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Sunday's Gospel JN 10:27-30

"My sheep hear my voice;
I know them, and they follow
me.



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April

- 21 - PTC Meeting - 7:00
- 22 - Teacher In-Service
No School
- 26 - Science Club - 3:45-4:45

May

- 6 - Snow Cone Social for
Students
- 11 - Goodwill Games

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

The St. John the Baptist Drama Club proudly presents Annie Jr. this weekend for 7:00 p.m. shows on Friday and Saturday, and a 4:00 p.m. show on Sunday afternoon. This show marks the 10th year of our elementary school productions. While enjoying the antics of loveable Orphan Annie and Daddy Warbucks, be sure to read the bios of the current cast as well as the updated bios on many members of the 2006 cast of the same show! They've come a long way during these 10 years, having turned their dreams for "tomorrow" into realities TODAY.

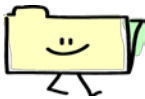
Thank you to PTC Chairperson, Mrs. Becky Lipp for playing hostess during our Grandparents' Days and for organizing such a terrific team of volunteers. It was wonderful to watch the loving relationships between the students and those special family and friends who joined us at school this week. Father Jeff shared his thanks to them for modeling the Catholic faith and for showing generous and unconditional love to their families. I thank them for raising such terrific kids (our parents who so willingly help with all things) and passing on that legacy of love and service to our students.

There are many tasks to complete before we finish this school year. The staff is working together to complete the master schedule, review the school uniform guidelines, and discipline policies. As always, we will alert you to revisions this spring, but we do expect families to review the handbooks carefully before signing off on them in August. The 2016-17 school year marks the last year to continue wearing the older uniform plaid, and you may anticipate a few changes, based upon continued uniform infractions. For now, please remind students that hooded sweatshirts and zippered jackets of many colors are fine for outside wear, but should be removed when inside the classroom. These are not part of our approved uniform. Also, wearing the uniform shorts has been A-Okay since the beginning of April. Spring is finally here!

Thank You to all of the wonderful Volunteers who generously gave their time to help with Grandparents Day. It was a success because of volunteers like you.

Lunch Menu Change

Please note that **Monday, April 16**, lunch for the day has changed and it will only be Hot Dogs, Green Beans and Pineapples.



Friday Folder Flyers

- Miami University Enrichment Reading Program Flyers
- Child/Elderly ID Event hosted by Harrison Moose Lodge
- Spirit Wear Order form
- Kings Island Discount Coupons

Reminders

- Friday, April 22 – No School
- Friday, May 6 – Snow Cones for Students



The next **PTC meeting** will be held **Thursday, April 21 at 7:00pm** in the Jr. High Building. We will be nominating new PTC Board members and voting on technology infrastructure funding and drinking fountain repair. Your opinion matters; let your voice be heard!



A Note from the Nurse

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS of 2016-2017 SEVENTH GRADERS:

New State Mandated Immunization Requirements prior to entering 7th Grade

All students are to receive an additional dose of TDAP (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) vaccine *before* entering the seventh grade. If your child received a TDAP vaccine within 5 years of entering the 7th grade (2012 or later), it meets the requirement.

Additionally, beginning with the start of the 2016-2017 school year, one dose of meningococcal vaccine is required prior to entry into the 7th grade. This requirement is met if your student has had this vaccine at any time before entering 7th grade.

Please send updated immunization records as soon as possible for the upcoming school year.

Thank you for cooperation regarding this,

Karen Albrinck. RN

Spring Dinner and Raffle - Tuesday May 3, 2016

All ladies are cordially invited, so mark your calendar and save the date! We look forward to seeing you Tuesday, May 3rd, 6:30 p.m. at the Harrison K of C Hall. Young and old alike, come on down! Bring female family members, friends or neighbors. This is a free event. Please bring a covered dish to share - entree, side item, or dessert. There will be a raffle with great prizes, a split-the-pot, and door prizes for the ladies, including the little ones. Questions? Call Cathy Ruschke at [812-637-0117](tel:812-637-0117) or Georgia Meyer at [513-367-9507](tel:513-367-9507). (Formerly called the Mother/Daughter Banquet)

Here is one of the Raffles - American Girl Doll – Grace



*St. John the Baptist***FESTIVAL**

Harrison, OH



2016 Festival Sponsors & Donors Needed

If you are interested in sponsoring or donating to this year's summer festival, please take a look at our [Sponsor & Donation Form](#) for more information on the various opportunities that are available.

