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## --TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 , 2009 MEMO--

### **TARGET DATES:**

Friday, September 18                      Elementary Staff Day, **No School**  
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

### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents,

The first week of school has been exciting! Students say that they are fascinated with all the new things they are learning in class. They are also happy to be with their friends and are thrilled with their new teachers. The new school year is certainly off to a good start.

As you know, we have three student learning expectations at St. John the Baptist School. Our Student Learning Expectations are what we want all St. John students to be when they graduate. All curriculum and school activities are geared toward helping each student reach the following student learning expectations.

#### **St. John the Baptist School Student Learning Expectations**

##### **We are Christian Leaders who:**

- We live our faith
- Study our religions traditions and teachings
- Participate in liturgy
- Live by Jesus' example and show compassion and understanding for all God's people and creation

##### **We are Academic Achievers who:**

- Excel academically
- Are prepared for the challenges of high school and beyond
- Do our best every day
- Learn inside and outside the classroom
- Share our learning and help each other learn
- Are Confident
- Communicate clearly, openly, and honestly

##### **We are Responsible Citizens who:**

- Are active in our community and in our world
- Are connected by faith, family, friends, and community
- Celebrate diversity
- Respect all people
- Are courteous and thoughtful
- Meet deadlines and arrive on time
- Work to make our world a better place through prayer and action

We will continue to incorporate our Student Learning Expectations into our school environment and improve school climate. A conflict resolution/discipline with purpose program will be incorporated into the curriculum. In addition, we will also complete a plan for integrating technology more fully into the

Thank you for all you do for St. John the Baptist. Your cooperation and participation in school activities plays an important role in making St. John's such a wonderful school community.

Sincerely,  
Terry Barber, Principal

### **St. John the Baptist School Handbook**

By now you have all received your school handbook. Please read it with your child/ren and sign and return the sign off sheet found on the second page of the handbook. All students who return the form stating they have read and understand the contents of the handbook by Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> will receive a free dress pass from Mrs. Barber. Also included in the handbook is a Refusal to Authorize Use of Student Images form. **If you do not want your child's photograph on the school web site, school publications, or advertisements,** please sign the Refusal to Authorize Use of Student Image found on the front sheet of the handbook. Your child's image may be used if we do not receive a Refusal to Authorize Image form.

**Birthday Free Dress: noted on monthly calendar. It will say Birthday Free Dress**

**Free Dress with Pass: noted on monthly calendar. It will say Free Dress w/purchased pass**

### **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 new families 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.

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.

### **REMINDER**

Make sure that **ALL** forms in your registration packet are completed and returned to the school office immediately. All updated forms must be on file by Friday, **September 11**, Thank you.

### **GIFT WRAP**

Our First fundraiser, Gift-wrap, kicked-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. (please see the school handbook to see other ways to fulfill this commitment).

### **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.

### **IMPORTANT HEALTH ISSUES**

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 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.**

### **MUSE**

Registration for MUSE classes is open. For more information call 1-800-233-6873 or email at [info@museband.com](mailto:info@museband.com), or look at their website at [www.museband.com](http://www.museband.com)

both in the auditorium an in the classroom. Thank you.

### **A Friendly Reminder**

Parents, after the bell rings in the morning, please remember to remove your cars from the Kearney St. yard. PE Classes start in the morning and they cannot do their class with the cars left in the parking lot. Thank you for your quick attention to this matter.

### **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!!!!**

## **NO APPLES FOR STUDENT**

The Apples for Student program sponsored by LUCKY has been discontinued. Please do not send any LUCKY receipt to the office. When shopping at LUCKY please use your SHARE card so the school will get 4% of your purchase. If you need extra SHARE cards they are available in the school office. Any questions please call Catherine Zaragoza 510-222-4295.

## **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!

### **ALTAR SERVICES FOR NEXT WEEKEND ARE:**

<b>Saturday, September 12</b>	5:00 PM Mass ~ Devin Virassammy / Peter Sekona
<b>Sunday, September 13</b>	8:00 AM Mass ~Matt Kelley
	9:30 AM Mass ~ Sammy Pajuleras / Francisco Fernandez
	11:00 AM Mass ~ Ariana Alonzo
	12:30 PM Mass ~Eric Pena

Please find an alternate if you are not able to serve.