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Sunday's Gospel MT 4:12-23

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

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A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

The Re-enrollment period for next school year is fast approaching.

We will be monitoring the enrollment at some grade levels very carefully to determine the number of homerooms needed, so please do your best to save time and money by enrolling during the priority registration period, beginning on January 29th at Open House. Once again, parents may enroll using the *Ascend* on-line registration system. Mrs. Siemer and Miss Kist will be able to help parents with this process in the Adult Enrichment Room (across from the main office) during Open House. Please keep in mind that current families lose their priority standing if registration takes place after the close of priority registration in February. **Parents of Junior High, please support your student to volunteer as a tour guide at Open House! Look for permission slips for Sunday, October 29. Tours will take place from 3-4 p.m.**

I hope parents have noted the School Staff, PTC, School Committee, and Technology Team has been working hard to create an increasingly positive learning environment for the students at St. John the Baptist. Technology use has spread like wildfire throughout the school and classroom instruction has increasingly expanded to meet the needs of many types of learners. All of this in a family-like, faith-filled setting provides an exceptional school experience for our students, many of whom are continuing their education at a catholic high school. This year, more than half of our eighth grade students have received scholarship offers from one or more of the high schools. Please keep the eighth grade students in your prayers as they prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation and make their final decisions about where they will attend high school. This is the final week to take advantage of tuition assistance made possible by the new Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati by visiting: <http://catholicbestchoice.org/k-8-tuition-information> and submitting your application before the January 31st deadline.

Many of our families have continued to ask how to best support the Merk/Higgins family whose three children attend St. Johns and whose home was destroyed by a fire this week. Gift cards to stores having both grocery and houseware items are appreciated, and we are also having a collection at next week's (January 27) School Mass for their benefit. This was suggested by our Student Council since so many classes were asking about how to help. How wonderful the students are learning to respond to the needs of those in their community! **Dads and Daughters, have a great time this weekend at the Father/Daughter Dance!** I have two favorite pictures dancing with my dad and they are precious to me! Dads, enjoy this special evening with your princesses and daughters learn how a true gentleman behaves. Tickets are still available at the door or at <http://tinyurl.com/hgzjrf>

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Friday Folder Flyers

- EWTN Flyer
- Catholic Schools Week Appreciation Dinner

Reminders

- St. John's 2017 Summer Festival is June 23, 24 and 25
- SJB Open House on January 29



Catholic Schools Week Schedule of Events January 29 – February 3, 2017

Sunday, January 29

- * Open House – 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Monday, January 30

- * Kickoff Assembly at 2:30
- * Students will play Minute to Win It
- * Teachers will have a Performance

Tuesday, January 31

- * Community Connection – Students bringing in a can of soup will be able to wear any team jersey with their uniform bottom

Wednesday, February 1

- * Spaghetti Dinner – Teachers will host a spaghetti dinner for all SJB school families
- * Students may wear Crazy Hats and Socks

Thursday, February 2

- * Student Day – Students may be out of uniform
- * PTC will provide snacks and drinks

Friday, February 3

- * Faculty and Staff Day



As many of you are aware, a family within our parish and school community has lost their home and all their belongings to a fire for the second time in five years. As a school family, we are asking you to help a fellow family recover from this tragic event!

They have very little space to accept used clothing/household items at this time. Gift cards to Target, Walmart, Krogers or anywhere they can buy clothes, food and other items that are needed on a day to day basis are what would be helpful. They are staying with a family member now and hope to move into a rental home within the next couple of weeks.

If you are able to donate, please send in the donations to the school office and we will make sure the family receives them. Prayers are also needed and welcomed! Thank you so much for your kind and generous spirit!



Coming Soon!!!

Trivia Night will be held **on Saturday, March 25, 2017!** For registration and more information go to [http://www.sjbharrison.org/Portals/2/Files/Current %20Families/Events/TriviaNight2017.pdf](http://www.sjbharrison.org/Portals/2/Files/Current%20Families/Events/TriviaNight2017.pdf)

You don't want to miss it. Last year was a **SELL OUT!**

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Could your son or daughter use a little homework help? One of our teenage graduates is establishing a tutoring/assistance business to help students in grades one through six with homework and study skills. Her 4.0 grade point average is a good indicator she has figured out the secret to being a successful student. Imagine having a high school student be the one to explain how to reduce fractions to lowest terms to your son or daughter! If you are interested in contacting her, please call the school to request a flyer be sent home.

St. John the Baptist is proud to recognize Connor Kluesener from our graduating class of 2015 for recently participating in the Xavier University Honor Band and Choir Festival. Connor is a student in the Scholars program at LaSalle High School.

