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Sunday's Gospel

JN 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower...."

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1:30 Early Dismissal

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

With change comes opportunity! Eight years ago, I resigned from my administrative position in a public school with the intention of returning to the classroom. Having spent quite a lot of time working with interventions, obtaining an additional certificate in special education was my goal, but my intention was interrupted when my husband's department was cut and he lost his job, as so many did in the economic times of 2010. Returning to full-time work was my only option and I was blessed to be hired here at St. John the Baptist as Principal. My time here has been filled with many good things, such as faith-filled teachers, wonderful kids, a supportive Pastor, and the satisfaction of watching programs such as our preschool and special education services develop and become integrated into the school. I have enjoyed working with the staff to expand school technology and our range of supports for student learning needs, and providing more accelerated learning opportunities for our 8th grade students. I am proud of the many good things here. For a smaller school, we can be designated as "full service".

This year I have been like a sponge, soaking up what my daughter shares from her education classes at the University, and our recent NCEA convention also left me very excited about trying new classroom activities on kids, my *own* students in my *own* classroom. With this occupying my thoughts, I have told Father Jeff I am resigning as Principal of St. John this summer and hope to find a teaching position and finish up those last few classes needed for my additional certificate in special education. I have loved this school and have tried to share a little wisdom, a little kindness, and a lot of faith with the staff and students here. I shall pray for the school and for each of you and hope you will pray for me as I take the steps to move forward with the final years of my chosen profession.

Please Pray for our Second Grade Students as they experience the Sacrament of First Eucharist this weekend. Father Jeff has commented on how well prepared and enthusiastic our students seemed at their practice on Wednesday evening. We pray our students may always feel this same joy each time they experience this healing Sacrament!

The Council on Child Abuse is working with grades 5-8 on May 1st.

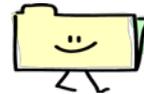
- “You’re a loser.”
- “What’s wrong with your face? It’s so ugly! Just kidding!”
- “You’re a mistake.”
- “No one likes you.”
- “Why are you even here?”

I am saddened to report each of these statements has been made by some students to others at our school. While some kids may seem to let such comments roll off their backs, few can truly ignore the “names” or exclusion they face each day as they struggle to stay positive on the outside, while they are hurting on the inside. While it may be true most of us saw kids being mean to each other or survived similar insults while growing up, social media literally reminds today’s kids constantly they are not good enough or not “liked” as much as others, causing additional pain during an already insecure time of human development. As a Catholic school, we discuss and remind kids daily they are loved by God and have unique gifts to share, but it is not always enough to counter the effects of so many damaging remarks. Our counselor, Dr. Darling, has been a great help to many students and families this year. Other students have completely stopped making such statements after only a gentle reminder about empathy and demonstrating respect to others. We began the year with *Cincinnati Bell’s Social Media Awareness education program* and we are having the *Council on Child Abuse* speak with our upper grades on Tuesday. The program helps students identify and distinguish bullying behaviors from one time incidents and also provides them with ways to deal with cruel words or situations. If you are hearing your kids using unkind words and put downs, it’s still okay in 2018 to remind them “If you can’t think of something nice to say about someone, don’t say anything.” I have been trying to challenge our students to look for the goodness in everyone, even those who annoy them. This is why spending time in the presence of positive people and setting and achieving small goals remains so important to each of us in sustaining our mental health. Please urge your 5th through 8th grade student to “listen with their hearts” during Tuesday’s sessions.



Reminders

May 31 is an early release day. Buses will pick the students up at 1:30. Please make arrangements accordingly



Friday Folder Flyers

- Miami University Summer Camp
- 2018-19 Yearly School Calendar

Out of Uniform Day for Jaguar Jungle

The Jaguar Jungle is asking for a second and final collection to help stock the popular kids’ games at our St. John’s Festival!!! Please send in \$1.00 or a 2 liter of pop to be **OUT OF UNIFORM** on **Wednesday, May 2!** The Jaguar Jungle greatly appreciates your generosity and support once again!!



The **2017-18 Yearbook Order Forms** will be going home with students next week. Please be on the lookout for them. The deadline to order those yearbooks will be May 25.

