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## --TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2009 MEMO--

### **TARGET DATES:**

**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

### **Remember Safe Environment for Children**

All volunteers in a school must take the on-line Safe Environment for Children course every three years. If you are a new parent to the school you 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.

### **Blessing of the Animals**

In honor of the feast of St. Francis, we will have a blessing of the animals ceremony on Friday, October 2nd. You may bring your animals to be blessed. Children may bring small pets to school only if they are in a cage and do not make any noise. Parents can bring larger animals, such as dogs or cats, to school at 2:15 p.m. Please have all cats in cages or boxes and all dogs on leashes. The blessing of the animals ceremony will take place at 2:15 p.m. After the ceremony, parents may take their pets and children home.

### **SAFETY NEWS**

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. Please also remember the rules of safety and respect for others when picking up or dropping off your children in the parking lot. **When you are dropping your child off in the morning, please remember the rules. You must park your car either on the street at the curb or in the parking lot. Please do not double park on Kearney St. and let your child out in the middle of the street. It is very unsafe for you and your child, it is against the rules of the school and it backs up the heavy traffic flow on Kearney St. 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. The small parking lot behind the church is not to be used for dropping off children in the school. Parishioners use that for morning Mass. Please respect the Church and our fellow parishioners.** Please see your handbook, if you need additional information. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration in these safety issues.

### **DAYCARE NEWS**

Please bring your payments directly to the school office and not through the Tuesday envelope. The payments are hard to see in the envelopes and they sometimes get overlooked. Payments must be received by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month or a \$10.00 late fee will be assessed. Payments dated by the 10<sup>th</sup>, but received later than the due date will be assessed the late fee. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Rita the Daycare director.

### **KEARNEY STREET YARD**

After the morning assembly, please remember to move your cars off of the Kearney street yard. P.E. starts soon after and the yard needs to be used for the morning P.E. classes. Thank you.

### **CHILDRENS CHOICE – HOT LUNCHES**

Children's Choice is our provider of fresh, homemade lunches. In addition to the entrée, which must be ordered online by 9 am the school day before, the meal comes with cut up fruit, vegetable, snack and drink. Students get to choose from a huge selection of nutritious and healthy items! **There is no ala carte ordering for just a snack, but milk tickets may be purchased online when you want to pack a lunch from home, and have a cold drink ready for your student at school!**

All of the Children's Choice items are trans-fat free, nut free and allergen and nutritional information is available on their website "<http://www.choicelunch.com>". Simply go to "<http://www.choicelunch.com>" and enter 'JohnBaptist' as the registration code. **You can order as little or as much as you want but no cash will be accepted at lunch time, all orders must be placed online.**

### **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 and anyone who did not take it 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. This must be completed by October 31, 2009. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **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.

### **OFFICE REMINDER**

The office still has not received all registration papers. These papers need to be filled out every year. If you received a second set of papers, please fill them out and return **ASAP** to the office. Thank you for your quick attention to this matter.

### **MISSING SWEATSHIRT**

Someone accidentally removed my daughter's brand new sweatshirt from the kindergarten classroom on Tuesday, Sept. 15th. It may have been put into the lost and found bin by accident, but it is not currently there. The sweatshirt is a blue St. John's sweatshirt in a size YS. It has a hood, but does not have a zipper. The name "Mallory" is written in purple felt pen on the tag. If your child accidentally ended up with this one, I would be very grateful if you turned it into the kindergarten teacher. Thank you! Megan

### **SCHOOL EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST**

Aside from the school website, we send reminders of current and upcoming school events and other information via our school email. If you would like to participate and receive information on current and upcoming activities, **please email [stjohnschool@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnschool@gmail.com)** and request to add you to the list. Thank you very much! Lisa

### **CHOIR**

Do you go to mass every Sunday? Do you want to be involved during the mass? Do you like to sing and want to join a choir? Well join the Youth Choir, we sing for the 9:30mass every Sunday. Come try it out and see how you feel. If you play an instrument and want to be involved at mass you are also invited to join. The Youth Choir practices are on Wednesdays at 7:30pmin the Church. Anyone is welcome to join the choir, if you are interested come to the rehearsals or contact Andy Gutierrez by email at [tg\\_723@yahoo.com](mailto:tg_723@yahoo.com). Hope to see you there!!! *Andy G*

**MESSAGE FROM THE GIFT WRAP CHAIRPERSON:**

For those still interested in ordering Gift Wrap, it can be done online all year round. St. John's still gets credit for every item ordered but it doesn't count towards the prizes for the child (ordering done past the 9/21/09 deadline). Please note that the online catalog does have more items to choose from as well. Any order placed over \$60.00 is free shipping (**EXCEPT PERSONALIZED ITEMS AND CANDY.**)  
Thanks, *Casey White*

**ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S COVENANT GROUP**

Are you looking to learn a little more about the Psalms? Here's a simple study for you to do on your own with this little 80 page book. The St. John's Women's Covenant Group will continue their study for the fall with, "Psalms An Invitation To Prayer" by Kevin Perrotta, from Loyola Press. The group meets Wednesdays in the St. John's community Center from approximately 12 until 2 p.m. For more information call Pam Vincent at 510-233-6486.

**ALTAR SERVICES FOR NEXT WEEKEND ARE:**

<b>Saturday, September 26</b>	5:00 PM Mass ~ Peter Sekona / Francisco Fernandez
<b>Sunday, September 27</b>	8:00 AM Mass ~ Eric Pena
	9:30 AM Mass ~ Jacob Shafer
	11:00 AM Mass ~ Oshani Gunasekara / Onalli Gunasekara
	12:30 PM Mass ~ Matt Kelley

If you cannot serve, please find substitute