

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## PARENT NEWSLETTER

September 2, 2009



**Be Responsible      Be Respectful      Be Kind**  
**Be Honest            Be Your Best!**

### Welcome Back!

School is just not school until the children are here. Though much was accomplished around our beautiful campus over the summer, it just is not school without the children. We had a wonderful first day on Monday with happy students, happy parents and happy staff. Another great year is in store for us. Thank you for being a part of our Saint John community.

Sincerely,

Barbara Picco  
Principal

Dan Schuh  
Vice-Principal



### *Special thanks to...*

**Pauline Gronstad** (Grace is in 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Emma is in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and Megan is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade) and **Julie Viana** (Alison is in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and Jenna is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade) for planning a delightful Ice Cream Social and BooHoo / YaHoo breakfast. Special thanks to **Egil Gronstad, Justin King, Matt Grau, Jon Truttman, Tim Collins, Pat Russell, Barry Pedler** and **Joe Gigiello** for scooping the ice cream at the social!

**Tim Smith** (Hannah is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade) for installing our new flag pole in the assembly area.

**Jon Truttman** (Rachel is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and Riley is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade) and **Barry Pedler** (Daniel is in 1<sup>st</sup> grade and Cristina is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade) for working on our sprinkler system on the field this summer. The field is looking really good!

all of our parents for their prayers and for helping out with meals for the Looney family this summer when Mike was in the last stages of his life.

an anonymous donor who has given us new jerseys for our athletic teams.

all of you who offered prayers and support and who attended the memorial Mass for Chris Kuhn this summer.

**Nick Gomez** (class of '04) who represented our Saint John community when he spoke at Mr. Kuhn's Mass.

**Lisa Clifford** (Chris '08) who supplied photos for Mr. Kuhn's

service and whose photos are still on display in Middle School.

**Suzy Lampe** (Nick is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and Ben is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade) and **Annie Kassman** (Lucas is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade) for working all summer on Eagle Group projects.

**Cathy Hall** (Lauren is in 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Matthew in is 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and Michael is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade) and **Tasia Blazeovich** (Cole is in 1<sup>st</sup> grade)) for working all summer on Project P.L.A.Y.

**Lela Mattera** (Isabella is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Andrew is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and Nicholas is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade) and **Jennifer Kroll** (Austin is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade) for all their work with used uniforms. What a terrific sale there was at the Ice Cream Social! They laundered every one of those uniforms. A labor of love! A total of \$4503 was raised from the used uniform sale! All profit this year goes toward Project P.L.A.Y.

all of you who joined us for our Saint John Parish Festival on August 16. Lots of fun!

all of you who attended our Ice Cream Social. Great people!

all of you who are being so patient in the drop-off and pick-up lines. You are doing a great job for the safety of our children.

**YEARLY DISCLAIMER:** *Please know that we sincerely appreciate everything that you all do for our school. If your name is not mentioned, it is not a deliberate oversight. It would be impossible to mention every single thing that our parents do for us. Please know that we are all working together for the good of our children and we appreciate you!*

It is good to remember those who have been a part of our lives, and to pray for people whose work and interest have helped to make this school the great place it is. Chris Kuhn has helped Saint John School for 10 years. We are thankful for the gift he has been to us. Our loving God, rich in mercy, has opened wide the gates of paradise, offering him rest and lasting joy.

May he rest in peace.

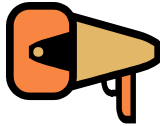


## *Congratulations to...*

Jack Corrao '07 and Alex Payne '08 who were recently listed on Saint Augustine's Honor Roll.

Our school newspaper staff whose publication was named 1<sup>st</sup> place and best in class at the San Diego County Fair. Great job!

## *Announcements...*



### **BRETT'S BBQ AND DAIRY QUEEN**

See the flyer to participate in our dine out day today, September 2. This is good for all day—lunch or dinner!

### **WHO DOESN'T LIKE TO PLAN A PARTY?**

There will be an Eagle Group meeting on Friday, September 11 after drop off in the Encinitas/Leucadia room to begin the planning for this year's auction party! The auction party will be held on a Friday night this year (APRIL 23) and we are looking for some fresh ideas! Anyone and everyone interested please attend. THANK YOU!

### **GOING GREEN**

Please remember that we are going green with our weekly newsletter. Look for it online every Wednesday afternoon. Last year we asked you to let us know if you preferred getting a weekly envelope. If you requested one, you will be receiving an envelope with hard copies of everything. Otherwise, please see the newsletter online and download any forms you might need.



