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Sunday's Gospel MT 4:1-11

*One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God."*

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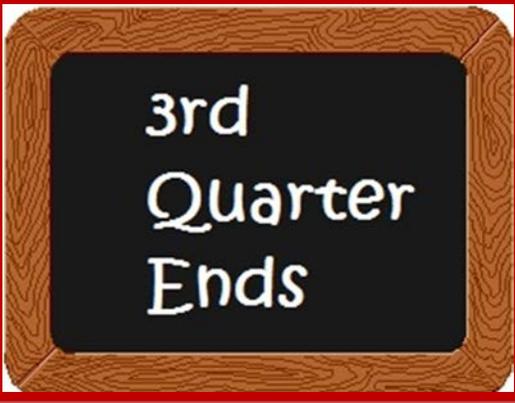
A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

We had another opportunity to showcase all the good things taking place at St. Johns this week. As part of our school accreditation process, a team of five principals from other Ohio Catholic schools reviewed all our paperwork, handbooks, data, potential goals, and visited with each teacher and classroom. Our students did a wonderful job of volunteering to answer questions, explain some school practices, and demonstrate their knowledge and skills. Thank you to Mrs. Steelman and Miss Walter for all of their hard work and dedication during the entire accreditation process.

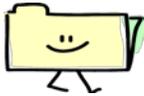
We have learned the *Ascend Student Management System* will no longer be in business after this spring. This company has played a big part in our communications with families as it provides student updates for grades and assignments. We have also made use of some of its other features, such as online registration. The teachers and technology team members are working together to compile a list of the most relevant features we are seeking in a new management system. If parents have any features they would like us to consider in our selection of a new student management information system, please be sure to email Mrs. Meymann (meymann_s@sjbharrison.org) with your thoughts as soon as possible. Decisions will need to be made very soon so we may carry over needed information for next year.

A MESSAGE FROM NURSE ALBRINCK

Just a reminder to all 6th grade parents please sign and return green scoliosis screening forms as soon as possible so Mrs. Albrinck can complete postural screenings. Thank you to all of you who have already you done this. Lastly, when your children go in for their 11 or 12 year old well check appointments with their pediatricians please, please, please request a copy of their most recent immunization record. In order for the 6th graders to enter school next year as 7th graders they must have already received their second Meningococcal and Tetanus vaccines. Records can be sent in with your child, faxed to the school ([513\) 367-6864](tel:5133676864) or mail it to St John the Baptist School, Attn: Karen Albrinck RN 508 Park Avenue, Harrison, OH 45030



3rd Quarter Ends



Friday Folder Flyers

- **Picture Day Order Forms**
- **March Lunch Menu**
- **Stem Learning (Gr. 2-5)**
- **Partners In Faith**
- **Girl Scout Flyer**
- **Book Fair Order Form**

Reminders

- **Spring Pictures are coming next Wednesday, March 8.**
- **The end of the 3rd Quarter is Friday, March 10. It is also a 2:30 Early Release Day. Buses will be picking students up at 2:30. Please make arrangements for someone to be at the bus stop if you have a K-2 grade student.**

Yearbooks for Sale

There are a few yearbooks left for sale. If you would like to purchase one, please contact the school office. Soft bound yearbooks are \$26 and the hard bound are \$34.

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.

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.



McAuley High School Holds Future Mohawk Lacrosse Night

McAuley High School will hold a Future Mohawk Lacrosse Night on Tuesday, March 28, at 6:15 p.m., for grade school girls interested in experiencing McAuley Lacrosse. Grade school students who attend will receive free admission to the game plus a McAuley giveaway. The game takes place on the field behind the school, located at 6000 Oakwood Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45224.