A few 2016-17 Yearbooks are still available. Please let Chrissy McAlister know if you are interested in purchasing one. chrissymcalister@me.com



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 there is a possibility to have an instructional team. The golf team is recommended for grades 5--8. However if an individual is younger than 5th grade but they 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 7th - June 11. We will also hold an informational meeting prior to the first tryout. I will get specific dates for the tryouts and informational meeting as we get closer to May 7th. By league rules, each golfer will be required to play and record scores for 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, want to sign up, or have any questions about the golf program. Please include the students name, grade level, contact information and golfing experience in your email.



BOX TOP COLLECTION - April 30th to May 4th

Please send in your **BOX TOPS, COKE CAPS, TYSON FOOD LABELS AND AUNT MILLIES BREAD LABELS.**

The homeroom that brings in the most items will receive a treat. Please help support St. John's as this money goes toward gym and school supplies.

If anyone has any questions please contact Sarah Hunter at ctshunter@gmail.com

2018 HARRISON SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMPS

SEE FORMS ATTACHED BELOW
PRICES AND DEADLINES JUNE 1
WALK UPS WELCOME

SKILLS CAMP AND LEAGUE
GRADES 3-8 9-1230PM JUNE 18-22

ANY QUESTIONS?

PLEASE CONTACT
COACH ANDY MARX
MARX@OHLSO.ORG

LITTLE DRIBBLES
GRADES K-2 8-930AM JUNE 25-29

SHOOTING CAMP
GRADES 3-8 10-1130 AM JUNE 25-29

WHAT DID YOU DO ON YOUR SUMMER VACATION?

WORK ON YOUR GAME.
BE A CRAFTSMAN.
OUTWORK YOUR OPPONENT.
CHALLENGE YOURSELF!

WILD CATS

2018 HARRISON ATHLETIC BOOSTERS SUMMER CAMPS

Note that pre-registration provides discount. Walk-up prices day of camp are \$10 higher & t-shirt not guaranteed.

Please arrive 20 min. prior to camp so the camp can begin on time. Questions? – Contact coach via email as listed.

Cheer camp will occur in the Fall of 2018. Entering 9th graders are not eligible for camps due to OHSAA rules.

Sport	Dates/ Location	Entering Grades for 2018-19 Times	Cost <i>Note pre-registration discount</i>
Boys' Basketball Camp - Teach team concepts and individual skills (offensive and defensive) necessary to succeed. Marc_n@ohhsd.org Little Dribblers and Shooting camp- girls are welcome!	June 18 - 22 Activity Center Gym	Grades 3 - 8 9:00 am - 12:30 pm Summer Skills Camp	Pre-registration \$85/player *t-shirt included Walk-up registration \$95/player
	June 25 - 29 Activity Center Gym	Grades K - 2 8:00 am - 9:30 am Little Dribblers	Pre-registration \$50/player * t-shirt included Walk-up registration \$60/player
	June 25 - 29 Activity Center Gym	Grades 3 - 8 10:00 am - 11:30 am Shooting Camp	Pre-registration \$50/player *t-shirt included Walk-up registration \$60/player

To pay with cash/check please complete this form:

(credit card registrations can be made at Harrisonathleticboosters.com)

Camp Registration Form

***Complete one form for each child and for each camp.

Camp Title _____ **Entering Grade** _____ Fee _____

Student's Name _____

Parent's Name/s _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone #1 _____ Cell Phone #2 _____

School Student will attend 2018-2019 school year: _____

Player T Shirt Size – please circle one: YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL A2XL

Experience Level – please circle one: Beginner Played Game Setting Played AAU/Competitive League

WAIVER FORM

I, the undersigned, relieve the Southwest Local School District and the instructor of the sport of

(Write name of camp/sport on this line.)

any liability for injuries which may be incurred as a result of my participation in the camp. I also understand that a physical exam is recommended before using any type of exercise or physical activity program.

Athlete Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Mail form 1 week prior to camp to ensure discount or bring form to camp with payment:

Harrison Athletic Boosters, Attn: Camp Forms, PO Box 595, Harrison Ohio, 45030