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--TUESDAY ,NOVEMBER 10, 2009 MEMO--

TARGET DATES:

Wednesday, November 11	No School, Veterans Day Holiday
Thursday, November 12	8th Grade Graduation Pictures 9AM Scoliosis Screening 9:30 AM
Friday, November 13	1st Annual Pajama-Rama 6PM – 10PM in Gym
Saturday, November 14	Kindergarten Information Day 11AM – 12PM
Monday, November 16	1st Trimester Report Cards go home

IMPORTANT REMINDER

**Friday November 20th through Wednesday, November 25th
Parent/Teacher Conferences**

**Daycare available for those students who are registered
w/daycare**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
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Dear Parents,

The flu season has arrived. Several children have gone home sick. The most common symptoms are headache, nausea, and vomiting. If your child is not feeling well in the morning, please check for fever or other flu symptoms and keep them home. Sending children to school when they are sick increases the spread of the flu to everyone.

If someone in your home is sick with the flu, keep him/her away from the people who are not sick. Some things you can do to help a sick child at home are:

- Have them drink a lot of liquid (juice, water)
- Keep the child as comfortable as possible. Rest is important
- For fever, sore throat and muscle aches, use Motrin or Tylenol. Do not use aspirin with children or teenagers; it can cause Reye's syndrome, a life-threatening illness.
- Keep tissues and trash bag within reach of the sick person
- Be sure everyone in your home washes their hands frequently
- Contact your doctor or healthcare provider for further advice. If the ill person is having difficulty breathing or is getting worse, contact the healthcare provider right away
- Keep a closer watch on children who have asthma during the flu season as their asthma can become exacerbated with a bad cold or the flu

General precautions during the flu season are as follows:

- Teach your children to wash their hands often with soap and water for 15 seconds. Be sure to set a good example by doing this yourself.
- Teach your children to cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or by coughing into the inside of their elbow and washing their hands afterwards. Be sure to set a good example by doing this yourself.
- Teach your children to stay at least three feet away from people who are sick.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. By following a basic respiratory and hand hygiene program, we all have a better chance of experiencing a mild flu season this year.

Sincerely,
Terry Barber, Principal

Calling all Volunteers:

Do you need PPP hours? Why not volunteer for our sporting events? The Saint John the Baptist Athletic Club need volunteers for the following: door monitors and snack bar. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Nancy Clabby at 510-237-9896 or speak with any of the coaches.

PARENT – TEACHER CONFERENCES

Everyone should have received your conference schedule by now. If for some reason you did not receive one, please contact the office as soon as possible. Please check your date and time and send back your confirmation slip to the classroom teacher as soon as possible. If there are conflicts please let the teachers know and adjustments will be considered. It is important that families are punctual as all conferences are back-to-back and one delay can disrupt the schedule. Conference time is an opportunity where teachers and parents share progress, goals and concerns. **Daycare will be available for all students who are registered with daycare.**

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

We will be celebrating the Day of the Dead or Dia de los Muertos, all of November. An altar will be set up in the hallway with pictures and mementos of our deceased relatives and friends. Students may bring photos or artifacts of their deceased relatives to school at any time and place them on the table. Please label your photo or article with your students name and grade.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE RULES

For the safety of the children, **all students who are not picked up by 3:00 p.m. will be taken to Extended Care.** It is unsafe to have students alone outside the locked gates waiting for parents to pick them up. If you arrive after 3:00 p.m., please go to Extended Care to pick up your children as all gates and doors will be locked at that time. **Parents need to get out of their cars and personally sign their children out of Extended Care.** Please also remember the rules of safety and respect for others when picking up or dropping off your children in the parking lot. Please remember, if you arrive in the morning after 8:05, the gate will be locked in the back of the school. You must bring your child to the front of the school and check him/her in at the office. **Do not drop your child off at the back gate. The gate gets locked at 8:05 after morning assembly.**

PLEASE REMEMBER to Drive slowly and carefully and obey the rules and procedures for dropping off and picking up children found in the St. John the Baptist School handbook. We have noticed some parents in violation of the rules about dropping off their children in the morning. **Please remember to be respectful to others and not have your music blasting with inappropriate words when you are in the parking lot.** We have had some complaints from parents. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration in these safety issues

EXTENDED CARE REMINDER

Daycare payments need to be taken to the school office by the 10th of each month. After the 10th a late charge will be added. If you have any questions, please contact Rita Caramagno (510) 234-1797.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our Christmas Fair is fast approaching. Raffle tickets are on sale for items donated from participating vendors. There are sure to be a variety of wonderful prizes that are sure to be exciting. Perhaps there's a prize/gift for that special someone!!! Our grand prize is a Romantic getaway at "Golden Haven Hot Springs Spa & Resort" in Calistoga, California. Don't miss your chance to win. You need not be present to win this or any other prize. All money collected from the raffle will go toward helping St. John's School. I'll have more details/photos on additional raffle prizes in the coming days. If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact Geseell Grant @ 510 235-5859.

