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Sunday's Gospel MK 1:21-28

"Quiet! Come out of him!"

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January

- 28 - Open House 2:00 - 4:00
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February

- 5 - No School - Food Drive Reward
- 14 - Ash Wednesday
- 15 - Spring Conferences
- 16 - No School
- 19 - Presidents Day/No School

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

Catholic Schools Week marks the beginning of our School Enrollment/re-Enrollment Period. Today all current school families are receiving registration information for next year. The Parish Finance Committee has worked closely with our Business office to determine budgeting needs for next year, and I am hopeful our families will find any necessary increases reasonable because I honestly hate the idea of losing a single one of our terrific kids. We appreciate the expenses associated with tuition in Catholic schools, and fortunately, families are blessed with more assistance options than in the past. The Catholic Education Foundation is offering \$2 million of tuition assistance to families of elementary school students for the 2018-19 school year. Families can apply for up to \$1,000 per student in needs-based tuition assistance. The application period deadline is January 31, 2018, so apply at www.catholicbestchoice.org. Families from parishes throughout the Archdiocese applied and were granted assistance last year. Please take the time to explain any specific situations which may make paying tuition a challenge. School Choice of Ohio also offers tuition scholarships for students entering kindergarten through fifth grade. Jon Peterson scholarships are designed to cover services, but may sometimes help with tuition expenses for students with identified learning disabilities. In addition, families may always apply for assistance through FACTS Management at <https://online.factsmngt.com/signin/3XBQ9>. Current 7th Grade students wanting to complete their 8th grade year at their Catholic grade school may apply for a \$750 scholarship toward tuition through the ESAP program. 7th grade students will receive applications for this scholarship on Monday. A boy and girl will be awarded from St. John the Baptist and notified by spring.

We had a great turnout at Thursday's Kindergarten Information Night and are looking forward to a great turnout at Sunday's Open House. Please help spread the word to perspective families and come appreciate and enjoy the creations, projects, and activities taking place throughout the school campus. Our Open House is Sunday, January 28 from 2 until 4 p.m. and we are encouraging all to enter through the gymnasium doors. If your son or daughter has agreed to serve as a Student Ambassador Tour Guide, please make sure they wear their school uniform and report to the gym by 1:55 p.m. on Sunday afternoon.



Friday Folder Flyers

- Registration Packet
- Furry Friends Flyer
- Grades 2 -5 Stem Afterschool Enrichment

Reminders

Registration begins on Sunday, January 28. Please log on to your Option C account to start the registration process!!!



Roller-skating News

Students in Grades 1 - 4 have been moving on wheels in the gym for Physical Education class for the past week or so. They are making BIG improvements and love to have people come watch their progress. The 2nd graders were introduced to backward skating and the 3rd/4th graders are doing crossovers in the corners. The first graders started with many falls, but are now all skating with only a few tumbles.

All are welcome to come check out their skills, take pictures, and help tie shoelaces, or even join the class on skates! This is a lifetime skill they can enjoy for many years to come! Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Ziegler. Thank you.



Schedule for Catholic Schools Week

Monday, January 29 - Service Project for our Furry Friends - Students may wear fun socks and bring in a stuffed animal to accompany them for the day. We are accepting donations for a local animal shelter. Bring in a leash, a pet toy, or food for animals.

Tuesday, January 30 - Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day - Teachers will be served lunch by PTC and be relieved of recess duty so they may enjoy lunch together.

Wednesday, January 31 - Bus Drivers, Family, and Volunteer Appreciation Day - Turn in your reservations for our annual Spaghetti Dinner and be served by our staff and faculty.

Thursday, February 1 - Student Day - Students may be out of uniform and will be receiving a treat in the afternoon courtesy of the PTC. We will have an Assembly in the gym at 9:10 with Minute To Win It games.

Friday, February 2 - All School Mass

A Message from the Nurse.....

Yes the **flu** has hit a few here at St John's!!!

What to look for in your child if you suspect he or she may have the flu?

Fever
 Body aches
 Cough
 Runny nose
 Feeling worn out... very tired
 Sometimes children may experience vomiting and/or diarrhea
 The **flu** is very contagious and can quickly spread.



What to do if your child is exhibiting any one of these symptoms? If your child has a fever of 100 degrees or greater:

Please do not send them to school and call your pediatrician.

