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Sunday's Gospel LK 16: 1-13

"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

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A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

By now every school family should know our **Walk-a-Thon is taking place on Friday, September 30th at nearby Harrison Community Center.** This will be our fifth year of fun and fitness as we stride toward our PTC goals. If you haven't played a large role in the Parent Teacher Committee, you may be unaware of the many ways this organization supports our school. The Board officers and many parents who volunteer to chair school activities ensure our students and staff have all kinds of terrific opportunities, such as COSI and *Mad Cap Puppets* assemblies, transportation to field trips, professional development opportunities, and extra funds for making classroom teaching purchases as well as school-wide expenditures for the blacktop surfacing, new awning and school safety and security. This year, half of the profit from this fundraiser has been determined to purchase additional technology devices and/or supports. We congratulate Mr. Morgeson's 6th grade homeroom who turned in the highest amount so far. The class was rewarded with an Amazing Race activity as well as a special treat to end their Friday afternoon. Please encourage your family members and friends to come together to pledge support for this school fundraiser. Who knows? You may be inspired to get still more involved and chair one of our upcoming events!

Bus Safety is important to all of us. This week students participated in evacuation drills and safety training, facilitated by bus drivers from Southwest Local School District's transportation department. The students were reminded to remain in their seats while the bus is moving and to place backpacks on their laps so their backs may be flat against the padded seats. All students were also reminded no eating or drinking is permitted while riding on buses. Choking may occur or lips may be bloodied if students are drinking from water bottles while traveling on bumpy roads. Please remember all kindergarten and first grade students must have a designated adult to meet them at the bus drop off in the afternoon.

The Importance of Recess and Physical Activity. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends every elementary-aged child gets 60 minutes of activity each day. In order to help with this goal, St. Johns offers recess every day for all our students, even those in morning kindergarten. Many junior highs have eliminated recess from their student schedules, but we recognize the need for movement and educational research clearly shows physical activity improves children's focus and behaviors in the classroom. Over the course of the past few weeks, we have noted many students are choosing to bring toys from home to play with at recess time. Stuffed animals, Legos, and dolls are not very conducive to active play, and have contributed to so many negative student scenarios that the staff has made the decision all "inside" toys should be left at home. Please encourage your child to remain active or to make good use of the playground "imagination box" during recess time. Recess is not considered "downtime." Time on playgrounds provides children the chance to develop critical life skills, such as problem solving, negotiating, and standing up for themselves and others. Please keep toys at home, unless told otherwise for special occasions, such as science activities, show and tell, or the 100th Day of School. Effective, Monday, no inside types of toys should be brought to school for recess play.



Friday Folder Flyers

- Christ at the Center
- Partners in Faith
- PTC Toy & Clothing Sale

Reminders

Spirit Wear Day is Wednesday, September 21. Students are permitted to wear St. John's apparel.



A Word from Miss Kist....

All Students should have brought home Ascend login and Moby Max login letters. Students are now able to log in to both of these from home, to utilize these valuable curriculum sites.

The links are:

Moby Max (school code oh4658)
<https://www.mobymax.com/oh4658>

Ascend <https://sjbharrison.ascendsms.com/default.aspx>

Are you ready for a fun night out while supporting St John the Baptist School?

Join us at The Rusty Ball this year!!

Hosted by The Spirit of Cincinnati and The Rusty Griswolds, The Rusty Ball is Cincinnati's premier collaborative fundraiser. Begun in November 2008, the event has generated \$2,687, 791.00 in support of 333 charitable organizations throughout the region. Imagine 4,000+ attendees coming together, each supporting their charity of choice from among our beneficiaries, helping to raise dollars that stay in our community. It doesn't get much sweeter than that!

Order your tickets online today!

<http://www.therustyball.com>

Don't forget to choose St John the Baptist, Harrison!

Please contact Cindy Abrams with any questions at [513-266-2599](tel:513-266-2599) or chefcindy1119@gmail.com

Start collecting your Sunny D labels and Fruit 2 O Labels to help St. John's earn free books!



Walk-a-thon 2016 Updates We are on our way to meeting our goal of \$16,000 for the walk-a-thon. The first turn-in day brought \$713. We have a long way to go to meet our goal, but I know that we can do it. Top Student for this week was Nicole Griebel with \$178. Amazing job Nicole! She will receive her reward on the day of the walk.

Incentive and Prize Updates...

- The incentive for our next turn-in day on Thursday, September 22nd is to bring our total to \$8,000. If the students are able to meet that goal then we will have **SHAVED ICE** on the day of the walk for all to enjoy!!!! So get out there and collect those pledges.
- We have also added another level of prizes. For students who bring in \$150 or more they will be entered into the **“Principal for a Day”** drawing. *See below for updated prize/incentive table.*
- Now the moment all the students have been waiting for...If the \$16,000 goal is met all students will get to enjoy a **MONTH OF MONDAYS** out of uniform. That means every Monday in October all students will be out of uniform if the goal is met. And..... **OCTOBERFEST** on October 31.

\$25	Walk-a-thon T-shirt 1 Out of Uniform Pass
\$50	1 ticket for the “50 for 50” prize drawing Additional Out of Uniform Pass
\$100	1 ticket for the “Grand Prize” drawing Additional Out of Uniform Pass
\$125	Additional ticket for the “Grand Prize” drawing McDonald’s or Subway lunch at school on a specified day during your normal lunch period.
\$150	1 ticket for the “Principal for a Day” drawing.

REMINDER- T-shirt forms are due MONDAY!!!



16th Annual

St. John the Baptist Church

Parish Picnic

Friday, September 23, 2016

5-10 p.m.

