

# The Blue Jay Flyer



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

December 12, 2018

## From the Principal's Desk...

### What should we do?

Today is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The image of Mary which was created on the "Tilma", the cloak, of the peasant, Juan Diego on December 12, 1531 remains as untouched by age or the elements as it was the day that the roses fell from it in front of the bishop. Our Blessed Mother is remembered and celebrated throughout this Advent Season.

This Friday, we will gather as a school community to celebrate the Advent Season with a prayer service, Longing for Light. We will gather to remember and celebrate all that we hope for and all we await in the coming of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. The message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the message of Advent call us to be both receivers and bearers of the Light of Christ.

As we approach the final weeks of Advent, we celebrate on this third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday which means Rejoice. It is the Sunday on which the pink Advent candle is lit. We are called to rejoice at the nearness of the coming of the Lord.

In this Sunday's Gospel (LK 3:10-18), we are reminded by John the Baptist of how we are to prepare for the coming of Christ. John is asked, "What should we do?" "He said to them in reply, Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none and whoever has food should do likewise."

This week and in this time of preparation for Christmas, may we be attentive to John the Baptists simple message. I encourage us all to ask Our Lady of Guadalupe to help us think about, pray for and respond to the poor. In so doing, we will know how to respond to the question asked of St. John. **What should we do?**

Sincerely,

Daniel A. Minelli

## St. Vincent de Paul Coat Drive

We are looking for gently used or new hats, scarves, gloves and coats of all sizes for the St. Vincent de Paul coat drive. Please place all items in the boxes outside the school office until **Thursday, December 20th.**



**Shopping Cent\$ Tomorrow**

**Last Time Before Christmas Break!  
Send in an order for an Out of Uniform Pass  
for Tues, Dec 18th!**



**Grades 1-3**

**December 19th  
7:00pm**

**St. John the  
Baptist Church**



Visit St. John's on the web at [www.stjohnsdrschoo.org](http://www.stjohnsdrschoo.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 14 \*Advent Prayer Service 8:30AM
- December 17 \***DINE TO DONATE Buffalo Wild Wings/3660 Stonecreek Blvd.**
- December 18 \*OUT OF UNIFORM (if Shopping Cents order was placed on Thurs Dec 13th)  
\*3yr old M/T, Kindergarten Advent Parties  
\*Gr. 1-3 Christmas Concert  
School Performance 1:30PM
- December 19 \*PTO Christmas Movie  
Gr. K-4, 9-10:30AM  
Gr. 5-8, 1-2:30PM  
\*4yr old am/pm Advent Parties  
\*Cookie Dough Pick Up  
\*Christmas Concert Gr. 1-3 7PM
- December 20 \*Kindergarten Pageant 8:30AM  
\*Advent Parties Gr 1-3, 1:30-2:30PM  
\*Advent Parties 3yr old W/T & Pre K
- December 21 \***NO SCHOOL~CHRISTMAS BREAK**
- January 3 \***Gr. K-8 SCHOOL RESUMES**
- January 7 \***Preschool ~ SCHOOL RESUMES**



### Cookie Dough Pick Up Wednesday, December 19 Time TBD

### PTO Toy Drive ~ THANK YOU!

St. John the Baptist School collected 149 toys for Community Matters in Lower Price Hill. Thank you to our school families for your generous donations.

### 2019-20 Financial Assistance

A letter from our Business Manager, Cathy Dreyer, as well as a pink paper with K-8 Grade Students Tuition Assistance was included in your child's Blue Jay Folder this week.

We encourage all families interested in tuition assistance to please log on to your FACTS account to apply. **Deadlines for the 2019-20 school year financial aid are as follows: January 31, 2019 for the Archdiocesan Aid "One Faith, One Hope, One Love" and April 30, 2019 for parish Assistance.**

Both letter and information sheet can be found on our school website under the Admissions, Financial Aid page.

St. John the Baptist~Dry Ridge  
5375 Dry Ridge Rd.

**OPEN HOUSE**  
January 27th  
12:30-2:30

[www.stjohnsdrschoo.org](http://www.stjohnsdrschoo.org)

## Open House Signs

Do you live in a high traffic area or in a neighborhood with lots of young children? Do you have a business in the area? We need your help placing Open House Yard Signs around the area. Stop by the office or preschool class if you can take one.

**Want a chance to win a \$500 tuition credit for the 2019-2020 school year?**

**Refer new families to our school (Preschool-8th Grade) and for each family that registers you will be entered into a tuition credit drawing.**



### 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**

Did you know that the 8th graders are collecting plastic caps and lids to be recycled into a bench for their 8th Grade gift to the school. Watch your e-mail for more information and save your caps!



### Need a Part-time Job?

We are looking for a few people to work at our aftercare program at St. John the Baptist School. The hours could be as early as 2:45 pm and as late as 6:00 pm. Hours will vary depending on flexibility and if school is in session. Aftercare runs every day, Monday through Friday, except days that school is not in session. You must be Virtus compliant, have current BCI and FBI fingerprints and be at least 18 years of age. Pay starts at \$10 per hour.

Please contact Anne Johns at [ljohns@cinci.rr.com](mailto:ljohns@cinci.rr.com) if you are interested.