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Sunday's Gospel MT 5:17-37

You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.

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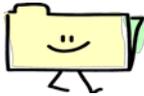
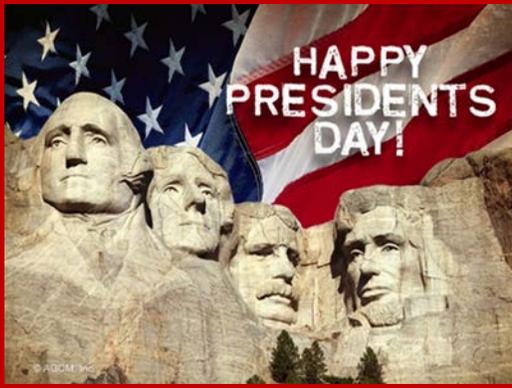
A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

What wonderful weather we had for our Monday Bonus day from school! As we wait for Archdiocesan approval for next year's calendar, we are hopeful students may earn such a day next year as they plan their service activities. For your vacation planning, please note our first day of school will be Wednesday, August 16 and we will once again have a long Christmas break, from December 16-January 3rd. Easter vacation begins on Good Friday and continues for the week of Easter, through April 6. The last day of school for students will be May 31st. Hopefully, the complete calendar will be posted on our website by the end of February.

Many students have recently asked whether they are permitted to wear boots on out of uniform days. Out of uniform is distinguished from school spirit days, in that students may really wear the types of clothes they would wear when not in school, no St. John's spirit wear required! Clothing should always be modest, without inappropriate messages, and boots that are safe for traveling up and down our many staircases *are* permitted on out of uniform days.

Mark your calendars now for Grandparents' Days at the end of March! Grandparents and other special Adults in your child's life are invited to school to join us for Mass, morning treats, and a special visit with our students. Grades second and four will be celebrating on Thursday, March 30 and students in Kindergarten, first and third grade should invite their guests for Friday, March 31st. Parents are encouraged to come to help with directing guests and refilling hot cups of coffee.

I am pleased to report that the new archdiocese tuition assistance program, *One Faith, One Hope, One Love*, has extended their application period through the end of February. You may not feel your income qualifies you for assistance, but situations such as medical expenses or having several students in Catholic high schools are factored into the decisions. If having your children receive their education in a Catholic school is important to you, and you feel your family may benefit from a little assistance, please visit <http://catholicbestchoice.org/k-8-tuition-information> and submit your application before February 28, 2017. You may use income information from your 2015 tax records.



Friday Folder Flyers

- Mom Prom Flyer went home with every boy

Reminders

- Please note that registration is not complete until you have re-enrolled online and paid the \$75 registration fee.
- Priority Registration ends on February 28



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.

Roller Skating for Grades 1 - 4 Extended!



Students in Grades 1-4 will be enjoying extra time in Physical Education classes next week skating. The Skatetime Company will not be picking up the skates for another week, so we will continue to improve our skills and have FUN in the gym. Thanks to the parents who have come to help out by handing out skates, tying shoelaces, and offering encouraging words. All are welcome to join us, take pictures, and see your children on wheels! Remember to wear the long socks. Any questions should be directed to Mrs. Ziegler.

2017 Lotto Update

We had a VERY SUCCESSFUL 2017 Lotto!

The parish and school families sold a total of **1162 Lotto Tickets**. That means St. John's brought in **\$23,240**. A total of **\$10,000** of that money will be paid out in 2017 to the Lotto Winners throughout this year! The remainder of the money will be used for the school and parish operations. Remember to look in the Jaguar Journal and the Bulletin each week to see the Winners and/or check on the website for the weekly winners.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY IS COMING!

Grandparents Day is **March 30** for 2nd and 4th grades and **March 31** for Kindergarten, 1st and 3rd grades. Parent volunteers will be needed to welcome grandparents, help serve coffee and greet our wonderful Grandparents! More information is coming soon.





The Book Fair is coming! Book Fair week is March 6th – 10th, 2017.

