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Sunday's Gospel LK 18:1-8

The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?"

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- 18 – Science Club 3:45 – 4:45
- Student Council Mtg.
- 20 – PTC Meeting
- 27 – Parent-Teacher Conferences

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

Congratulations to all for a stupendous start to the year!

Today marks the final day of the first grading period and parents should use the link **insert link** to sign up for parent/teacher **conferences on either Thursday, October 27 or Wednesday, November 2nd**. Hard copies of grade level reports will be sent home on Tuesday, October 25 for students in grades 1-8. Keep in mind our kindergarten teachers require a bit more time to assess the skills of younger students and a grade card report will not be available until after the second grading period. Until reports cards arrive, parents can easily access their child's grades on *Ascend* or email teachers with concerns. Due to the Memorial Service planned for the parish on All Souls Day, November 2nd conferences will take place between 4 and 6:30 p.m.

Be sure to check out the work of our roving reporters in the school newspaper, *The Jag Wire*. Whether you enjoy finding more about new students and staff, a good joke, or updates about our recent Student Council Election results, young and old alike are bound to find an article worth reading.

Principal for the Day, Mr. Nolan Abrams has requested that students be out of uniform on this Tuesday, October 18 (his tenure). Since everyone is still enjoying being out of uniform on Mondays in October because we met our Walk-a-thon goal, that's two days next week in which students may dress in modest, but comfortable out of uniform attire. Mr. Abrams, though, will have to wear a tie!

October is Fire Safety Month as well as Anti-Bullying Awareness month. Last week the Harrison Fire Department visited our younger students and presented a program about safety. Students also had the chance to learn more about the firefighters' protective clothing and to investigate a fire engine. Before the weather gets too chilly, take the time to have a practice evacuation drill at your home and to ensure your smoke detector batteries are in good working order. If your child is a little uncomfortable joining a group of other children, they may wish to have a seat on the "Buddy Bench". The younger students are being reminded to look for those who don't seem to have a playmate and to invite them to join an activity or to sit and talk with those on this particular bench. This amazing but simple concept was originated by a little boy who wanted everyone to have a friend, and brought to life at St. Johns by our Girl Scouts who have decorated a playground bench for this purpose. The older grades will experience bullying awareness training in late October from the Cincinnati Council on Child Abuse. Parents should be receiving more details about this program by the end of next week.



Friday Folder Flyers

- Addendum to the 2016-17 Parent/Student Handbook
- Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Reminders

- Missionary Childhood Assn. dues are still being collected. A \$2 donation would be much appreciated.
- Monday, October 17 is an Out of Uniform Day
- PTC Meeting on October 20 at 7:00 in Mrs. Metzger's Rm.

Please support our 2016-17 Walk-a-Thon Gold Sponsor, Brater Winter Funeral Home when possible



And Silver Sponsor

FENTON

From the Laptop of Miss Kist.....



First quarter has been an exciting and busy time for Technology at SJB! As you know, our 6th-8th graders have received and are using Chromebooks on a daily basis. This is allowing for greater engagement in the curriculum material being presented by our wonderful teachers! I walk the halls and most often see an entire class with Chromebooks up on desks, following along with their teacher's lecture in their textbook online, or using the Chromebooks to create Google Slides presentations, research, and more! I hope that with time, our staff, students, and I will continue to evolve and grow the use of this technology.

With the good, there is also the bad. We have experienced a high demand for Chromebooks to be repaired through our school-purchased warranty. Parents of junior high students, please understand I do everything I can to remedy problems myself first, or ensure that your students' devices are returned in a timely manner. However, like many other businesses, I am also bound by the delays of ground shipping and ordering necessary parts. I thank you for your patience and understanding, if your child's Chromebook has needed repair work this quarter.

As a reminder to all, if your child is for some reason without a Chromebook, students can access any online textbook, program, Google Drive, etc., on nearly any device with internet connection.

I'm happy to report as well that 3rd-5th grades all have access to Chromebooks daily, with a laptop cart located in each of these homerooms! Second and first grades share 5 Chromebooks per room, and Kindergarten continues to share Nexus tablets and 2 Chromebooks per room.

Parent Teacher Conference Signup

Conferences are being held on October 27 and November 2.

The link for grades 2-8 and specials:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/409094DADAE2DA1F58-parent

The link for grades K-1:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/409094DADAE2DA1F58-parent1



St John the Baptist Catholic Church 'Trunk or Treat'

Sunday, October 30, 2016 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Trunk or Treat is a **FREE** event, which will provide a safe, fun alternative for Trick or Treating.

Children will have the opportunity to walk through the parking lot full of decorated automobile trunks and fill their bags with lots of goodies.

Set up will be in St John's School parking lot. Just drive your vehicle in, set up a chair, and pass your treats out of your trunk.

If you would like to participate in this fun event, by passing out your treats, please complete the registration form below:

Mary Lohman
9220 New Haven Rd
Harrison, Ohio 45030

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

For questions, please contact Mary at 513-367-6562 or email doug.lohman@gmail.com

Again, there is NO COST for this event. Simply bring your treats at 2:30 pm to St John's School parking lot, to pass out from your trunk from 3:00 - 5:00. We do ask that the treat be individually wrapped. And decorating your trunk would be fun, but optional.

Guidelines and Waiver

1. Signature is required on registration form (see waiver below)
2. Set up can begin at 2:30 pm., but must be completed by 3:00 pm., when the event begins.
3. Please plan on staying until the end of the event, for safety concerns.
4. Your space needs to be cleared of all items at the end of the event.

Waiver: I will not hold St John the Baptist Catholic Church or any individual, working with the Trunk or Treat event, responsible for personal injury, damage to property, or theft, nor will I be party to any legal action against them.

I have read and agree to the above.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

PANTHERS LACROSSE



Panthers Lacrosse sign-ups are open.

Panthers Lacrosse program is accepting all Cincinnati area grade school and middle school boys from Kindergarten through 8th grade. The program focuses on teaching fundamentals and developing skills through practices and games scheduled against other local US Lacrosse teams.

For more information and signups please visit www.cincypantherslacrosse.com. Please email pantherlax4u@gmail.com or call 513.941.0399 if have a question.

SIGN-UPS SCHEDULED TO CLOSE ON DECEMBER 2ND, 2016.



McAuley High School will hold its annual Mattress Sale on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at McAuley, located at 6000 Oakwood Ave. in College Hill. Brand new, name-brand mattress sets are up to 50% off retail. All sizes, adjustable bases, delivery and free layaway are available. Twenty-five sets will be on display in the showroom in McAuley's cafeteria. Profits from every sale directly benefit McAuley's Mom & Dad's Club, which helps with events, projects and capital improvements for McAuley. For additional information, contact dharbin65@yahoo.com.