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Sunday's Gospel *Mk 1:29-39*

"Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."

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Upcoming Events

February

- 2-9 - Virtus Training
- 2-11 - Spirit wear Day
- 2-12 - Conferences
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- 2-13 - No School
- 2-16 - Presidents Day/No School
- 2-18 - Ash Wednesday

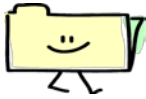
A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

Registrations continue as we begin to plan for next year. Families currently enrolled in the school have first priority, but it is very important to turn in your priority registration forms and payments by February 20 as we anticipate being at capacity at several grade levels. Our preschool program is now in its third year and continues to grow in popularity in the Harrison Community. Please encourage neighbors and relatives to be on the lookout for preschool information being mailed this week.

As a Jon Peterson Provider School, St. John's interventionists work hard to provide the supports and additional time needed to help students make progress in a faith-filled learning environment. The state of Ohio provides the families of students with special learning needs scholarship dollars to help make our programs possible. Programming includes speech and language services, occupational therapy, and instructional specialists with special education licenses and extensive training in working with students with a wide variety of special needs. Our school staff works closely with the school districts of residence. The public school system helps us in identifying students with special needs and in developing individualized educational plans. **If you are aware of families with special education needs who would like to attend a Catholic school, please encourage them to contact us for assistance in applying for a Jon Peterson scholarship before this spring's April 15 deadline.**

News from Southwest Local Schools: The Southwest Local School District is currently formulating a budget for the expenditures of Title VI-B Funds for 2015-16. These funds are used in providing educational services for preschool through grade 12 special needs pupils residing within the Southwest Local School District. **Persons wishing to have input regarding the allocation of these funds should contact Ms. Laura Meyers (Pupil Personnel Services Director) at 513-367-4169.**

Search for Children with Handicaps: The Southwest Local School District seeks to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with handicaps birth through age 21 based upon I.D.E.A. (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) eligibility. This includes children attending private or parochial schools whose parents reside within the district. Conditions such as multi-handicapped, hearing handicapped, visually handicapped, orthopedically and/or health handicapped, severe behavior handicapped, developmentally handicapped, specific learning disabled, autistic and speech and language handicapped would be included. Additionally, it is the intent of the district to ensure that students who are handicapped within the definition of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are evaluated, identified and served. Section 504 disabilities are mental or physical impairments or a history of such impairments that "substantially limit one or more major life activities."



Friday Folder Flyers

- February Lunch Menu
- PTC Toy and Clothing Sale
- Young Rembrandts

Reminders

- Registration and Payment Due February 20, 2015
- Show the Love Out of Uniform Day
- 4 Day Weekend 2/13 – 2/16

6th Annual Trivia Night – St. John's PTC Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at the K of C Hall. Get your team of 6 ready for a FUN night with FRIENDS and some Trivia too! Registration and more information are posted on the school website. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Steelman at steelman_m@sjbharrison.org.

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If you know of a child with a suspected handicap, please contact Ms. Laura Meyers, Pupil Personnel Director/504 Coordinator at the Special Education Services Office at Harrison High School, 9860 West Road, Harrison, Ohio 45030 at 367-4169.

Also, in accordance with the Ohio State plan for the Education of Ohio's Homeless Children and youth and the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (P.L. 100-77), as amended in 1990, homeless school-age children shall have access to a free, appropriate public education which would be provided to the children of a resident of Ohio, consistent with Ohio's school attendance laws. If you are aware of or suspect a homeless child is eligible for placement under this policy please contact Ms. Laura Meyers at 513-367-4169.

Could This Help Your Child?

ADHD Study Dr. Stephen Becker is a researcher in the Center for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center where they have recently found some children have attention problems different from the sort of inattention problems seen in children with ADHD (e.g., short attention spans). These other symptoms are sometimes called "sluggish cognitive tempo" or SCT. SCT symptoms include daydreaming too much, being confused or seeming to be "in a fog," looking drowsy, and having slowed behavior or thinking. A study for children ages 8-12 is currently being scheduled. Qualifying participants will receive a diagnostic evaluation and abbreviated intelligence testing at no charge. Parents will receive summaries of the diagnostic evaluations and intelligence test results for their records. Families will also be reimbursed for up to \$100 for their time. If you and your child are interested in participating in this study, please contact Dr. Becker's office at 513-803-0771 or ctadhd@cchmc.org.



Congratulations to Jacklinh Tran, Emily Rohe and Nicole Siemer

who were awarded scholarships to Mother of Mercy High School at the Admission with Distinction awards banquet!!