HARRISON BRANCH LIBRARY

10398 New Haven Road

(513) 369-4442

Harrison@CincinnatiLibrary.org

ADULTS' APRIL ATTRACTIONS

General William Lytle – Join Jim North (PhD, American History), a reenactment from the 6th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for a discussion on General William Lytle, for whom Lytle Tunnel and Lytle Park were named, and the battle of Chickamauga where General Lytle met his death. **Monday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.** Adults register by calling (513) 369-4442.

Harrison Tree Challenge- Join Wendi Van Buren from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for a talk on the importance of planting trees in your yard and community. The Harrison Tree Board will provide 2-year old Pin Oak Saplings to attendees in honor of Arbor Day. **Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.** Adults register by calling (513)369-4442.

KIDS' APRIL ATTRACTIONS

Special Edition Family Storytime: Meet a Police Officer – Meet an integral part of the community when Officer Joe Willig from the Harrison Police Department join us to tell us about being a police officer, how to dial 911 and how to be safe in an emergency. Event will be held rain or shine on **Wednesday, April 5, 10:30 a.m. and again at 1:00 p.m.** and is subject to change due to Officer Willig's availability. Space is limited.

Messy Kids: MUD - What kid doesn't love mud? This story celebrates the joy of mud and teaches children the properties of soil that aid in the change from winter thaw to a green spring. After reading about the fun of playing in the mud, the children will have their own chance to explore when they create "Mud Finger Paintings" after the story. **Thursday, April 6, 1:00 p.m. Ages 4-8 with a caregiver.** Register by calling (513) 369-4442.

National Poetry Month Bingo – Enjoy a couple of silly poems for National Poetry month and play a few rounds of Bingo for a chance to win prizes! **Tuesday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.** Register by calling (513) 369-4442. **Ages 12 & under with caregiver**

COMING IN MAY FOR KIDS

Family Game Night! Unplug for an evening with your nearest and dearest and all your friends! We'll have board games and hilarious challenges for the whole family on **Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m.** Please register by calling (513) 369-4442. **Ages 12 & under with caregiver**

COMING IN MAY FOR TEENS

In honor of the new Pirates of the Caribbean movie, test your nautical skills in our life-sized battleship game!

Thursday, May 11, 6-8 p.m. Register by calling (513) 369-4442. **Grades 6-12 Only**



A NOTE FROM MISS KIST.....



CHROMEBOOK REMINDERS

- We follow the [Acceptable Use Policy](#) as much as possible when issues arise.
- Students should charge their device nightly. **Shut down** before charging!
- A restart or shut down once daily will minimize problems, as this encourages the operating system to update, and receive information from Google.
- Students are expected to choose a desktop background and profile avatar image that are pre-loaded onto the device. *This is a change from last school year.* Many students have downloaded files and images from the Internet (some appropriate, some not) to use as their wallpaper, desktop theme, etc. If found in violation, disciplinary consequences (i.e.: demerit(s)) will be enforced.
- Consequences apply to students found off task, or on a website not approved by SJB faculty or staff. See next section for suggestions.

I'M FINISHED! NOW WHAT? A question often heard by teachers, and maybe you have too, at home. Luckily, there is an abundance of education-based, online activities that can be done, especially since all students in grades 3-8 have access to an individual chromebook at school! Activities can be found on our [Student Web Links](#) page, or on a [Google Site](#) I have created, to outline websites by grade level. Teachers have been given a list of "free time" sites as well.

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

- **Eighth graders** will be presenting their adventure stories to their classmates the week of March 6. Due to IOWA testing, we will present to the younger grades after testing is complete.
- **Third graders** are hard at work researching an Australian animal, and completing a Google Slides presentation about their animal.

RENAISSANCE HOME CONNECT This feature of [Renaissance Place](#) is now available for all grades *1-8

students and families. You should have received a letter specific to your child, which includes your child's Renaissance Place login, and directions on how to access Home Connect, as well as sign up to receive emails, which indicate when your child has taken an AR test. **Kindergarten sparsely uses Renaissance Place at this time, so those families likely did not receive account information from your homeroom teacher.*