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Upcoming Events

February

- 16 – Presidents Day/No School
- 18 - Ash Wednesday
- 20 – Jag Wire Mtg.
- 23 – Interims
- 24 – Science Club
- 25 – Grandparents Day
- 26 – Grandparents Day

March

- 2 – No School/Teacher In-Service



Sunday's Gospel

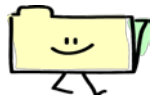
MK 1:40-45

"See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

I have had the great honor and blessing this year of being part of a group of Catholic School principals invited to experience professional development through the St. Gregory the Great Institute for Catholic School Principals. Not only do we have wonderful presenters, those with noteworthy credentials and experts in the field of student learning and instructional leadership, we have regular opportunities to network with our colleagues, discussing how we plan to bring this research into action in our individual schools.

Our most recent training has involved identifying the school culture, its impact upon school climate, and subsequently upon student achievement. Being a Catholic school, our culture is based upon a long tradition of instilling both knowledge of faith and a respect for education. Using rubrics as well as several years of family surveys, it is clear this area is strong in our school. It is the first thing parents and students recognize when children transfer here from either public or other Christian schools. Our culture greatly influences the learning climate. For example, children are quiet while in the halls because they have been taught to respect the learning taking place in the classrooms they pass as they walk from one destination to the next. This is not always the case in every school setting. Some schools or parishes may actually have a climate that reflects that sports are the most important thing happening. In others, financial status clearly ranks students in both popularity and privilege. At St. John's our belief in the uniqueness of each learner as a child of God is fostered by nurturing their self-esteem and respect among and between students and staff. We hold fast to the conviction that all children can learn, and learn best when they are actively engaged in the learning process. As we begin to plan for next year, please know this commitment to further engage students in their own learning is at the top of my priorities as instructional leader. I welcome your input and we will likely be looking for at least one new parent representative for our School Committee for next year. The School Committee is our branch of the Parish Faith Formation Commission. We meet on Tuesdays once a quarter and focus on needs and concerns of the day school. The School Committee also includes essential members of our school community, such as representation from our teaching staff, the PTC, and our technology specialist. Parents interested in being involved with this committee may obtain an application form in late March. In the meantime, I wish each family a relaxing long weekend and a peaceful beginning to the liturgical season of Lent. Students will be having their Ash Wednesday Mass at 9:00 a.m. on February 18.



Friday Folder Flyers

- Market Day Extra

Reminders

- **Registration and Payment Due February 20 – Avoid the Late Fee**
- **RSVPs due for Grandparents Day by February 20**

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.

Late Registration Correction

The late registration fee was posted incorrectly. Late registration is \$150 per child after February 20. It is not \$115. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Spring Toy and Clothing Sale

The PTC Spring Children's Toy and Clothing Sale will be held **Saturday, March 7**, from 9 am to 12 pm. It will be held in the school cafeteria and gym. We need workers and sellers for this event to be a success. It's easy to participate and you get 70% of what you sell back in cash Saturday after the sale. The other 30% goes to the PTC to help buy much needed items for the school. We really need 15 workers from 9 am to 11:30 am on Saturday morning to help the sale run smoothly. Please think about helping out, even if only for an hour. If you want to participate or need more info, please email Stacie Combs at stlcombs@gmail.com or call me @ 367-1145. Thanks for your help!



Grandparents Day

Flyers were sent home this week with details. Every student in Grades K-4 received one. If you did not receive one, please contact the office and one will be sent home.

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

Lunch Menu Correction

The lunch menu showed Pepperoni Pizza on **March 2**. Please disregard, since March 2 is a Teacher In-Service Day and school is closed.