AGAPE IS DECEMBER 2nd

You should have received your invitation to attend Agape on **Wednesday, December 3rd**. The Agape committee hopes you can join them for an evening of caroling, good food and good times. Because of the popularity of this event, seating is limited. Reservations are required and will be granted on a "First Come, First Serve" basis. So turn in your RSVP today!! We are also looking for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Frances Williams at 510-384-8203 or Christopher Johnson (510) 620-9557. Hope to see you there!

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

If there is anything that you want to go in the weekly Tuesday memo, it must be E-mailed or given to the office no later than the Friday before. If given later than that it will not go out until the following Tuesday memo. If you have any questions, Please call the Secretary, Karen Brown @ (510) 234-2244

Remember Safe Environment for Children

All volunteers in a school must take the on-line Safe Environment for Children course every two years. If you are a new parent to the school you must take the on-line course before volunteering in the classroom, go on a field trip. Please go to www.shieldthevulnerable.org to complete the course. If you do not have access to the Internet, you may use the computers in the lab. Please call the office at 234-2244 to make an appointment.

T-SHIRT SALES

SPECIAL OFFER FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER: Green T-Shirts are now on sale for \$12.00 each any size. White T-Shirts go for \$15.00 each any size. ORDERS ARE ALWAYS PREPAID. Order forms are available at the PTG Bulletin Board and School Office. Please make the check payable to St. John PTG. Please email stjohnschool@gmail.com or call Lisa Lee at 510.799.9155 for all inquiries.

PAJAMA RAMA-SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for some family fun on **Friday, November 13** for our first ever Pajama Rama. It will be at the school gym from 6:30 PM. to 10:30 PM. **ATTENDANCE IS FREE.** Attire will be PJs and slippers. Bring your pillow, money for snacks, and your operatic voice to sing karaoke. There will also be movies, story time and a slipper contest.

Need PPP hours?

The Agape Committee and Endowment Committee need your help to stuff envelopes and make phone calls. Please contact Frances Renty Williams at 510-384-8203 or Rachel Epperson at 510-223-3956.

GOT PINE CONES?

The Agape Committee is looking for pine cones. If you happen to live by a pine tree we would love to have a couple of bags of pine cones. Please drop them off at the office or with Frances Renty Williams. Questions? Feel free to give her a call 510-384-8203.

Little Lions Pre-K/ Kindergarten classes during 9:30 Mass

Attention Parents of 3-5 year old children.

There is a wonderful program for your child especially geared to their age and energy level.

There is no charge for St. John's Kindergarten Students. If you can, we ask for a \$35 donation for the whole year.

Classes meet every Sunday except Holiday weekends.

We welcome Confirmation Students help as Class Room Assistants.

Please Call Pam Vincent @ 510-233-6486 or 510-507-8694

Women's Night Out

Sponsored by St. John's Women's Covenant Group

Do to the recent economic challenges families are facing, the **St. John the Baptist Church Women's Covenant Group** would like to offer some relief.

A Night of Free Fellowship & Fun

Thursday November 19, 6:00-10:00 p.m.
St. John's Community Center
(At the Corner of Gladys & Lexington Streets,
El Cerrito, 94530)

Activities will include the following:

Food: Appetizers and Desserts
(Feel free to bring something to share if you wish)
Drinks will be provided

Their Angels (Notecards available to write letters to
be included in packages to be sent to support our troops)

Line Dancing Class 7:00-9:00 p.m
(Classes will be taught by local instructor Aimee Haire)

R.s.v.p. to Pam Vincent @ 510-507-8694
Email: pamelangel3@yahoo.com

ALTAR SERVERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND ARE:

Saturday, November 14	5:00 PM Mass ~Shawna Barrios
Sunday, November 15	8:00 AM Mass ~Gabrielle DeLaTorre
	9:30 AM Mass ~Jacob Shafer
	11:00 AM Mass ~Eric Pena
	12:30 PM Mass ~Devin Virassammy / Francisco Fernandez

If you cannot serve, please get a substitute, thanks.