



**SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY**

The Good News from SJB...

Where We Have an Attitude of Gratitude

Mark Your Calendar

**Incoming 6th (SJBMS)
Registration Night**

JDCHS Auditorium
March 17
6:00PM

Spring Pictures

Non-uniform dress
March 17

**8th Grade Stations
of the Cross**

March 23 & 24

**Wig & Stache Bash
Registration Ends**

March 25
(late registration March 26 -
April 3 - \$125)

Spring Break

March 25 - April 1

Wig & Stache Bash

Little America Hotel
April 9



Principal's Weekly Letter

Saint John the Baptist Middle School's 8th Graders will present the Living Stations of the Cross since the next Wednesday, March 23 and Thursday, March 24 in the inner circle of the Skaggs Catholic Center in ten-minute intervals between 8:30-11:20pm. The Stations take approximately 40 minutes to complete, and those participating should be ready, dressed for the weather, and prepared to walk silently and reverently. Each station begins with the opening prayer, "We Adore You O Christ and we praise You" and the response is, "Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world."

In Roman Catholic tradition, the Stations of the Cross depict the events in the crucifixion of Christ on Good Friday. This experience, while somber, gives teachers and parents the opportunity to discuss Jesus' sacrifice and great love for each of us. Students, grades 1-5, will participate in this year's Stations of the Cross. Parents are invited and encouraged to walk the Stations with their child(ren) as follows:

Wednesday, March 23

Time	Class	Teacher
8:30am	1B	Mrs. Knudson
8:40am	1A	Mrs. Butkovich
9:00am	4A	Sr. Celine Dounies
9:10am	5B	Mrs. Miller
9:20am	1C	Mrs. Pontillo
9:30am	2A	Mrs. Filidore
9:50am	2B	Mrs. Schlehuber
10:00am	2C	Mrs. Molloy
10:10am	4C	Mrs. Garstka
10:20am	4B	Mrs. Pappas
10:30am	3C	Ms. Thorne
11:10am	5C	Mrs. Kelly

Thursday, March 24

Time	Class	Teacher
8:30am	5A	Mrs. Tetzloff
10:00am	3B	Mrs. Baca
10:20am	3A	Miss Claeys



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Around SJBES...

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated tomorrow, Thursday, March 17 (7:00pm) at the Cathedral of the Madeleine. Traditionally the Chrism Mass is celebrated on Holy Thursday, but out of need for priests to be in their parishes for the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Chrism Mass is typically held a week earlier in the Diocese of Salt Lake City. During the Chrism Mass, the priests, deacons and representatives gather around their Bishop, who blesses the Holy Oils – Oil of the Sick, Oil of Catechumens and Sacred Chrism - for use in the coming year. Because a new bishop has not yet been appointed to the Diocese of Salt Lake City, the Most Rev. George H. Niederauer, Archbishop emeritus of San Francisco, will be the celebrant and homilist.

The Oil of the Sick is used in the Sacrament of the Sick to bring the strengthening and healing power of Christ, who is at work in the Church by the action of the Holy Spirit. St. James writes: "Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the Church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven." (James 5:14- 15)

The Oil of Catechumens is used at Baptism, to strengthen and purify candidates before baptizing with water.

Holy Chrism is a mixture of olive oil (a rich oil, symbol of richness of God's grace) and balsam fragrance (symbol of sweetness of Christian virtue). The Oil of Chrism is a sign of fullness of grace and spiritual strength; it consecrates and enables us to live out the call to follow Jesus the Christ (the anointed one) as baptized/confirmed/ordained Christians: "The holy chrism consecrated by the bishop is used to anoint the newly baptized, to seal the candidates for confirmation, and to anoint the hands of presbyters [priests] and the heads of bishops at their ordination, as well as in the rites of anointing pertaining to the dedication of churches and altars.

All are welcome to attend the Chrism Mass!

Gratefully,

Nikki Ward, Principal



ATTENTION FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS

SJBMS 6TH GRADE (2016-2017) REGISTRATION NIGHT

Where: JDCHS Auditorium

When: Thursday, March 17

Time: 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Registration Packets will be available at "Registration Night"

In addition, the Music Department is holding their annual SJB Music Social for incoming 6th grade students. Come and enjoy live music and refreshments! The social will be held from 6:45-7:30pm in the JDCHS Little Theater and Choir Room.