Join the **Seton Concert Choir, Elder Glee Club, Vocal Ensembles and Show Choir** on **Thursday, Feb. 19 at 7:00 p.m. in Seton's Performance Hall** for a special concert where world-renowned composer and arranger Greg Gilpin will be the guest director. Greg is a well-known, ASCAP award-winning choral composer and arranger with hundreds of publications to his credit. He is also a conductor for choral festivals, all-district and all-state choirs and is a member of MENC and ACDA. As Director of Educational Choral Publications for Shawnee Press, Inc., Greg oversees creation of the educational music products for this distinguished publisher. Additionally, Greg is a musician and producer in the recording industry whose projects include commercial jingles, CD projects, Broadway and Disney. Tickets for the performance are \$5 at the door.

Attention 3rd Grade Boys! The Cincinnati Irish is a select basketball team comprised solely of current 3rd grade boys from multiple Catholic grade schools in Cincinnati and coached by college athletes. We are searching for additions to our team for the 2015/2016 basketball season. Schedules are flexible, games are played with "standard" rules, fees are less than \$160 for a season of 25-30 games and players are specifically taught lessons of inclusion, positive thinking, respect for others and giving back to their community. If your current 3rd grade son is interested, please contact Matt Hoffman @ 513.348.6646 – cell before 2/29/15 to schedule an evaluation.



Lotto Winners!!!

Congratulations to the weekly Lotto winner! Pam Hansen won \$100 for the week of 2/9. The winning ticket was sold by Ryan & Trent Hoffman. 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!

HARRISON BRANCH LIBRARY

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MARCH ATTRACTION FOR ALL

Join us on Monday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. for a 1920's Jazz Concert with the Jennifer Ellis Trio!

ADULTS' MARCH ATTRACTIONS

The Civil War Soldier – Join Jim North, a PhD in American History, and a re-enactor from the 6th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for a discussion on the daily life of a Civil War soldier and the equipment they used on **Monday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. Adults** register by calling (513) 369-4442

Fun with Math + Science: Every Child Ready to Read - Calling all parents! You and your child will enjoy this hands-on workshop that will teach you how to have fun together while learning early literacy, math and science skills on **Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. For parents or caregivers with children, ages 5 and under. Each parent must register.** Call us at (513) 369-4442 to register.

COMING IN APRIL FOR ADULTS

Take a Walk Down Memory Lane – Join **Terry Viel**, writer for the Harrison Press and history buff, for a presentation on moments in history from the Harrison area on **Monday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m.** Learn about The Big Four Railroad, CL & A Street Car, Suspension Bridge Road, the 1913 Whitewater Valley Flood, and more. **Adults** register by calling (513) 369-4442

KIDS' MARCH ATTRACTIONS

Where's Waldo? At the Library! Where's Waldo? He's hiding in the library! Visit the Harrison Library throughout the month of **March** to find Waldo and his friends, and get a prize. **Ages 12 & under**

Rope Tricks with Cowboy Doug! Join the fun as Cowboy Doug wows us with his amazing rope tricks on **Saturday, March 21 at 10:30 a.m.** Learn the basics of how to handle a lasso, too! Fun for the whole family! Presented by lariat artist Doug Smith.

COMING IN APRIL FOR KIDS

Legos in the Library! Bring your friends and family to build amazing Lego creations on **Thursday, April 9 at 1:00 p.m.** Register by calling (513) 369-4442. **Ages 12 & under with caregiver**

TEENS' MARCH ATTRACTIONS

Insurgent Movie Release Party! Celebrate the upcoming release of Insurgent, the sequel to Divergent, with us on **Thursday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m.** Play our unique life-sized Divergent board game and try to win tickets to see the movie! **Grades 6-12** register by calling (513) 369-4442.

COMING IN APRIL FOR TEENS

Lightning Chess Tournament! Play a unique style of high-speed chess where the games are limited to 4 minutes in total with each individual turn limited to 3 seconds with a prize awaiting the last player standing! **Wednesday, April 22, 6:00-8:00 p.m.** Come a week earlier on **Thursday, April 16** to the Tabletop Gamers program, **6:00-8:00 p.m.**, if you would like a tutorial on how to play chess. **Grades 6-12** register by calling (513) 369-4442.