### **4H MEETING**

Second graders through 8th graders—come and see what 4H is all about! The meeting is at the Olivenhain Town Hall, Tuesday, September 8th, at 6:00PM. View all the different activities to join. Some of the few projects include: hiking, crafts, dog care and training, rabbit group, veterinary science, public speaking, sewing with wool, beekeeping, and market animals. 4H is a lot of fun, low cost, and a good place to develop leadership skills.

## **PARISH CALENDAR**

Please check out the September Parish Calendar so you can be involved in our parish.

## **AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP**

To make things run smoothly, please be sure you are picking up child/ren in the proper lot. The upper lot (by the church) is for all students in grades 6-8, along with their siblings and carpools. The lower lot is for all K-5 students who are not siblings of or carpooling with middle school students.

## **SEPTEMBER MENU**

See the September menu and follow directions for ordering lunches for September.

## **OFFICE DEPOT**

We recently received a credit of \$21.95 for Office Depot as a result of you using our school number at Office Depot. Please continue to ask them to give credit to Saint John the Evangelist School when you shop at Office Depot.

## **SCHOOL COUNSELOR**

Please read the letter from Patricia Medeiros, our school counselor, and feel free to call her. She is here on Thursdays but you may leave a message for her at any other time.

## **PROJECT P.L.A.Y**

Get on board and help us raise funds to replace our play structure with a state-of-the-art play structure!

## **H1N1**

See the letter which most school districts are sending home to remind you of ways to help eliminate spreading the flu this season.

## **MAGAZINE DRIVE / GIFT WRAP / COOKIE DOUGH SALE**

Wait to renew your magazine subscriptions, to buy your Christmas wrapping paper, or to buy Thanksgiving baked goods until September 25 when we will kick off our big sale. The sale will run until October 16.

## **2009—2010 CALENDAR**

You are all receiving your school calendar which is also your handbook. Refer to it frequently. Since we went to print in June, we have a few changes to make.



Please mark them on your calendars.

Delete March 4  
Add March 9

DramAntiKs Performance  
6:30 DramAntiKs Performance

Delete April 24  
Add April 23

Dinner Dance Auction  
Auction Party

We will notify you immediately if there are any other changes!

## LIVE SCAN

Anyone who works with our children in any way (volunteers, coaches, drivers, etc.) must be live scanned. This is a professional background check. We suggest that all kindergarten parents do this now since it is good for all their years in our diocesan schools. For your convenience, we will offer live scanning here on campus from 5:00 P.M.—7:00 P.M. on September 9 and 10. Please call Marlene in the school office (944-8227) to set up an appointment. You must have an appointment since they will not have time for walk-ins. If you do not get live scanned that night, you may go to their office. Check with Marlene for the address.



## TB TESTS

All volunteers must also be TB tested. One of our parents, Dr. Hitchcock, has graciously volunteered his services:

La Costa Pediatrics and Dr. Hitchcock would once again like to offer free TB skin tests for all St. John parents who need one. There is no need for an appointment. Please just call on your way in. It takes only a few minutes. Our office is located at:

3257 Camino De Las Coches, Ste. 301 in Carlsbad  
(760) 633-3640

We are located in the Henry's and Petco shopping center off Rancho Santa Fe Road. The office building faces Henry's grocery store.

## STAFF CHANGES

Over the summer, we had a few more staff changes. Please welcome our new staff members. **Mrs. Pamela Legault** is teaching 4th grade. Mrs. Faber decided to stay home with her baby. Mrs. Legault comes to us from Temecula where she last taught at St. Jeanne De Lestonnac School. Her degree in elementary education is from Louisiana State University. **Miss Diana Castaldi** is teaching 7th grade homeroom and religion as well as 6th, 7th, and 8th grade science. Her degree in Biology is from the University of Redlands and she is currently completing her MA in education from Chapman University. **Mrs. Diana Williams** is our new preschool director who comes to us with vast experience from Murietta. She has degrees from Montgomery University, Rockville University, and Vanguard University.

## AFTER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Be sure you look at all the flyers for possible after school opportunities: Monart, DramAntiks, Academic Chess, and Simply Spectacular Science. We will also be having band this year which you will hear more about later. Camp Imagine will also be on campus.

## STAMPEDE

Mark your calendars now for a rip roaring good time at Stampede 2009 on Saturday, October 24.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

Be sure you have October 13 marked on



your calendars for an exciting golf opportunity at the Crosby in Rancho Santa Fe. Fun for all!



## ATHLETICS

- If you have any Saint John Athletic uniforms from last year, please bring them in labeled to Coach Balelo. We are missing many boys' soccer uniforms.