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Sandy City Elementary Art Festival

Congratulations to Alyssa Larson (5th grade), Miranda Rice (3rd grade) and Evangeline Bush (1st grade) who won awards in the Sandy City Elementary Art Festival.

The contest featured over 600 entries. The winning art will be on display in the children's section at the Sandy Library through the end of April.



Vote for a \$2,500 Proposal

It's time to vote! Help a special teacher win a \$2,500 grant for their classroom. As a result of your thank you notes, educators from across the country have sent in their proposals to fund their educational visions.

Mrs. Becca Aragon Moore has been THANKED through thank a million teachers sponsored by Farmers Insurance. Please go in and vote daily so that she will win the 2500 grant!

Click [HERE](#) to Vote

Enter in Moore and Utah and search, click on her icon and vote!

Please note, everyone needs to make sure to open email and click on the link or the vote does not count!



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Eagle Awards

In the words of their teachers, congratulations to the following students, who received March's Eagle Award

PreKindergarten:

Jake Swanson models being a good learner by modeling responsibility! He has returned our optional enrichment packet every month this whole year and wants more! His dedication is paying off as he knows all his letters and sounds and is starting to blend. He listens, follows directions and works independently - what a great student!

Erin Cawley models being a good learner by reading up a storm! The light bulb turned on and she's off and running! It's so fun to watch Erin because she's so interested in reading, writing and learning new things! She's a smartie!

Faith Pham models being a learner in our class by learning how to follow the rules in class. Faith has shown so much growth and understanding in our classroom concepts of letters, sounds, and number sense. We are so proud of Faith for learning how to communicate her understanding and always teach our class about art. Thanks Faith!

Aadi Jaikumar models being a wonderful learner by following all the rules in class along with consistently doing his best work. Aadi has begun to read, can count and even add small numbers. Aadi excels in always thinking of different ways to view a problem and then find a solution. Aadi is a complete joy to have in class!

Kindergarten:

Makenzie Bodily is a great example of a communicator. She asks questions in earnest about concepts she does not understand and shares her thoughts and ideas with clarity, enthusiasm, and respect. Her words and actions are positive

and cheerful. Makenzie is respectful to others and listens carefully when they are speaking. She is a joy to have in class

Shivani Hooda is a wonderful example of a communicator. Shivani waits, listening attentively while others speak, then will share her thoughts and ideas. When Shivani speaks her words are filled with care and kindness, and her laughter fills our classroom with joy.

C.S. Lewis said, "I don't believe that good work is ever done in a hurry". This is how **Jameson Judd** approaches life and learning. I struggled with his pace at first and somewhere along the way we met in the middle, and all the while he taught me patience. Jameson has learned how to complete his work at a rate that works for both of us. He always puts forth his best effort even if it is challenging. He strives to be kind and helpful to all those around him. Jameson has become a dedicated learner and I am so proud of him!

1st Grade:

Garrison Aris models being a learner through the hard work and dedication she displays in her schoolwork, reading, and time spent after school practicing. When faced with a word she doesn't know, she is always willing to "tap it out" and try. It has been rewarding to watch her progress and see her smile when she is successful!

Boston Roberts models being a learner by going above and beyond what is expected of him. Boston meets challenges head on and has made amazing strides academically this year. He exceeded his AR goal by six times this quarter. I am so proud of the student that he has become.

Olivia Harris models being an excellent learner at Saint John the Baptist Elementary. She has come a long way from the beginning of the year and has grown so much academically. Olivia takes pride in her AR testing and strives to reach her next reading goal. She has a kind heart and works very hard while putting her best effort into her schoolwork and homework. Olivia makes us smile each day and she comes to school willing and ready to learn!

2nd Grade:

Christian Woods is a wonderful citizen in our Second Grade classroom. He can always be counted on to do the right thing. Christian consistently turns in his work, follows directions, and displays great listening in our classroom. He is a friend to everyone and uses wonderful manners. It has been such a pleasure watching Christian grow this year. He is a delight to have in class.

Olivia Sedillo is an excellent model of a Christian in my classroom. I see her being kind and loving to everyone around her. She is always willing to help me or any student that may need extra help. She is polite when asking questions and always willing to wait her turn. Olivia is a humble leader and wonderful example for other children to follow.