Super Raffle Tickets on Sale NOW!

Tickets for our 29th Annual Super Raffle are now available for purchase through the Parish Office. This is a reverse raffle with Early Bird Drawings. The winning early bird tickets will be put back in for the Sunday Drawing at no additional cost. Total of 44 winning tickets. \$21,500 total prize money! **Only 550 tickets will be sold.**

For Super Raffle rules and details, or to purchase tickets, use our printable [Super Raffle Entry Form](#) or visit the Parish Office between 8:30 AM & 4:30 PM (closed from 12-1 for lunch).

If you have any further questions, please contact Angie Land at aland@stjb.net or [513-367-9086](tel:513-367-9086) ext. 214.

Festival Entertainment

Please visit our [2016 Summer Festival Page](#) for a schedule of who will be performing this year!





St. John the Baptist School is dedicated to preparing students for a global workforce requiring 21st century skills. To accomplish this, students in grades K-5 will have access to a greater number of devices in their classrooms and the computer lab. Every student in grades 6-8 will be issued a Chromebook for his/her exclusive school use beginning with the 2016/2017 school year.

The Chromebook for grades 6-8 will be used in classes throughout the day & taken home each evening for continued learning. In addition, SJB will continue to use Google Apps for Education, a free set of communication & collaboration tools that includes the use of Google Drive, Docs, Calendar & more. Teachers will create virtual classrooms, track document changes & progress for their students. This 1:1 program will allow the teaching staff to infuse technology & online resources in powerful new ways within classroom instruction. Students will be engaged in retrieving, manipulating, interpreting & applying information & data available through a wide variety of media. As a result we hope to enhance our learning environment by further enriching critical thinking, collaboration, communication, & creativity.

As with the start of any new project there are many questions. A few of them are listed below.

- Q: What is Google Apps for Education (GAPE)?
- Q: What is a Chromebook?
- Q: How will the Chromebooks be funded?
- Q: How is the Technology Fee used?
- Q: How will the Chromebooks be used?
- Q: Will the Chromebooks leave the building?
- Q: Can a student “opt out” of getting a device?
- Q: How will St. John’s prepare for the 1:1 program in grades 6-8?
- Q: How are the teachers being prepared for the new technology?
- Q: Will unsafe or inappropriate websites be filtered on the devices?
- Q: How can students submit work or assignments via their devices?
- Q: Will SJB supply my child with any Chromebook accessories, such as a protective case?
- Q: What role will textbooks play in student learning?
- Q: What training and/or support will my child receive?
- Q: How long will the Chromebook be expected to last?
- Q: Why now? This seems very fast.
- Q: I have other questions not covered on here. Who do I contact?

For the answers:

- Visit the SJB Technology Website (<http://sjbharrison.org/Academics/Technology.aspx>)

OR

- Click on this LINK to the answer document
https://docs.google.com/document/d/13AtP7nKW4XhzMhguyur_rhw4DLqd4LhzLjYPUSe1f7E/edit

DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO FILL KEY ROLES ON THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION BOARD!

Every two years, elections are held for two of the four Board positions. This year, however, elections will be held for the roles of Vice-President and Treasurer, as well as for the role of Secretary, due to the fact that our current Secretary will no longer have a child at St. John's once her 8th grader graduates in May. The terms are two years in length and a person may serve multiple terms in a row if they are elected to do so. If you are interested in filling one of these roles, please submit your name and the role you would like to be considered for to Hub Martini at hmartini@stjb.net by **Wednesday, April 27**. You may also submit the name of another person who you think would be a good candidate for one of these roles. However, please speak with the person you would like to nominate before emailing Hub. The Athletic Association simply cannot function without dedicated people filling these roles. Please consider stepping up and helping the coordinators and coaches to provide a great youth sports experience for our athletes. If two or more people are nominated for any of these roles, an election will be held at the next Athletic Association meeting on Monday, May 2. A brief description of each role is provided below. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Shields at sjbathleticpresident@gmail.com.