If your child has diarrhea or has vomited:

Please do not send them to school and call your pediatrician.

If your child is exhibiting any of the other symptoms above:

Please use caution in sending them to school. When in doubt call your pediatrician or the nurse at the school.

The **flu** is very contagious and can spread quickly as you may have heard.



McAuley High School's Vocal Ensemble will hold its annual **Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 11, from 4 - 7 p.m.** in McAuley's Cafeteria. The Vocal Ensemble will perform a variety of solos and group songs at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. 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 age 5 and under, payable at the door. Reservations are not needed. Proceeds from the dinner help to defray the cost of the Vocal Ensemble competition this April at Festival Disney in Orlando.

Catholic Education Foundation Tuition Assistance



Parents of Elementary School Children,

The Catholic Education Foundation is offering 2 million dollars of tuition assistance to families of elementary school students for the 2018-2019 school year. Families can apply for up to \$1,000 per student in needs-based tuition assistance.

The application period deadline is January 31, 2018.

If you have questions, please call Pam Jaspers at 513-421-3131, ext. 2713 or email cef@catholicbestchoice.org.

Catholic Education - The Best Choice!



Learn more and apply at:
www.catholicbestchoice.org

Lottery registration for the **St. John the Baptist** (Harrison) **Girls on the Run** team



Self-esteem fitness program designed for pre-teen girls to:

- Discover the benefits of consistent physical exercise and good nutrition
- Learn the advantages of positive peer support
- Learn to stand up for herself in a healthy manner
- Improve her body image and strengthen her sense of identity
- Prepare to participate in a 5k run/walk event



What is the commitment? When does the team meet?

- Girls gather as a team with volunteer coaches twice per week, from February 19 – May 12. On May 12, all 100+ teams come together for the GOTR 5k at Paul Brown Stadium!
- Because each lesson combines running activities with character development topics, and builds upon the previous lesson, girls MUST be able to commit to BOTH days per week for the entire season. With a limited number of spots on each team, please only sign your daughter up if she can make this commitment.

Team Specifics

Meeting location: 508 Park Ave, Harrison, OH; Miss Smith's room Grade(s): 3, 4, and 5

***Girls in St. John PSR are welcome to join!**

Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays Times: 4:00-5:30pm First Practice Date: February 20, 2018

Head Coach Name & Contact Info: Mallory Kist kist_m@sjbharrison.org

Lottery Registration Procedure

Due to the nature of the GOTR program, teams can only accept 15 girls, with a minimum of 8 girls. Registration will be open from January 29 at 9am through February 7 at 11:59pm. If more than 15 girls apply, a random lottery will be conducted on February 9. If less than 15 girls apply, all girls will be processed on February 9.

If interested, you will need to register online - see next page for details.

Girls on the Run of Greater Cincinnati

– Spring 2018 Registration Form

Please follow the steps below to register into the online lottery. A maximum of 15 girls will be accepted into the program. Girls must be able to attend both lessons each week for the ENTIRE season. *Registration is not conducted on a first-come, first-served basis.*

**From Monday, 1/29 at 9:00am through Wednesday, 2/7 at 11:59pm,
please follow the steps to register:**

1. **Go to:** www.gotrcincinnati.org and click on “Register Now”
2. **Choose the appropriate program location** (i.e. your school, community center, etc.) A maximum of 15 girls can be accepted into the program – the system will automatically conduct a random lottery should more than 15 apply. **Registration is NOT conducted on a first-come, first-served basis.**
3. **Enter the appropriate information**
You will need the following information to register online:
 - Girl’s information, including t-shirt size and estimated shoe size
 - Parent/Guardian contact information
 - Health information, including insurance
4. **Please pay your registration fee online according to your family’s income using the following**

Sliding Scale of Family Income:

<i>Family Income</i>	<i>Fee Schedule</i>
Less than \$15,000	Pay \$10
\$15,001-\$20,000	Pay \$20
\$20,001-\$30,000	Pay \$50
\$30,001-\$40,000	Pay \$80
\$40,001-\$50,000	Pay \$100
More than \$50,000	Pay \$160

We accept credit cards (preferred) or e-checks. You will only be charged if your daughter is accepted on the team at the time we conduct the random lottery on Friday, February 9. We ask that each family pay according to the above scale, so we can achieve our goal of reaching as many girls as possible with our scholarship dollars. **If you CANNOT pay your fee according to this scale, or if you need to make payment in installments, you can complete an online scholarship application (using the embedded link in the online registration form) and no payment will be required with your registration.** The GOTR office will contact you before the start of the season to finalize your scholarship terms.

