



# St. John the Baptist School



January 13, 2021

"Dear Heavenly Father, You are our Father of Life. This month, we especially pray for the unborn. You have created every human being to have life and have opened the way for each to have eternal life. Have mercy on us and heal our world. May each of us exult in hearts full of hope and hands full of mercy. May we work together to build a culture who respects all life from conception until natural death. Please bless each of us and hold us close always. We ask this in Your name, Amen."

## From the Principal:

Things continue to run as normal ~ whatever that is anymore! I am happy to report that we have three new bottle filling water fountains installed! Thank you to Mr. Joe Tobben for arranging the installation of these new fountains.

Report cards were posted on January 8<sup>th</sup>, there were a few glitches on the FACTS end but everything should be correct now.

If you know of any new families, steer them our way! Our official "Open" House is February 3, 6-7 PM; however, they can call anytime and setup a visit.

Finally, I would ask all of you to keep Mrs. Wissmann and her family in your prayers. Her Mom passed away last evening after a brave fight of cancer; rest in peace Mrs. Brautigam.

Have a good evening,  
Ms Smith

## MOST 529

Parents can use a MOST 529 account to pay K-12 tuition expenses — and save money on taxes! The program is hosting webinars for private and parochial school parents on February 3, March 3 and April 14, 2021. These 40-minute seminars will review the state-sponsored MOST 529 Education Plan. Attendees will learn about the state tax deduction and how the plan can be used to save and pay for public, private, and parochial K-12 tuition, higher education, apprenticeships, and now student loan repayment! Please visit the webinar registration site to participate: <https://ascensus.zoom.us/meeting/register/JcvcmsqT8pG9xIRKQ5c0OhYtd-famwBYaat>.

Families can learn more about MOST 529 Education Plan by reviewing the program video on YouTube.

## Prevent and Protect

Everyone who works or volunteers in any way at St. John's Parish and School are required to register in the new system as soon as possible. All clergy, volunteers, and employees will register for an updated background screening, view two new online training modules on abuse reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct. Go to:

<https://www.preventandprotectstl.org>

Enter the pass code: stlprotect

## SJG Online Dinner Auction

St. John's Annual Dinner Auction—save the date—February 27, 2021. The committee is working on details for an online auction. Please stay tuned for more information.

## KC Free Throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus will have their annual Free Throw Contest on Tuesday, January 19 during PE class for all students in grades four through eight. Please fill out the KC Free Throw Contest form, sign and return it to school prior to Tuesday. Thank you

## Martin Luther King Day No School

There will be no school on Monday, January 18, for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

## Birthday Jeans Day

All student and staff members who have a birthday in January or July may wear jeans on Friday, January 15.

Happy Birthday!

## 2021-2022

## Scholarship Information

All families have the opportunity to apply for all the scholarships offered using the online application at no cost. One application is being used for all scholarships funded by the Catholic Education Office, the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri, and the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation. The Scholarship Office at TTEF will review your application and determine if your family is eligible for any awards based on each program's guidelines and funding availability.

**Applications will be available online January 11. Please visit [www.ttef-stl.org](http://www.ttef-stl.org) and click "Apply Here".**

Any family who would like to be considered for these programs, even if you are applying for re-qualification for one of these scholarships, must apply between January 11 and February 26, 2021. All families are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the online application process, please contact our school office.

## SJG Basketball Jaguars

We want to wish our SJG Basketball Jaguars the very best at their upcoming games. Unfortunately we are not all able to attend the games this year to cheer for you but we are cheering and supporting our teams from afar. Do your best and have fun! Good Job SJG Jaguars! We are proud of you!

Thursday, 1/14/21-7:00 Games at IC

Tuesday, 1/19/21-5:30 HOME Games vs. Spring Bluff

Wednesday, 1/20/21-5:30 HOME Games vs. SVS/St. Ignatius

Monday, 1/25/21-5:30 Games at R2

Tuesday, 2/2/21-5:30 HOME Games vs. OLL

Wednesday, 2/3/21-5:30 Games at IL

## SJG Athletic Apparel

The St. John's Athletic Apparel Webstore is open. Click on the link below to place your order. Many options are available for Jaguar apparel including volleyball and basketball choices.

<https://stjohnsjaguars.itemorder.com>

## Joggin Jaguars

Our next practice is Wednesday, January 13, from 3:00 to 4:00. We will meet in the gym. A healthy snack will be provided but all students are asked to bring a water bottle, running clothes, and tennis shoes.

We ask that all who may be driving around school to be careful of young runners on our practice days. Thank you.

## Parent Alert

We are receiving our school wide messages through FACTS Parent Alert.

Please contact the school office if you need additional phone numbers added to our list. You may also log into FACTS and add additional phone numbers to your Family Demographic Page.

## Inclement Weather

Please have your plans in place to prepare for a possible early dismissal, late start, or the close of school. We want you to know that safety is our main concern for all our families and staff members. If school is in session and the weather becomes hazardous it may be necessary for us to dismiss school early and we will not be able to provide After School Care on these days. If we have to close school or dismiss early, a Parent Alert message will be sent out and the TV stations, channel 2, 4, and 5 will be notified. We will make every attempt to make the decision as early as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

## Catholic Schools Week

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools' Week Monday, February 1 through Friday, February 5. A flyer will be coming home soon with more information about this fun week at our school.

## Open House

We will have an Open House on Wednesday, February 3, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center for new students who wish to attend our school next school year.

The Open House will be by appointment only. If you have questions or if you know someone who is interested in our school, please have them call our school office or email of-  
fice@sjgschool.org. Thank you.

All current families will receive a re-registration packet later this month to register for the 2021-22 school year.

## SJG Facebook Page

Like us on facebook at St. John the Baptist School— Gildehaus and see pictures of all the fun, extra activities going on at our school. Also, keep up to date with our school calendar events and menu. A special thank you to Mrs. Ruth Wissmann and Mrs. Brianna Hall for adding this information to our page.