McAuley High School Holds Future Mohawk Sports Night for Basketball

McAuley High School will hold a Future Mohawk Sports Night on Thursday, Feb. 2, during the Varsity Basketball game at 7:30 p.m. for grade school girls interested in experiencing McAuley Athletics. Grade school students who attend will enjoy games, fun, a McAuley giveaway, and free admission to the game.

For more information, contact Maria Schweikert, Director of Admissions, at (513) 681-1800 x2272 or schweikertm@live.mcauleyhs.net.

McAuley High School Vocal Ensemble's Annual Spaghetti Dinner is Feb. 12

McAuley High School's Vocal Ensemble will hold its annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 12, from 4 - 7 p.m. in McAuley's Cafeteria. The Vocal Ensemble will perform a variety of solos and group songs as entertainment during the dinner, which includes LaRosa's pasta, meatballs, salad, breadsticks, drinks and homemade desserts. There will also be basket raffles and split-the-pot. All ages are welcome. The dinner costs \$10 for adults, \$8 for students/seniors, and \$5 for children under 5, payable at the door. Reservations are not needed. Proceeds from the dinner help to defray the cost of the Vocal Ensemble competition this April in Branson, MO, as part of Branson Live Shows. For more information, call (513) 681-1800 x2228.



SAVE THE DATE for the Spring PTC Toy & Clothing Sale on Saturday, February 25, 2017. If you need more tags, have questions or need more information. Please contact Jennifer Reis at [513-367-0140](tel:513-367-0140) or dkreis4@gmail.com.

Rescheduled: Mother of Mercy Spirit Games

Mother of Mercy High School invites grade school girls of all ages to their Basketball Spirit Games on Thursday, February 2, 2017. This is a new date after the cancellation of the original event due to snow. The Bobcats will take on the Seton Saints at 4:30, 6 and 7:30 p.m. All grade school girls will be admitted for FREE and are invited to cheer with Mercy students on this high-intensity, energetic night. All grade school girls will receive prizes, and the evening will include fun activities and Bobcat spirit! Students should use the gym entrance. For more details please contact Tricia Riesman, Director of Admissions, at [513-661-2740 ext. 346](tel:513-661-2740).

A NOTE FROM MISS KIST.....



CONGRATULATIONS! Eighth grader **Zach Schulte** and Seventh Grader **Abby Boeing** were the only students who achieved December's typing goal! This proved to be a difficult task, with holidays, etc., but these two persevered! A job well done!

Did you know? 7th and 8th graders have a monthly typing goal, to be completed on typing.com. As an ungraded course, I appreciate your support of this skill.

- 7th grade January goal: 30 minutes per week, at 18 wpm
- 8th grade January goal: 30 minutes per week, at 20 wpm

From the classroom.....

- All students have been taking STAR assessments for Third Quarter
- I will be incorporating Internet Safety videos and Computer Literacy videos, over the next month. Students will complete reflections, notes, or other comprehension activity afterwards. These videos are linked to my [Computer Lab Google Site](#) ("Info for Families" tab), which can also be found on my Ascend eClassroom page. *You may be asked to sign in using a Google account, in order to view.
- Students are learning to utilize the [Student Web Links](#) page as a primary stop for accessing school links and resources online.
- Second graders are writing poems, to be typed in Google Docs.
- Third graders will create a Google Slide with their New Year's Resolutions.
- Fourth graders will create a word cloud.
- Christmas Around the World projects (4th, 5th) will be on display during Open House.

1:1 Chromebooks

From my discussions with the purchasing vendor of our Lenovo chromebooks, I am told that the issue with keyboard keys not working is a "known issue." I am awaiting to be informed of Lenovo's response, as it is contingent on the number of complaints from other schools, individuals, etc. I want to assure you that I am monitoring the number of devices shipped for repair, and give "loaner" devices when available. We have two models we've needed to use as loaner chromebooks: small Lenovo, and larger Acer. If your child is given an Acer chromebook, they will be supplied a charger, as the Lenovo charger is not compatible. With that in mind, my experience with chromebooks needing repairs falls under the adage "when it rains, it pours." Some weeks, I will not have any to return. Other weeks, there could be six or more. As a result, this reduces our number of "loaner" chromebooks available. Thank you for understanding.

At St. John, we will strive to follow the [Acceptable Use Policy](#), as should students. As a reminder, students need to report any damage or malfunction to Miss Kist as soon as possible, for appropriate action, repair, or otherwise. In class this week and next, we will also be reviewing chromebook care.