Help is needed when the classes are shopping. If you are available for 30 minutes or more, please sign up for a slot or two. Sign up at <https://volunteer.scholastic.com/#/experience/login/2eVgV73KO>

A new chairperson is needed for next year. (I'm graduating this year!) One or two people are needed to take over running the book fair. There is not a lot of pre-fair work. You will only have a phone conversation or two with the Scholastic sales rep along with putting together the flyers to go home the week before the book fair. Scholastic provides a volunteer signup page so it is easy to recruit help. Most of the books are delivered on rolling display carts with additional books delivered in boxes that can be arranged on the tables in the library. Sale setup and take down usually takes about 2 hours each.

Start collecting your pennies and loose change as we will again hold an "All for Books" collection during the fair. The money collected is used to buy books for the St. John school library. The PTC has agreed to match the money collected up to \$300. And Scholastic matches the amount and donates books to charities. "All for Books is a simple way to raise funds before and during your Book Fair to purchase much-needed books for your school. Collect loose change and dollar bills to buy books for kids needing assistance, help teachers build and refresh classroom libraries, or aid an outside group in need of books. The Scholastic Possible Fund matches every donation, up to \$1 million in books, received through the program and distributes them to children in need through organizations such as Kids In Need Foundation, Reader to Reader, Inc., and the National Center for Families Learning."

If you have any questions, please email Mindy Caldwell at mindy.caldwell@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events at Mother of Mercy

5th & 6th Grade Girls Invited to Junior Bobcat Night at Mercy

Fifth and sixth grade girls are invited to *Be Inspired* at Mercy on Friday, March 3 from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Activities will include a scavenger hunt, music, dance, crafts, a campfire and pizza party, plus each girl will go home with a free t-shirt! The fun at Mercy awaits you! Admission is \$5. RSVP at www.motherofmercy.org/juniorbobcat. Questions? Contact Tricia Penderghast Reisman '92 at reisman_t@motherofmercy.org.

Future Bobcat Theatre Night at Mercy

Future Bobcats are invited to enjoy a preview show of Mercy's spring play *Stage Door* at no cost. Join us in the Mercy Theatre on Thursday, March 9 at 5:30 p.m. Rivalry explodes among female theatre actresses at a New York City boarding house when a new resident moves in! There is no strong language in the show; however, some of the themes are more appropriate for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. No tickets necessary - please just arrive by 5:15 p.m. on March 9! For more information, contact Tricia Penderghast Reisman '92 at reisman_t@motherofmercy.org.

A NOTE FROM MISS KIST.....



CONGRATULATIONS to **Kelly Albrinck, Abby Boeing, Ashley Enginger, and Zach Schulte** for achieving the January typing goal for their respective grade level! Each of these students will be awarded an out of uniform pass, to be used during Third Quarter.

DID YOU KNOW? In addition to many student textbooks accessible online, all K-8 St. John students have access to a curriculum-based program called Moby Max! Follow this link: <https://www.mobymax.com/signin>, as it is specific to our school. This link can also be found on our website, the [Student Weblinks](#) page. If prompted, our school code is OH4658. Students should use their full St. John email address (firstname.lastname@sjbharrison.org) as their username, and for most students their password* is identical to their assigned "Google password" (8 digits). *Kindergarten has a different password for Moby Max at this time. Many students have this password memorized, but please contact me if you need assistance accessing Moby Max.

WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON IN CLASS.....

- 8th graders are working with a partner(s) to create a short adventure story. This story will be drafted using Google Docs, and then transferred for presentation using Google Slides, including various media. Then, students will share their stories with Grades 1-3, when finished.
- Kindergarten and Second graders are working on their beginning keyboarding skills.
- Third and Fourth grades are completing a sequence of short videos about internet safety, cyberbullying, etc.
- 5th graders are diving into using Google Docs to make a table of information, which compares three past Presidents.

CONFERENCE SIGN-UPS ARE HERE!

Parent teachers conferences will be February 16, from 5-9pm. Please use our online program to schedule. Follow this [link](#), or sign-ups can be found on the "Current Families" section of the SJB webpage. Online scheduling will close on February 14, 2017.

ASCEND...Many teachers post homework daily on Ascend, which is also e-mailed nightly. However, each teacher also has their own [eClassroom](#) page! Many teachers use this to communicate classroom specifics, so be on the lookout, and check back often!