Stricker’s Grove, St. Rt. 128

Bring your family and friends for just a cash donation at the door. Pack a picnic supper but no alcohol please. Concessions and grilled sandwiches are available. All the rides are open from 6 – 10 p.m. Bring corn hole games, card and board games too! The gate opens at 5 p.m. There’s a big shelter for everyone.

Come for the Fun!!!!

Please bring a non-perishable food item
For the St. Vincent DePaul food barrel!



Library Help Needed

Dear Parents and Grandparents,

The library at St. John’s is in need of help on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings and the 1st and 2nd Friday mornings. If you can help, please contact Julie Koors at 513-367-9380.

Student Directories will be distributed next week. Look for them in your student’s backpack.

**Get a Nutritious Serving of Education
COSI COMES TO ST JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL**

Get your motors running at SJB when COSI (Center of Science and Industry) brings its newest traveling program The Incredible Human Machine on **September 22, 2016**. This innovative, interactive program will stimulate the imaginations of your students by comparing the inner working of the human body to an engine. The Incredible Human Machine is just one of six traveling science demonstrations from COSI. The day begins with a 45-minute interactive assembly where COSI's Body Mechanic repairs the disabled "COSI Engine" by using his/her knowledge of the human body. Students will be introduced to the nervous, digestive, respiratory, and circulatory systems, and discover how proper nutrition and exercise improve their function. This fun and educational assembly is followed by hands-on activity sessions during which the students will further explore the major body systems, and learn what it takes to keep their "engines" in tip-top shape.

This COSI on Wheels program compliments the National Science Education Standards, and encourages your students to apply the principles of health and nutrition to their daily lives.

COSI is a hands-on science center located in Columbus, Ohio. Each year more than 300,000 students take part in COSI on Wheels programs, and in the past 30 years, COSI On Wheels has brought hands-on science into the lives of over 7.5 million students across the Midwest.

The Incredible Human Machine is made possible through the generous support of presenting sponsor American Dairy Association Mideast and supporting sponsor Abbott Fund.

Come see for yourself! You are invited to see the COSI on Wheels Incredible Human Machine program in action.

Date: September 22

Time: Assembly begins at 9:00

Where: St John the Baptist Gymnasium

We need volunteers to make this happen! Please sign up to volunteer today: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054fa4ab2ca6fc1-cosi>



McAuley High School Offers High School Placement Test and Prep Class

College Hill – The High School Placement Test (HSPT), which is required for admission to McAuley, will be held at all Catholic High Schools, including McAuley, on Saturday, Nov. 19, from 8:30 a.m. – Noon. Eighth graders taking the test may select three high schools to which their results will be sent. There is a \$30 fee to take the HSPT.

To help eighth graders prepare for the test, McAuley offers a High School Placement Test Prep Class at McAuley on the four Saturdays before the test. Taught by McAuley science teacher, Mrs. Cindy Werner, the class reviews academic content, teaches study skills, and helps ease anxiety toward the test. Students should attend all four sessions, as different material is covered each day. The classes are Oct. 22, Oct. 29, Nov. 5, and Nov 12, from 10 a.m. to Noon. There is a \$75 fee for the 4-class series.

To register for the High School Placement Test and/or the Prep Class, visit www.mcauleyhs.net/HSPT2016. For more information, contact Maria Schweikert, Director of Admissions, at (513) 681-1800 x2272 or schweikertm@live.mcauleyhs.net.

Spend a day at SUA!

Schedule a shadow day at SUA

The Saint Ursula Shadow Program gives 8th grade girls the opportunity to follow a current student's class schedule. Shadow students can experience the flavor of academic life on our campus, take a tour of our school and sample a taste of Bulldog spirit!



Shadowing program dates:
September 8-December 8

These dates are not available for shadowing:
October 11-14, 19
November 23-25

These dates are available, but not ideal as we will have atypical class schedules:
October 6, 10, 27 and 31
November 10 and 17

Please schedule at least one week in advance of your desired shadow day but register as early as possible—space may be limited!

To schedule a shadow day, please call or email:

Michelle Dellecave, Director of Admissions
513-961-3410 ext. 183
mdellecave@saintursula.org

Please include the following information:

- Student name
- Current school
- Home address
- Home telephone number
- Parent name
- Parent email address
- Parent phone number
- Desired shadow date

Level of courses you wish to see (College Prep or Honors) , interests or desired SUA student to shadow



Saint Ursula Academy is a nurturing Catholic educational community founded in the Ursuline tradition. Saint Ursula Academy encourages academic excellence and empowers each student to become a woman of faith, integrity and courage committed to building a better world.

Mother of Mercy High School

Future Bobcat Spirit Games (Volleyball)

Grade school girls of all ages are invited to come join the cheering section for Mercy's volleyball matches as they take on Seton, Thursday, October 6. Game times are 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. It is free admission for grade school girls and their families. Enter the gym lobby from the parking lot off Ramona Avenue. Get in the Mercy spirit! Support the Bobcats, play games between matches, and have a lot of fun!

HSPT Prep Course

Mercy offers the HSPT Prep Course to 8th grade girls to get students ready for the test in November. Students can choose from the morning (8:15 - 11:30 a.m.) or afternoon (12:45 - 4:00 p.m.) course on Saturday, November 12. Morning and afternoon courses are identical. The program will provide students with an overview of the content and sample questions on the HSPT. It is designed to strengthen test-taking skills, master time-management strategies and give students the opportunity to take practice HSPT tests. Cost: \$25. Register at www.motherofmercy.org/hspt