combs or brushes with anyone. If you have any questions feel free to call the Nurse, Mrs. Hochhausler - 513-699-6978.