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Sunday's Gospel JN 9:1-41

While I am in the world, I am
the light of the world.

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A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

The parish is expecting a packed church this Sunday! Not only will everyone receive an update on the financial status of the new church at all the masses, but at 3:30 p.m. those in attendance will see a brand new and "very cool" presentation of the design and layout of what will soon be the new St. John the Baptist place of worship. It is an exciting time to be a part of the future faith setting for Catholics in the Harrison area. You won't want to miss this presentation and the opportunity to have questions answered regarding the beautiful new campus.

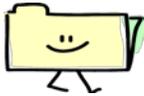
Please continue practicing healthy habits as Influenza B and a stomach virus are impacting the students at St. John the Baptist. Only a few students in each classroom seem to be ill, but they are missing four or five days of school, so continuing good hand washing habits and putting winter coats and backpacks through the laundry are needed to address unwanted germs and bacteria. We are taking extra care to wipe surfaces with *Chlorax* wipes and to give everyone some opportunities to play in the fresh air. Getting enough sleep is another way to help maintain a healthy immune system and to maximize learning as well.

We have chosen *Option C* as our new Student Information Management System. Parents will likely notice few differences, as you'll be able to access student grade books and assignments, as well as make cafeteria and tuition payments. The one component some will miss is the daily email, but that seems to have been unique to the *Ascend SM* program. School will do our best to prompt families to check their child's progress and online homework. Special thanks to the Technology Committee, the auxiliary secretary, school administrative assistant, tuition clerk, and all those involved in learning about the student information systems available to us and in helping all feel confident about this decision. Teachers will receive professional development in the summer, and parents will be trained early in the school year at our curriculum evenings.

What Should Parents Know about Special Education?

Sometimes children have conditions which negatively impact their ability to fully access the curriculum or to demonstrate what they have been learning. At St. John the Baptist, we are an approved Jon Peterson Scholarship provider. This means we have met the requirements of the state of Ohio to provide Ohio students with special education services.

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Friday Folder Flyers

- **Partners in Faith**
- **Daughters of Isabella Easter Bunny Raffle Tickets**
- **Grades 2 – 7 – Children’s Hospital Study**

Reminders

- **Mission Boxes are due April 12**
- **Transportations forms are due now**

From the Desk of Nurse Albrinck..

The Flu has arrived at St. Johns. Type A and Type B have been confirmed diagnoses among our students. Please help reduce the spread of the flu by not sending your child to school if they are showing **ANY** signs of having the flu; body aches, chills, coughing, fever, sore throat, and/or tiredness.

Students must be free of fever (**without medication**) and have not vomited for twenty-four hours before returning to school after an illness.

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Since such services typically require specialized training or implementation in a small group, or even one-to-one instructional setting, the services cost quite a bit more than general tuition. The Jon Peterson scholarship dollars are allocated to be used for individual student special education services at the provider the parents choose. Only a few short years ago, many families had no choice but to send a child with special learning needs to public school, while the rest of the family attended their parish school. We offer these services, not to increase enrollment, but to help a wide variety of learners be successful in a faith-filled setting. We work closely with the public school system to develop an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) for a child and to incorporate therapies and specialized learning into the child’s daily routine. The deadline to apply or reapply for a Jon Peterson Scholarship for the upcoming school year is April 15 and parents must submit the application directly to the Jon Peterson Provider providing the child’s services. To apply, students must already have an IEP or have already met the criteria to be diagnosed as a child with a disability.

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.

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.”

If you know of a child with a suspected handicap, please contact Ms. Laura Meyer, Pupil Personnel Director/504 Coordinator at the Special Education Services Offices at Harrison High School, 9860 West Rd., Harrison, Ohio 45030, 513-367-4169.

Southwest Local School District has a different spring break than St. John’s this year. They will be off from April 3 – 7. Buses for that week will be on a different schedule. Please look for the email next week with the times and bus numbers that will be picking up and dropping off students for that week only.

The Daughters of Isabella are raffling off a 4 lb. solid chocolate bunny just in time for Easter. The bunny can be seen in the school office. Chances are 25¢ each and can be purchased with the raffle tickets being sent home in the Friday folder or in the school office. The bunny will be raffled off on **April 13, Holy Thursday.**



The Daughters of Isabella help support St. John's School Library.



Grandparents Day is **March 30** for 2nd and 4th grades and **March 31** for Kindergarten, 1st and 3rd grades. The day will start with Grandparents arriving in the youngest child's classroom at 8:50 and Mass beginning at 9:00. Coffee and Donuts will be served after Mass.



Student Spotlight on Gabe Vogelgesang

Gabe Vogelgesang was interviewed by Curtis Fuller of Channel 5 and Meghan Mongillo of Channel 12 along with a couple local newspapers. A group of high school students are trying to design a prosthetic for Gabe to help with hockey.

Here's channel 12:

<http://local12.com/news/local/students-design-prosthetic-brace-for-young-hockey-player>

Here's channel 5

<http://www.wlwt.com/article/milford-students-build-new-device-to-help-hockey-player-on-the-ice/9149297>