



SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY

The Good News from SJB...

Mark Your Calendar

First Quarter Midterm

September 14

Annual Appeal 1st Turn-in

September 16

Report Cards Sent

September 16

All Campus Mass

September 22 (Formal Uniform)

HSA Meeting

September 23 8:15am
SJBES Conference Room

Annual Appeal 2nd Turn-in

September 23

Parent Teacher Conferences

September 29 & 30

Early Dismissal

September 29

No School

September 30

JDCHS Homecoming Carnival

September 30 4:00-8:00pm

Mother Son Social

October 2 7:00-8:30pm
Get Air Trampoline Park



Principal's Weekly Letter

Today we celebrated the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. This is the patronal feast of the Sisters, Priests and Brothers of the Holy Cross. In August, the Sisters of the Holy Cross celebrated the 175th anniversary of their founding by Father Basil Moreau in LeMans, France. At today's Mass, Sr. Celine Dounies, 4th Grade teacher, shared about the Holy Cross Sisters' ministry in Utah. From an article published in the Friday, December 12, 2014 [Intermountain Catholic](#).

When nine Sisters of the Congregation of the Holy Cross came to Utah from Notre Dame, Indiana in 1875 to start a school in the remote mining town of Silver Reef, they began a legacy that continues today. The original sisters came at the request of Father Lawrence Scanlan, who became the first bishop of the Diocese of Salt Lake. That same year, Sisters M. Holy Cross Welsh and M. Bartholomew Darnell opened Holy Cross Hospital in Salt Lake City. In 1879, a hospital was opened in Silver Reef, according to Salt of the Earth by Bernice Maher Mooney. The hospitals and schools reflect the mission statement of the Holy Cross Sisters, which is to follow Jesus where they are called throughout the world to reflect on the signs of the times, discern needs, and respond. Today, Holy Cross Sisters are located in India, Bangladesh, Ghana, Uganda, Peru, Brazil, the United States and Mexico. Throughout their tenure in the Diocese of Salt Lake City, the sisters have been involved in pastoral ministry, health care and education.

Thank you to Sr. Celine and all of the Holy Cross Sisters who have made an impact on Catholic education in Utah!

Today marks the 1st Quarter Midterm. All students, Grades 1-5, will receive their 1st Quarter Midterm Report Card on Friday. Please review, sign and return your child(ren)'s Midterm by next Wednesday, September 21.

Thank you to everyone who participated in/helped at Sunday's Fall Fest! Congratulations to The following classes that had Free Dress yesterday from the game ticket drawing:

Principal's Weekly Letter (cont.)...



- PKA-PM (Mrs. Filidore): Aaliyah Tapp-Clegg
- KD (Mrs. Ongman): John Libertini
- 1A (Mrs. Butkovich): Piper Knox
- 2A (Miss Hogan): Ava Tita
- 3D (Mrs. Zweber): Arzani Tellez
- 4B (Mrs. Pappas): Ryan Greenwald
- 5B (Mrs. Miller): Zachary Meehan

Fall Fest kicked off Skaggs Catholic Center's Annual Appeal, and Saint John the Baptist Elementary's goal is 100% participation. As our school theme states, "*I Am Because We Are.*" we are each part of a greater whole. Whether that 1 in 100% gift represents \$1 or \$1000, please give what you can. No donation is too small as described in the Gospel of Luke (21:1-4).

- *As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury.*
- *He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins.*
- *"Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."*

The scheduler for Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences – to be held Thursday, September 29 and Friday, September 30 will be open tomorrow – Thursday, September 15. **Students are asked to attend conferences at Saint John the Baptist Elementary, as they will be reflecting on their progress and accomplishments through the schoolwide learning expectations – CHRISTIANS ... LEARNERS ... COMMUNICATORS ... CITIZENS - in addition to setting goals for the rest of the school year.** Saint John the Baptist Elementary's goal is 100% participation in conferences, thus please make your appointment by Sunday, September 25. Conferences are reserved through the "My SJB Portal Login" feature of SJB Elementary's website and completed on a **first-come, first serve basis**. Please follow these directions to sign-up for your child(ren)'s conference:

*Go to www.sjbelementary.org.
Click on "My SJB."
Click on "My SJB Portal Login."
Enter your Parent Access ID & Access Password.
(Must use each child's parent login information; one sign-up per child.)
Click on "Conferences."
Select a teacher, conference date and click on "Show schedule."
Input "Parent Name," "Student Name" and click on "Reserve."*

Please note that appointments with the Specials teachers:

Art: Maggie Dinehart
Computer: Denise Page
Music: Amy Pernich
PE: Jennifer Hall
Spanish: Patricia Brenneisen

can be reserved in the same manner. If you need a translator for your child's conference, please reserve an appointment with Patty Brenneisen at the same time as your child's conference, but note that the conference is for translation as follows: **(T)**. If you have difficulty with the online scheduling program, please do not hesitate to contact Susan Stevenson at 801-984-7108.