- Directions for sign ups for the Fall Sports, which are Boys' Flag Football and Girls' Volleyball are as follows: If your son or daughter wishes to participate, please download the Athletics Permission Slip from the website and complete and return it to Coach Balelo ASAP. By your handing in the Permission Slip to Coach Balelo this will show that your son or daughter is seriously considering participating in one of this Fall's sports and Coach Balelo can determine team numbers as such.

- If you are interested in coaching either of these sports, please contact Coach Balelo at your earliest convenience by emailing him at [abalelo@saintjohnschool.com](mailto:abalelo@saintjohnschool.com).

- Dan Biner has graciously volunteered to coach the Varsity (7th and 8th grades) Girls' Volleyball team this year; however, he would like to give the parents of the girls the opportunity to either volunteer to help out, or take the team and be the coach. Please email Coach Balelo if you are interested in either of these options.

- Sports fees will once again require a \$40 check toward participation and an entirely separate \$50 check that will act as a uniform deposit. Upon receiving your child's uniform at the completion of the season that \$50 check will be nullified and destroyed. Please do not give Coach Balelo one single check for \$90.

## BUY YOUR SCRIP!!!

Welcome back St. John School families, especially those new to our wonderful school. Please take a moment to review the St. John Scrip Packet, which was passed out this week to families who did not pick it up last week at the Ice Cream Social. For those who did pick up the packet, but did not get a St. John Scrip Special Order Form at the Ice Cream Social, one is being sent out to you this week. If you still do not have your scrip packet, extra packets are in the office. Please feel free to pick one up. Be sure to read how to order gift cards through the special order form and how to get your credit cards processed through the e-Scrip program this year. Scrip helps support operational costs of the school which helps keep tuition as affordable as possible. The Scrip co-chairs are available to you via e-mail or phone to assist you with any question you may have. Drop off your orders and e-Scrip forms at the school office, in an envelope addressed to the Scrip Committee for ordering or processing. Look at the calendar in your packet, not only for due and delivery dates of gift card orders, but ideas for different scrip to purchase. As always the more popular cards (grocery store and gas cards, etc.) are available to you at the school office Monday through Friday during office hours, while supplies are available.



# BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT!

## K-5

Wednesday, September 9

6:30 P.M. Meet in hall

7:00 First Session in Classrooms

7:25 Second Session in Classrooms

## 6-8

Thursday, September 10

6:30 P.M. Meet in your child's homeroom classroom.

*You will be given a schedule to follow for the evening.*

## HOT DOG DAYS



Wednesday, September 2

Thursday, September 3

HOTDOG \$1

CHIPS 50 CENTS

DRINK 50 CENTS

# MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

# LABOR DAY HOLIDAY!

THURSDAY, SEPT. 3

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4

MONDAY, SEPT. 7

TUESDAY, SEPT. 8

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9

THURSDAY, SEPT. 10

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Spirit Day— *spirit shirts and jeans or regular uniform*

Chris Kuhn Day

10:30 Memorial Mass for Mr. Kuhn—*Dress Uniform*

Food Pantry Friday

12:00 Dismissal

Labor Day Holiday

Lunch Program Begins

6:30 K-5 Back-to-School Night in the Parish Hall

6:30 6-8 Back-to-School Night—meet in homerooms



**MEMORIAL MASS for  
CHRIS KUHN  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4  
10:30**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**



**SPIRIT DAY**

***Wear spirit shirts and jeans  
or regular uniform.***

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

**FOOD PANTRY FRIDAY**

**12:00 DISMISSAL**



*We are the Body of Christ.  
Our life is mission.*

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

St. John School, a Christ-centered environment, empowers our children to gain a thorough understanding of the Catholic faith, achieve their highest academic potential, and share Christ's love through Christian action.



***School Wide Learning Expectations (SLEs)***

**A graduate of St. John School will be a spiritual and well-rounded**



**CHRIST-CENTERED PERSON** who:

- Follows the teachings of Jesus to love God and others.
- Respects and protects everything that God has created.
- Prays any time, any place.

Learns and understands the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church.

- Takes part in the Mass, other liturgies, and sacraments.
- Demonstrates thankfulness for the gift of faith.

**ACTIVE, LIFE-LONG LEARNER** who:

- Always tries to do his or her best.
- Is excited to learn as much as possible.
- Is a polite and careful listener and communicator.
- Thinks carefully to plan and make decisions.
- Learns from both mistakes and successes.

**RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN** who:

- Accepts responsibility and consequences for actions.
- Shares time and talent with others.
- Respects self and others.
- Makes healthy choices.
- Is helpful and courteous.
- Demonstrates good sportsmanship.