Vice-President

- a) Preside in the absence of the President and shall hold oneself in readiness to assist the President
- b) Secure gym time at other locations (i.e. Harrison Jr. School gym) for girls and boys volleyball and girls and boys basketball practices and games
- c) Work with coordinators and coaches to schedule practice and game times for the gyms that will be used each season
- d) Keep a master schedule of who will be using the gyms at any given time, keep track of any changes that may develop, and communicate changes to coordinators and coaches
- e) Work with the contact persons at other gym locations, the Business Manager, and the Treasurer to coordinate payments for gym time rental

Treasurer

- a) To work with and communicate with the Business Manager to prepare annual budgets, collect fees and dues, and maintain accurate records of receipts and expenditures
- b) Provide accurate, complete, and timely reports as required by the Athletic Association, the parish, the Archdiocese, and the government
- c) Pay all outstanding bills promptly upon receipt

Secretary

- a) Keep minutes of each meeting and share the minutes with the Athletic Association
- b) Take care of any correspondence that may need to be done on behalf of the Athletic Association
- c) Send out monthly meeting reminders to the members of the Athletic Association

It is time to Tee it up!

If your son or daughter is interested in learning the game of golf, already plays or is just curious, now is the time to sign up for St. John Golf Team! Last year we were able to fill teams at each level: varsity, junior varsity and instructional. The golf team is recommended for grades 5--8. However if an individual is younger than 5th grade & can shoot the necessary scores & handle his/herself on the course they are welcome to try out for the team.

Tryout rounds will take place at Robins Nest from May 11 - June 14. We will also hold an informational meeting prior to the first tryout. I will get specific dates for the tryouts as we get closer to May 11th. By league rules, each golfer will be required to play four 9 hole rounds at Robins Nest to determine which level they will compete at for the season.

Please email Trevor Ward at wardtp1625@gmail.com if you are interested or have any questions about the golf program. Please include the students name, grade level, contact information and golfing experience in your email.

2016 Football / Cheerleading Signups

Registration is now open ONLINE for 2016 Bandit K-2 Football, 3-8th grade Football and Cheerleading. The online sign up period will run until April 22nd, 2016. Space on the roster cannot be guaranteed after April 22, 2016. Signups and payment will be done online, fittings (football only) will be done in person.

To sign up, please go to <http://www.stjab.com/> (this is Saint John the Baptist Dry Ridge Blue Sombrero site).

Click Login (previous users) or Register (new users) in the top right corner and follow the prompts.

MANDATORY EQUIPMENT FITTINGS TIMES (MUST ATTEND ONLY ONE)

- **APRIL 17th, 2016**
- **ST JOHN DRY RIDGE BOOSTER BARN**
- **12-2pm**

- **APRIL 24th, 2016**
- **ST. JOHN HARRISON SCHOOL CAFETERIA**
- **12-2pm**

Players that are not sized for equipment will be delayed getting their equipment. If you are unable to attend one of the fittings, please contact Chad Campbell at chadandkim@me.com.

COST (per player or cheerleader)

CHEERLEADING \$50

BANDIT \$85

PONY/RESERVE/ VARSITY \$125

TEAMS

BANDIT - K-2nd grade

PONY - 3-4th grade

RESERVE -5-6th GRADE

VARSIITY - 7-8th GRADE

Please contact Joe Jansen with any questions/concerns (513-400-8358)

Fall Soccer Sign-Ups

Here at St. John the Baptist we have two unique soccer programs. The first is focused on the Pre-K and K kids and the second is the focused on the 1st thru 8th graders.

Please go to our Athletics website and register your child to play soccer for this upcoming 2015 Fall Soccer Season. Priority Registration will be open until May 8th.

To locate our website, please go to www.stjb.net and click on "Our Parish" and select "Athletics".

After you click on "Athletics" you will have to click on the "HERE" hyperlink on the website in the sentence that says, "Please visit our online registration site **HERE**"

You can find more information under the Soccer tab on the main page of the athletics website.

If you have any questions and/or are interested in helping to be a coordinator, please contact Mike Lipp at stjbsoccer@gmail.com or [513-582-6389](tel:513-582-6389).