Student Council will be sponsoring a "Show the Love" Out-of-Uniform day on **Thursday, 2/12** in celebration of Valentine's Day. For a \$1 donation, you can wear pink, purple, red, or any Valentine theme shirt with jeans or athletic pants. Donations collected will be put toward 8th grade scholarships.

Virtus Child Abuse Training – Are you interested in going on field trips, volunteering in your child’s classroom or coaching one of their sports team, but have not been able to do any of these because you have not taken the Virtus class? Well now is the time to get it done and take the class!! Our next training is **Monday, February 9** at 6:30 p.m. Do not hesitate to sign up. All you need to do is go to www.virtusonline.org and select “Begin Registration Process”. Follow the registration directions, including the creation of a username and password. Once you have completed the information, you will have some information to read and you will then select “Live Training”. You can then scroll down to locate St. John the Baptist and select it. It is as simple as that. Once you have completed the 2-3 hour class, you will be able to do all the volunteering you want with your child at school.

PTC CORNER - The board members of the PTC would like to express their appreciation to all the volunteers who made Catholic Schools’ Week a success!

There were many parents and grandparents that generously volunteered their time as well as made personal donations, especially by making cookies for Open House and Student Appreciation Day. We would also like to thank Rempke, Krogers, and McDonalds for their donations for the students, teachers, and staff of St. John the Baptist throughout the week.

Because of the generosity of these businesses and the tremendous help of the wonderful parents and grandparents at St. John the Baptist, the students, teachers, and staff were able to enjoy many events during the week.

Thank you! We could not have done it without you!

Special PTC Meeting

The PTC will be holding a special meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 7pm. We will be discussing a few projects as well as receiving an update on a couple upcoming events. Please join us in the Jr. High building that evening, and let your voice be heard!

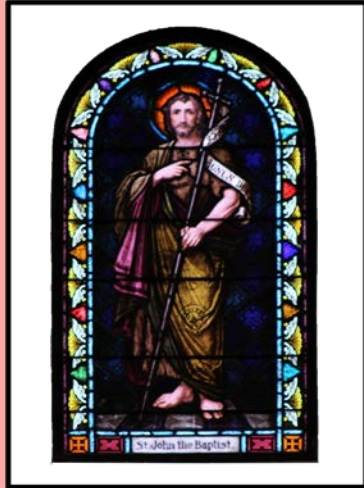


Grandparents Day Is Coming –

The dates for Grandparents Day are **February 25, 2015** for Kindergarten, 1st & 3rd Grade and **February 26, 2015** for 2nd and 4th Grade. Mark your calendars!!

Softball Signups We have a record number of players for the 2015 softball season!!! If you have not already registered sign-ups are being extended to 2/15/15. We are in need of a few more players at each level. After 2/15/15 we will only accept registrations if it does not exceed the # of players desired for each team.

Age Group	# of Registered Players	# of Players Desired
PRE K / K	14	7 TO 10
1ST/2ND	20	10 TO 13
3RD/4TH	19	10 TO 13
5TH/6TH	18	10 TO 13
7TH/8TH	9	10 TO 13



Lotto Winners!!!

Congratulations to the weekly Lotto winner! Kelli Schoster won \$100 for the week of 2/2 with ticket #1042. The winning ticket was sold by The Schoster Family. It was pulled by Paul Roell & Angie Land.

CAN'T WIN IF YOU DON'T BUY A TICKET!

GCPAS Presents A Cappella Group Cadence - Concerts For Catholic Schools

The Greater Cincinnati Performing Arts Society will present the a cappella group Cadence to the St. Xavier Performance Center Saturday February 28 at 7:30 PM. Cadence hails from Toronto Canada and has been nominated for 3 Juno awards (Canadian Grammys) and their recordings have won 10 a cappella awards. When their four voices fill the air, their melodies unfurl into something both familiar and fresh.

What comes next may be a classic song by Joni Mitchell or Louis Prima. It may be an old bebop standard or cheeky arrangement of a 1980s hit. But these are arrangements like you've never heard them before—containing all the richness of a full band, but performed using just four voices. In fact, at times during the show, you will need to do a double take as they sound like an entire band, yet there is not one instrument on stage.

Get some friends together for a great night of entertainment! Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 day of show. \$5 from each ticket purchase can be donated to the Catholic Elementary School of your choice. The ESAP (Educational Scholarship and Assistance Program) Foundation will match all money donated for a total \$10 per ticket contribution. For ticket and information go to www.gcparts.org or call [513-570-0652](tel:513-570-0652). The Greater Cincinnati Performing Arts Society - Where Great Arts Support Great Education!