What your GOTR fee covers:

- 20 uplifting lessons
- New, fitted running shoes from Fleet Feet Sports
- GOTR t-shirt
- Healthy snacks at every lesson
- End-of-season team party
- 5k registration, t-shirt, finisher’s medal, and more!

Please note: Shoes will be worn at practice, but girls must participate in at least 75% of the lessons and complete

the program to keep the shoes.

Girls on the Run Greater Cincinnati

Lottery Registration Frequently Asked Questions

How does the lottery system work?

Registration will open for a week and half and then close. At that time, if more girls are registered than the number of available spots on a team (15), the registration system will randomly select girls for that team. All additional girls will remain in "lottery status" and be placed on the waiting list. Should a girl drop, and a spot opens during the first two weeks, we can fill that spot from the waiting list via another lottery.

Teams that are not at capacity will include all girls registered at that time. Registration will then re-open and additional girls will be added on a first-come, first-served basis until capacity is reached for each team.

Why a lottery system?

The lottery system allows all girls the same opportunity to participate in Girls on the Run. The lottery system provides every family an equal opportunity to register and equal access to participate in the program.

What about girls that have participated in the past? The lottery doesn't seem fair to them.

Though we appreciate the passion and loyalty of girls that have participated in prior seasons, we are also committed to ensuring that as many girls as possible experience Girls on the Run. We therefore do not offer preferential registration for GOTR alumnae and everyone is entered the same lottery. The lottery system provides every family an equal opportunity to register.

What if my daughter is not selected?

In the event the desired team is full, additional girls will be placed on the wait list for that team. Should a spot open within the first two weeks, we will conduct another online lottery. Your credit card will not be charged unless your daughter is formally added to the team.

If it's truly random, why do you ask how many seasons my daughter has participated?

This information is collected on behalf of Girls on the Run International. It is used to calculate retention rates and for curriculum development purposes.

What about sisters?

To keep the lottery truly random sisters are treated as individuals in the lottery system.

Is the lottery for everyone or only when a team is full?

Everyone who registers during the first wave will receive a confirmation email notifying them that they are in "lottery status." At that time, if more girls are registered than the number of available spots on a team, the lottery will occur to randomly select girls for that team. All additional girls will remain in "lottery status" and be placed on the wait list for full teams. If a spot becomes available within the first two weeks of the season, a girl will be randomly selected from the wait list.

Teams that are not at capacity after the first wave of registration will include all girls registered at that time. Registration will then re-open and additional girls will be added on a first-come, first-served basis until capacity is reached for each team.

Could you add more girls on a team if I volunteer to coach?

To ensure quality programming, we limit our team numbers based on many factors. Some factors include space availability at each site, previously ordered program supplies, facility usage limits, and the number and experience of committed coaches before registration begins. Though programs may be cancelled if a minimum number of coaches cannot be recruited, we do not add coaches at the last minute to accommodate more girls. Adults with availability and interest in coaching are encouraged to learn about coaching opportunities on our website and apply well in advance of the next season's registration date. This allows us to effectively project and plan for the upcoming season and provide new coaches the opportunity to attend coach training and meet with their coaching team. Once registration opens, team limits are set, and no additional coaches will be added to accommodate more girls.

How do I know I qualified for a scholarship?

You only need to apply for a scholarship if you cannot afford to pay your registration fee according to the Sliding Scale of Family Income or if you need to pay your fee in installments. The Scholarship Committee at the GOTR Office reviews all the scholarship applications as quickly as possible and awards scholarships based on financial need and based on available funds. Someone from the Scholarship Committee will contact you prior to the start of the season to confirm your scholarship details and to work out any payment plans. To prevent any delays, please make sure you complete the scholarship application in full AND provide us with the best means to contact you. Your daughter's spot on the team cannot be confirmed until your scholarship or payment plan has been confirmed.

For questions about the Girls on the Run program, please visit www.gotrcincinnati.org or call 513-321-1056