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## --TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 MEMO--

### **TARGET DATES:**

Wednesday, September 2	2pm Dismissal, Free Dress for everyone School Board Meeting 7pm Athletic Club Meeting in Science Rm @ 7pm
Thursday, September 3	Gift Wrap Kick-off
Friday, September 4	Minimum Day, 12noon Dismissal, Free Dress w/purchased pass Student Government Liturgy 9:30am in church

### **Book Fair starts. Please see schedule below for available times**

Monday, September 7	No School, Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday, September 8	Back To School Night 6:30pm in Gym (Parents only), Book Fair
Friday, September 18	Elementary Staff Day, <b>No School</b>
Sunday, September 20	Parish Festival 11am in San Pablo yard

### **Monday, September 21 – Wednesday, September 30 ITBS TESTING (Grades 2 – 8)**

Saturday, September 26 - 27	Church Brazilian Festival
Wednesday, September 30	Free Dress for September Birthdays or Earned Pass
Friday, October 2	Blessing of the Animals in the school yard @ 2:15 pm Liturgy in church @ 9:30am
Saturday, October 3	St. John's Church English Tea
Sunday, October 4	School Liturgy in church

### **From the Principal**

On Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate our first school liturgy. On this day we will celebrate our dedicated teachers, staff and wonderful students. Our school is very blessed to have such loving, dedicated people on staff, that give so much of their time and talent to support the children of St. John the Baptist School. Your children are educated by a professional group of people who often go the extra mile to ensure that the children receive the support and recognition they need to become happy, well-rounded individuals. As Catholic educators, our primary concern is to create a school atmosphere where everyone can discover and nurture the image of God in one another. Through their modeling, love, affirmation, faith, prayer and creativity, our teachers and staff accomplish this end. For this we are ever grateful and bless them in this special ministry.

We have two more new staff members, Mr. JM Mercado as our music teacher and Mrs. Beba Molinar as our second grade teacher's assistant. Mr. Mercado has taught music for many years and was formerly St. John Parish's children's choir director. Mrs. Molinar has been in education for 14 years as a teacher's assistant and as a teacher. We welcome both Mr. Mercado and Mrs. Molinar to our St. John family. We are blessed to have such talented people as part of our staff.

Remember, Back to School Night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. You will hear from members of the School Board, PTG, and Athletic Board. You will also visit your child's classroom and meet your child's teacher. Each classroom teacher will give a short presentation on the year's curriculum and classroom expectations. Please make sure you attend this very important meeting.

It is the sincere wish of the St. John teaching community that we continue to grow together as a community of faith. Your parent involvement in your children and within the school is much appreciated. Without your support and affirmation we would not be the wonderful school that we are. Thank you for your support and God bless you in your ministry as parents.

Sincerely,  
Terry Barber, Principal

## **Remember Safe Environment for Children**

All volunteers in a school must take the on-line Safe Environment for Children course every two years. This year, all **new parents** of the school and **anyone who did not take the course last year**, must take the on-line course before volunteering. Please go to [www.shieldthevulnerable.org](http://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. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**

Tuesday September 8, 2009 is back to school night. It will begin with refreshments at 6:30PM followed by a short presentation in the auditorium at 7:00PM. Parents will be invited to classrooms where the teachers will present their program, goals, and expectations for the year. It is an opportunity for the parents to meet teachers, visit the classrooms and get to know and/or renew friendships. The evening event is for **ADULTS ONLY PLEASE**. Childcare is not provided. As the evening gets darker it is hazardous to have children in the playground with so many cars coming and going. It can also be very distracting for parents and staff when children are playing and making noise in the yard adjacent to the classrooms. For parents who have no alternative but to bring children, please make sure that your child is with you at all times both in the auditorium and in the classroom. Thank you.

## **TUESDAY MEMO AND ENVELOPE**

Every Tuesday the oldest child of the family attending St. John's will receive a Tuesday Envelope. Inside will contain the latest Tuesday Memo and any other flyers or information that you as parents should be kept up to date on. The Day Care bill is an example. It is very important that the contents be removed, the envelope signed and returned with your child to school as soon as possible as this envelope is used for the whole school year. This is the main source of school information for you as parents. If the envelope is lost there will be a \$5.00 charge to replace it and there are always extra copies of all papers in the office.

## **REMINDER**

**Make sure that all forms in your registration packet are completed and returned to the school office immediately. All updated forms should be on file Now, Thank you.**

## **GIFT WRAP**

Our First fundraiser, Gift-wrap, will kick-off on Thursday, September 3. **This is a major fundraising event for the school so please make an effort to participate. The school needs your participation. If your family collects \$125 in gift-wrap sales you will have fulfilled your 5 mandatory "major event" PPP hours for the year. (1PPP hour = \$25 in sales. Please see the school handbook to see other ways to fulfill this commitment).**



**SELL!!! SELL!!! SELL!!! SELL!!!**

**SUPPORT THE FUNDRAISER, SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION**

## **PPP NEWS**

To families who have not submitted their signed PPP contract, please turn in your contracts as soon as possible. You will not get credit for any hours that you have earned until your contract is received. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office. Thank you.