A longtime parent told me that the Skaggs Catholic Center's Bell Tower reminds her of downtown Manhattan – nobody knows what to do! At dropoff, please proceed to the front of Saint John the Baptist Elementary where the numbered signs are located, and have your child exit the car curbside. There has been a lot of honking recently due to the standstill of cars. Your help in following the established procedures - even if they seem frustrating at times – will ensure the safety of all students!

In Christ,

Nikki Ward, Principal



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All Campus Mass

Thursday, September 22, 2016
TBD

Formal Uniform

No Mass on Wednesday, September 21

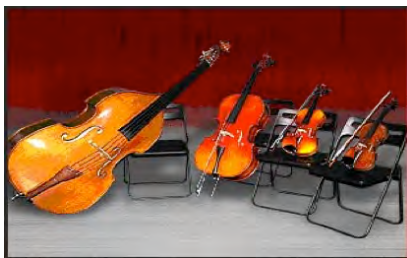
Saint John the Baptist Elementary School Orchestra

Grades Third - Fifth

Now is the time to sign up for Orchestra. We will learn how to play string instruments, as well as learn lots of fun music. 🎵

We will be having weekly classes Monday, Wednesday, Friday. You may contact the Orchestra Teacher, Elizabeth O'Brien at 610-301-7013 or email: 1cellist@comcast.net for further information or if you have any questions.

Click [HERE](#) for the
Registration Form



After School Art Lessons



Come join us for after school art lessons!

Click [HERE](#) to Register or go to MYSJB on our website

Did you Sign off on the Handbook and Parent Volunteer Hours Agreement?

Handbook - Parent Signed: **NO**

Emergency Contact Info Updated: **YES**

Parent Volunteer Hours Agreement Signed: **YES**

Many of our families have not!

Please login [NOW](#) to complete all sign-offs. Remember to use your Parent AccessID & Password that was emailed back in August.

DO NOT USE YOUR STUDENT'S LOGIN AND PASSWORD. This will not give you the access you need.



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Saint John the Baptist Elementary's students logged 433,633 minutes between May 9 and September 9. The total minutes per grade are as follows:

- PreKindergarten: 19,610
- Kindergarten: 31,567
- 1st Grade: 44,850
- 2nd Grade: 69,465
- 3rd Grade: 90,217
- 4th Grade: 72,338
- 5th Grade: 75,589

The following classes had the highest average minutes, and were treated to Breakfast in the Classroom:

- PKA(AM): Mrs. Filidore - 673 Average
- KC: Mrs. Moore (Beat Mrs. Ongman by 1 minute!) - 396 Average
- 1A: Mrs. Butkovich - 826 Average
- 2A: Miss Hogan - 1050 Average
- 3B: Mrs. Baca - 1,268 Average
- 4C: Mrs. Winzenried - 1152 Average
- 5B: Mrs. Miller - 994 Average



SJB Elementary gathered together last Friday for school-wide prayer in recognition of the National Day of Prayer for World Peace!



GETTING READY FOR FALL FEST!

Our Fourth Grade was busy last week harvesting the garden to sell produce at Fall Fest. Sales brought in \$430 for the Parish food Bank.



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FALL FEST 2016

Thanks to all the families who joined us for Fall Fest 2016 and the kick off of our campus-wide Annual Appeal!

Special thanks to our principals, parent volunteers, the SJB Board, HSA, Emcee John Moran, Skaggs Catholic Center Facilities team, JDCHS Alumni, Ambassadors, and Campus Life, SJBMS Cheer, St. Paul's Place, Paul McGarrell's Farmers Insurance, St. John the Baptist Parish Cub Scouts pack 4500 and the many performers from Juan Diego Catholic High School!

Remember to support the Annual Appeal - #100% Participation



Thank you to Paul McGarrell's Farmers Insurance for their sponsorship of our Fall Fest 2016 tee shirts!