With quiet grace **Hadleigh Johnston** shows her strengths as a Christian in 2nd Grade. Whether it's kindly helping a friend with a question on their work, or being an example to her entire class of patience- Hadleigh does it all with a smile and a cute bounce in her step. Thanks for being such a wonderful Christian in our class Hadleigh!



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3rd Grade:

Abby Quercia models being a learner in our classroom. She comes to class each day prepared and turns in all her assignments on time. Abby puts forth her best effort in all that she does. She shows a strong desire to improve and her hard work is paying off. I am so proud of how far Abby has come this year.

It has been an amazing year for this month's Eagle award recipient. This is **Kenyon Robert's** first year in a school setting, as he was previously homeschooled. He has made tremendous growth in academics and classroom behavior. Just this past quarter, Kenyon's AR goal was 17 points and he earned over 57 points. He went above and beyond expectations with his poetry reading by dressing up as a boa constrictor. Kenyon shows his dedication to learning daily and is always willing to share interesting facts about dinosaurs, animals, or Groundhog Day. He has the ability to light up a room and make someone feel loved with his special hugs. I am so proud of the commitment Kenyon has put forth in all aspects of his education. The world seems to be a better and brighter place with Kenyon in it.

Ayla Williams is a beautiful example of a Christian inside and out. She prays hard, works hard and plays hard. Because of this discipline, she is able to do amazing things academically, on the basketball court, on the

soccer field and in her family. Witnessing Ayla be so close to God gives all of us an amazing example of what a Christian should be in our daily lives.

4th Grade:

Josie Jewkes exemplifies being a learner in many ways. She does quality work on all her assignments and is very conscientious. Josie is attentive, focused and consistent. When Josie is absent she catches up very quickly. She eagerly participates in class and is first to volunteer in many situations. Josie is truly a model learner.

Weston Eder models being a learner by always coming to school ready and eager to learn. Weston pays close attention, asks thoughtful questions, and completes all his work with great care and attention to detail. Weston's love for learning is contagious.

Abigaile Alamilla shines as a citizen in our classroom. She has earned a CM in Citizenship every quarter by turning in her work on time and following the expectations. But what really sets Abigaile apart is her ability to take initiative. She looks around our classroom, sees what needs to be done, and does it without being asked. I appreciate Abigaile's take charge attitude and am excited to see what the future holds for her.

5th Grade:

Communication through Art is one of **Cate Stevens's**

greatest strengths. Cate enriches all of our lives with her beautiful drawings. St. Francis de Sales once said, "Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength." These words describe Cate beautifully as, through her work, we see the hues of strength, faith, friendship, and kindness. Cate is a gifted artist, a true friend to all, and a blessing to have in our class.

On a daily basis, **John Underwood** demonstrates the virtues of friendliness, courtesy, and respect for others. Those who come in contact with John, immediately feel comfortable around him due to his easy smile and laugh, along with his genuine interest in them as a person. He has a positive attitude in all situations, is considerate towards others, and has a grace filled politeness about him. John's character speaks to all of our schoolwide learning expectations.

Eoghan Kelly models the attributes of a Christian with his quiet demeanor, cheerful attitude and thoughtful way of approaching tasks. He is a good friend to his classmates and has made many friends this year. He enjoys school and works to the best of his ability every day. Eoghan is thoughtful and caring, and uses many of the virtues in his academic life.



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Specials:

Art - Miranda Bosh is the perfect example of what it means to be a good citizen. I am treated each time Miranda arrives to class with her bright and beautiful smile. She is always responsible, kind and caring to others in her class. She is the first to volunteer to assist others with their projects. Miranda consistently does her absolute best work on each and every art project. I love watching her grow as a young artist with her wonderful God given talent. Congratulations Miranda!

Computer - Danielle Pozzi is a great learner and Christian. She cares deeply about her class work and is always giving everything her very best by paying attention, asking questions and taking her time. I enjoy reviewing all of her work because it is a perfect sample of how work should be done. She strives for excellence each and every day. She is also kind and

soft-spoken and a pleasure to have in class.

Library - Samantha Cusick is a communicator in the library and loves reading! She is always excited to "check out" the new books in the library and then ... check them out. Samantha is a great role model in the library by always displaying the proper behavior. Thank you, Samantha, I'm grateful having you in the library. As said by Margaret Fuller: "Today a reader, tomorrow a leader".