January 2017



Dear Parents:

As of January 2017, your 4th grade through 8th grade student may attend beginner band for the first time. Students in beginner band may choose to play one of the following instruments: **flute, clarinet, alto sax, trumpet, trombone and snare drum.** If a student has a background of having piano lessons, the student may also choose to play **the bells** (similar to a xylophone.)

If you wish your child to participate in this program, please note the information below and return the registration form with fee to the school office as soon as possible, preferably by **the first lesson.** The lesson book will be handed out at the second lesson. Please note that, in addition to the band fee, your student is required to take private lessons with Mrs. Breda for a few weeks, until Mrs. Breda determines that your student has caught up. The cost of these lessons is not included in the band fee. Time and location for these catch-up lessons will be determined after registering.

Parents are responsible for acquiring the instrument, if the family does not already own the instrument. The Music Staff recommends renting an instrument, rather than purchasing the instrument. The cost of renting an instrument is not included in the band fee. If this is a financial hardship, please fill out the LINKS Scholarship sheet, found on the back of this form.

We suggest that you rent the instrument for at least the first semester to see if your child likes his/her choice. The Music Staff recommends renting from Buddy Rogers Music. <http://www.buddyrogers.com/school-programs/rent-to-own/> I suggest NOT buying a new instrument from one of the large, national chain stores, or from online stores.

Fees: \$168.00 for Spring Semester – January 11, 2017 through May 31, 2017.

Please make check to: The Music Staff

Lesson Day: Mondays **Time:** from 8:00 am to **First Lesson:** January 23, 2017

Location: Music Room 8:45 am

I look forward to working with your student this year! Please drop off your student at the doors between the church and the school. If your child is in Morning Latch Key, he/she can come up to the Music Room with his/her instrument and bookbag at 8:00 am.

Thank you,

Mrs. Beth Breda, Band Director 513-675-4889 breda@fuse.net

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BEGINNING BAND REGISTRATION FORM – Please Print

Please check one:

My child will be dropped off at 8:00 am each Monday.

My child will be coming from Morning Latch Key.

Student's Name _____ **School** St. John the Baptist, Harrison

Address _____ **City** _____

Zip Code _____ **Phone** _____

Check the appropriate amount due. **Instrument** _____

_____ **\$168** one child **E-mail** _____

_____ **\$295** for two or more children in same family **Please print the best email address(es) for us to send important band info to you and your child.**

Make check to: **The Music Staff** and return form and fee to band by the 1st lesson, or as soon as possible. **Jan 23, 2017**

"Music is well said to be the speech of angels." – Thomas Carlyle

University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music

Parent, please fill in this portion, if renting a music instrument is a financial hardship for your family. Thanks!



Lonely Instruments for Needy Kids

Office use only	
Instrument:	_____
Brand:	_____
Serial #	_____
Date Issued:	_____

**INSTRUMENT SCHOLARSHIP
REQUEST FORM**

Instructions for completing this form:
 This form should be completed by the instrumental music teacher, not a parent or student. If all boxes are not checked and the form does not have all requested signatures, we will not be able to provide an instrument. Please print.

Student's Name:	Age:	Grade:
Instrument Choice: (must provide 2 choices)	1st	2nd

School Name:	St. John the Baptist School, Harrison, OH	
Inst. Music Teacher's Name:	Mrs. Breda	
Inst. Music Teacher's email:	breda@fuse.net	
Principal's Name:	Phone:	
Mrs. Susan Meymann	(513) 367-6826	
Address:	508 Park Avenue	
City:	State:	Zip:
Harrison	OH	45030

The student listed above has been recommended to receive an instrument from the CCM Musical LINKS Program. This student has met all of the following prerequisites for qualifying for the program:

- The student is officially enrolled at our school.
- The student participates or desires to participate in the instrumental program at our school.
- The student has demonstrated a good work ethic in the classroom.
- The student is in good academic standing.
- The student has demonstrated an aptitude for music.
- The student is a responsible young person who will show respect for the instrument.
- The student's parents or guardians have been unable to secure an instrument through conventional means.

We understand that this request will be fulfilled based on the availability of the instrument requested. The instrument may be used by the above student for as long as that student participates in the school instrumental music program. If an instrument is granted on a scholarship to this student, the school agrees to monitor its use and return the instrument to the CCM Musical LINKS Program should the above student no longer need the instrument.

Principal's **SIGNATURE:** _____ **DATE:** _____

Inst. Music Teacher's **SIGNATURE:** _____ **DATE:** _____