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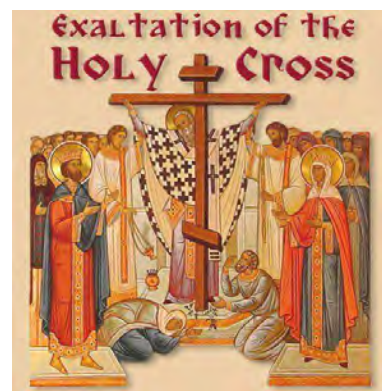


Today's mass was held in honor of the Sisters of the Holy Cross who are celebrating the 175th anniversary of their founding. The congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross was founded in Le Mans, France in 1841. The motherhouse is located in Notre Dame, Indiana.

Special guests at today's mass included Mark Longe, Superintendent of Diocesan Catholic Schools, Sr. Catherine Kamphaus, Associate Superintendent, Sr. Geneva Rolf, Sr. Patrice McGee and Sr. Madeleine Marie. The Mass procession was led by fourth grade students who carried the cross and waved colorful flags in honor of the special commemoration.



Today, September 14, is the feast of the Triumph of the Cross. The cross has become the universal symbol for Christianity, replacing the fish symbol of the early church. After the end of the persecution era, early in the fourth century, pilgrims began to travel to Jerusalem to visit and pray at the places associated with the life of Jesus. Helena, the mother of the emperor, was a Christian and, whilst overseeing excavations in the city, is said to have uncovered a cross, which many believed to be the Cross of Christ. A basilica was built on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and dedicated on this day in the year 335. What does the cross mean for you? If you haven't reflected deeply on the cross before, our Stations of the Cross reflections are a great way to think about Jesus' journey to the cross for us.





Annual Appeal

FOR SKAGGS CATHOLIC CENTER SCHOOLS

Juan Diego Catholic High School
Saint John the Baptist Catholic Middle School
Saint John the Baptist Catholic Elementary School
Guardian Angel Daycare



Why it's needed



The Annual Appeal picks up where tuition leaves off. Donations enhance programs, train teachers, aid families struggling financially, and keep technology progressive – all to the benefit of today's students and tomorrow's alumni.

Who benefits



More than 2,000 students,
from cradle to college, benefit each year.



THE ANNUAL APPEAL Please Remember to Give! **#100%** Participation
1ST turn in date is this Friday!

Click [HERE](#) to print the Donation Form



Home & School Association

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Clipping Box Tops is an easy way to help earn cash for our school! The money we raise funds programs that directly benefit our students class that submits a minimum of 100 Box Tops by the end of every month will be rewarded with a Free Dress Day.



Our first collection deadline will be Friday, September 30th.

Please trim the pink Box Tops label so that the acronym and expiration date are legible. We cannot accept expired Box Tops.

Click here to see a list of participating products: www.btfe.com/products

If you'd like to help count Box Tops and earn volunteer hours at home, please email sjbvolunteer@skaggscatholiccenter.org

Next H.S.A. Meeting



Join us Friday, September 23 at 8:15 in the Elementary Conference Room for our next H.S.A meeting

The Cross for Vocations Program

School families volunteer to take the Cross home for a week and pray for vocations. The host family is provided with support materials for their prayer time. The Cross is presented to the host family each week at the school Mass following the post communion prayer. The family hosting the Cross will be mentioned each week in the Good News newsletter.

If you are interested in hosting the Cross for Vocations in your home please Click [HERE](#)

Annual Appeal

Our Annual Appeal needs your help collecting, tallying and copying our Appeal donations to apply participation to your Class!

- 10 parents Friday, September 16
8:15 am – 12 noon
 - 8 parents Friday, September 23
8:15 am – 11 am
- Click [HERE](#) to sign up

P.E. Volunteers

For **FITNESS TESTING** sign up [HERE](#)

For **HALLOWEEN BLACKLIGHT PARTY** sign up [HERE](#)

We have lots of opportunities to earn your volunteer hours at home. If you would like to be contacted when these opportunities come up, please email Alison at sjbvolunteer@skaggscatholiccenter.org to be added to the contact list.



Home & School Association

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



Join us for the Mother & Son Olympics at Get Air Trampoline Park on October 2, 2016 from 7:00-8:30pm. RSVP now, registration is due September 28.

Click [HERE](#) for the Registration Form



SAVE THE DATE

JDCHS HOMECOMING

Come join the fun!

September 30, 2016

4:00 - 8:00pm



SAVE THE DATE

Flu Shot Clinic

October 26, 2016

12:00-4:00pm

JDCHS Little Theater