## **FREE DRESS**

On Friday, September 4th, students who have purchased a pass are allowed to wear free dress. The form to purchase free dress passes are available in the office. Free Dress is also allowed only on the first Wednesday of each month and on days that are designated on the monthly calendars. Simple, neat, and becoming attire is expected. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### **IMPORTANT HEALTH NEWS**

1. Students who need medication during school hours must have a **Request For Medication To Be Taken During School Hours form**, signed by Doctor and parent, on file in the office. A copy of the form is available in the office. NO STUDENT WILL BE GIVEN MEDICATION WITHOUT ONE.
2. All new students (including all kindergarteners) must have on file in the school office, **a report of health examination signed by your physician and a copy of the student's updated immunization record including TB test information and up-dated Physical information**. If you have an appointment scheduled already, the office needs to have a copy of the paper work to have on file.
3. All entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade students must have submitted an updated immunization record which show documents completion of the Hepatitis B series and two MMR shots.

**California State law requires the submission of these items to the school office immediately or your child may be excluded form school attendance.**

### **Book Fair Announcement September 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Destination: Book Fair! Join us this September 4 through 13th for the Fall Book Fair. The book fair features your favorite titles from Scholastic including the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series, and *Zoobreak*, the second story in the *Swindle* series. All proceeds from the bookfair support our school's fundraising goals, and promote reading.

Fall Book Fair Itinerary

Friday: Faculty and Student Preview

Tuesday: Back to School Night Special – Purchase 3 or more books between 6 and 9 p.m. and you'll be entered in our drawing for a book fair shopping spree!

Wednesday – Friday: Sale Times To Be Announced – Watch for posters with details

Thursday: Family Night – Join us for a special event from 6 to 8 p.m.

Sunday: Last Chance Sunday Sales

Visit our book fair website for more details at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/sjbec>.  
Want to earn PPP Hours? Volunteer to help out with the book fair! Contact Angela Charles at 510.685.1279 or [angelamcharles@mac.com](mailto:angelamcharles@mac.com) or via Naomi, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.



**BOOKS TO BUY, BOOKS TO READ, BOOKS TO GIVE, BOOKS TO ENJOY**

**READ!!!! READ!!!! READ!!!!, READ!!!! READ!!!! READ!!!!**

### **CROSS COUNTRY SEASON – 2009 - 2010**

Attention all runners! Cross country season has started. This sport is open to all grades: K-8th. Practices are on Monday and Wednesday's 5 pm - 6 pm. Cost is \$35 per runner. If you are interested in participating, all you have to do is come to practice with your running shoes on. All runners **MUST** have their Health Authorization and Conduct Agreement Forms completed before they are able to participate. Forms can be downloaded from the CYO website @ [www.oaklandcyo.org](http://www.oaklandcyo.org) - click on "downloadable CYO forms". Last day to sign up is Wednesday Sept 9th. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or email me: Mark Molinar, cell: 510-932-1051 or email: [socwkrman@comcast.net](mailto:socwkrman@comcast.net)

## **MUSE**

M.U.S.E. (Musical Understanding Through Sound Education) offers band classes for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders to more than 20 schools in the Bay Area. Students take weekly group lessons taught by qualified band instructors. Jan Klimala is the band instructor for St. John. She holds both Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Music Education is thrilled to be back for her second year at St. John. We had a good, but small group of band students last year and are hoping that we can increase the number of students this year. So, if you know anyone who might be interested in the band program, please encourage them to join. We will be holding a "Jump Start" Instrumental Rental night to give students and parents the opportunity to learn more about our program and try out different instruments. This will be held at St. Jerome in El Cerrito on Tuesday, Sept. 8 from 6-8 p.m. Best Music of Oakland will be bringing instruments for students to try and you can rent one right on the spot at a very reasonable rate. MUSE Faculty will also be available to answer questions. Band classes are held every Tuesday with our first class on Sept. 8. Classes are at 10:30-11:15 and 11:15 – 12:00, on a rotating basis. If you would like to contact the instructor, please send an email to [janklimala@aol.com](mailto:janklimala@aol.com). For more information on the M.U.S.E. Band Program and to register online, please go to the website at [www.museband.com](http://www.museband.com).

## **PARISH FESTIVAL, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH**

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, Sept. 20th. That's the weekend of our Parish Festival, St. John the Baptist's major fund-raising event of the year. Tickets are on sale at the rectory (232-5659) for the buffet dinner. The Sunday festival will feature children's carnival games, an international food booth and live entertainment. It is a fun event for the whole family. We look forward to seeing all the old and new faces of our St. John's families.

## **ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ENGLISH TEA, OCTOBER 3**

The sixth annual St. John's *English Tea* will be Saturday, October 3 at 1:30 p.m. in the courtyard between the church and school auditorium. Don't miss this special, elegant event featuring homemade traditional tea sandwiches, scones and assorted sweets. Donation is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and under. Contact Roberta Montgomery at (510) 237-5293 or [rjm2343@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rjm2343@sbcglobal.net) for your reservations by September 30. No reservations will be available on the day of the tea. Money obtained helps support St. John's parish and its sister parish in Haiti. Flyers are available on the table across from the school office. Wear your best hat (we cannot guarantee shade) and you may win a prize!

## **Renewal of Safeway Cards**

We are asking everyone who has Safeway Club cards to register them @ [escr.com](http://escr.com). By registering your card the school will get additional funds throughout the school. If you register your card last year you will still to need renew your card. The deadline to renew is NOV. 1<sup>st</sup>. Any question please call Catherine Zaragoza 510-222-4925

## **BOX TOPS & CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS**

Please save the Box Tops for Education coupon & Campbell's soup labels throughout the school year. Enclosed in Tuesday envelope are flyers that show the eligible products. Results will be posted monthly in the Tuesday memo on how much has been turned in. Any questions please call Catherine Zaragoza 510-222-4925