

The Blue Jay Flyer



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

January 9, 2019

From the Principal's Desk...

I am well pleased

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the entire St. John the Baptist School faculty and staff, I want to wish you a Happy and Blessed New Year. I hope that your time together with family and friends over our Christmas Break was a wonderful opportunity to share with those you love. I certainly enjoyed my time with my adult children, their spouses, and my grandsons.

As we begin this new year, there is much to reflect upon, celebrate and proclaim. We are preparing for our Open House on Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 12:30pm -2:30pm. Our Open House Committee has sent Christmas cards to the St. John the Baptist graduates from the classes of 1969 and 1994, and we will be inviting all of them to come and visit us during our Open House.

We will be inviting all of the families from all three parishes who have had their daughters and sons baptized in our parishes and who have children of preschool and kindergarten age. Our PTO and School Board members have been very supportive, and they, too, will be present for this important event.

It is fitting that we end the Liturgical Christmas Season this Sunday with the baptism of Jesus by St. John the Baptist. It is this critical moment in salvation history that leads Jesus into his public ministry. We, like our patron, are called to be heralds of God's love made incarnate in Jesus. In this Sunday's Gospel we are reminded, "and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved son: with you **I am well pleased.**" (LK 21-22)

May we all commit ourselves during this new year to turn our hearts and our families to the Lord. May your daughters and sons lead the way as St. John the Baptist did. As we prepare to welcome new families to our family, may we open our hearts and our ears to hear the Lord say to us, "with you **I am well pleased.**"

Sincerely,

Daniel A. Minelli



Want a Chance to Win a \$500 Tuition Credit ?

We realize that the best advertising for our school is YOU ~ our current school families. For every NEW family you refer to St. Johns School who registers and enrolls for the 2019-20 school year (Preschool-8th Grade), your name will be entered to win a \$500 tuition credit for the 2019-20 school year.

If you know a potential new family, please invite them for a tour during our Open House on January 27th at 12:30PM. Tours will begin in the gathering space at church.

St. John the Baptist School

OPEN HOUSE

5375 Dry Ridge Rd

January 27, 2019
12:30-2:30pm

stjohnsdrschoo.org



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 11	All School Morning Prayer 8:30AM
January 16	Grades 3 & 4 Mass 8:30AM Early Release Day 1:55PM Grades 6-8 Parent Meeting, Chastity Program 7PM
January 17	Grades 5 & 6 Mass 8:30AM Shopping Cents Orders Filled
January 18	Grades 7 & 8 Mass 8:30 AM
January 21	NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Day

2019-20 Financial Assistance

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.**

Also, applications for **Ed Choice Scholarships** will be accepted online at <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Scholarships/EdChoice-Scholarship-Program> beginning February 1, 2019.

For more information, please visit our school website under the Admissions, Financial Aid page.



Volunteers Needed

Our school library needs volunteers to help with both their upcoming Bookfair January 27- February 3 and in the library on Mondays and Thursdays. All volunteers must be Virtus compliant. Please contact Linda Stentz at library@stjohnsdrschoo.org if you are interested.

We also need volunteers to enter reward codes from Coca-Cola products. Our school earns money for each code entered. **This can be done at your convenience from home.** Please contact the school office if you are interested.

****One last note for all volunteers... please make sure that you are using the same name that is on your driver's license when signing up to volunteer at school. Our Virtus Coordinator may have difficulty checking your compliance if different names are used.**



Need a Part-time Job?

We are looking for a few more people to work at our aftercare program as well as an Aftercare Director for next school year. 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. Some of the Director's responsibilities will need to be done outside of school (purchasing snacks, billing, etc.). 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. Please contact Anne Johns at ljohns@cinci.rr.com if you are interested in either position.

Inclement Weather Policy

We will follow Northwest Local Schools - if they are closed, we will be closed. For a **two hour delay**, both school and transportation will begin two hours later. If your child(ren) are bussed by another district, you are expected to follow the announcements of Northwest. **Morning Preschool and Half Day Kindergarten will be cancelled for a two hour delay.** Please refer to page 19 of your Student Handbook (accessible on the school website under the parent tab) for further information.



Facebook and Instagram



Social Media is one of the most viable and economical avenues for promoting our school. Please **like, follow, share, and comment** on St. John's Facebook and Instagram posts. The more activity the posts receive, the more people that see them.

Find us on Facebook @ St. John the Baptist School and on Instagram @stjohnthebaptistschool.

Dollar Dress Down Day January 23rd

The December Student Council sponsored "Dollar Dress Down Day" raised \$346.00. We are hoping to purchase a new digital sign for the front of our school with the funds raised from monthly "Dress Down Days". **Students may bring \$1 to be out of uniform this month on Wed., January 23rd.**

****Shopping Cents January 17th****