Music - Joseph Opeddisano is and always has been a great learner in music class. He uses his ear to learn new music quickly and isn't afraid to jump in even when he hasn't yet learned all of the words. Joseph is an expert with crayons as well; he worked very diligently on his Peter and the Wolf booklet and it turned out to be one of the neatest and most colorful I've ever seen. I'm super grateful to have him in class!

PE - Nation Williams comes into PE with a smile on her face. She is a wonderful citizen, always displaying great sportsmanship. She is helpful to her peers by showing them how to do certain skills if she sees them struggling. She always gives her best effort and I love having her in my class.

Spanish - From the moment Spanish starts Isabella Coates is ready to learn. She's always the first one to memorize dialogues and turn in her homework. What I admire the most about Isabella is her patience because she waits for her turn even when she knows the answer ahead of time. I can tell Isabella has a passion for languages and she's always the first one to volunteer to help others. I feel very blessed to have a student like her in my class; she makes my job easier.





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Around SJBES...



St John The Baptist Elementary

Last reminder before spring Picture Day

Spring Picture Day is tomorrow.

Don't forget to complete the flyer and
send to school with your child on
spring Picture Day.

Want some tips for a great school
picture?

get tips ▶

[HERE](#)



After spring Picture Day you will receive
a portrait package to review and purchase.

Poses and backgrounds vary by school.



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Camp Invention®

Click [HERE](#) for information

Your community is hosting Camp Invention once again! Sign up by February 15 to save \$35.

Local educators will be leading the week of hands-on fun at:

Saint John the Baptist Elementary School

June 13 - 17, 2016 from 9:00AM to 3:30PM

And your young innovators will be spending time:

- **Brainstorming** product ideas and building original prototypes using real tools and components found in everyday devices.
- **Exploring** the lives of giant insects, colorful animals and their environments.
- **Constructing and personalizing** a DIY solar-powered cricket with a unique habitat.
- **Discovering** the science of slime, demolition, electronic sound, giant squid and coding.

Activities are all-new for 2016 and each lesson explores connections between science, technology, engineering and innovation.



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The Ball...

WIG & 'STACHE BASH

Annual Fundraiser for Saint John the Baptist Catholic Schools

Saturday April 9, 2016 ~ Little America Hotel

auctions - mobile bidding - dinner - live music

\$100 per person

{ Late Registration: \$125 per person 3/26 - 3/7 }

6:00 pm Social Hour - Silent Auction

7:30 pm Dinner

8:30 pm Live Auction

9:30 pm Dancing to "The Spazmatics"

**Online
Registration:
sjbelementary.org**

Room Reservations:
Little America Hotel
Salt Lake City

<http://saltlake.littleamerica.com/>



FAQ's

1. Do I get a ticket once I register? No, everything is online. Register and you're in!
2. Can I sit with my BFFs? Of course! Just register your party under a "Group" name.
3. What's mobile bidding? You bid with the click of a button on your smartphone!
4. How do I get set up for mobile bidding? It's **easiest** to register your smartphone when you register online. You may also set up your phone at Check In at the event.

WIG & 'STACHE BASH ETIQUETTE

1. Must I wear a wig or 'stache? No, but wouldn't it be fun if you did?
2. What's the attire? Whatever puts you in a bidding mood and won't rip when you dance.



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Home & School Association

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



Lunch Room Duty

Volunteers needed Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays. Please sign up via the login portal at siblementary.org under MYSJB.

Annual Auction - Wig & Stache Bash

Dessert Dash help needed! Volunteers are needed to pick up desserts from local bakeries and deliver them to the Little America Hotel for the Wig and Stache Bash on the morning of Saturday April 9th

Volunteers also need to work the event! Please contact Brandy Stephens @ bnkstephens@msn.com



Thanks to all who joined us for the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Special thanks to the volunteers who supplied the truck, decorations and treats!



Around Skaggs Catholic Center...

The Catholic Independent Griffins Hockey Team
Invites **YOU** to participate in

Middle School Summer Hockey!



Will you eventually be attending
Juan Diego Catholic High School OR
Judge Memorial High School?

The Catholic Independent Griffins are looking for **BOYS and GIRLS**
for Summer Hockey League which runs Mid-May through the end of July,
Cost is approximately \$175.00. USA Hockey registration is required. **Summer
League is for players WILL BE in 6th through 8th Grades**

To register, contact Moe van der Sluys at 801-232-4584
or any current member of the Catholic Ind. Griffins Hockey Club.





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