

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL
RAIDER REVIEW, OCTOBER 19TH, 2023

Dear St. John's Families,

You are receiving this newsletter today, on a Thursday, instead of on Fridays in hopes that you have more time to read it! Coming to your inbox on a Friday at 4:00 was probably not very conducive to absorbing all the information 😊 So let's try Thursdays!

We are so proud of our students, teachers, and the work they all do every day! Enjoy learning more about our school days 😊

Strong in Faith,

Mrs. Voors



All Schools Mass: It was so very beautiful to see hundreds of young people, perfectly behaved and so reverant during Mass on October 16th.

Fr. Mark Gurtner (pictured) accepted our gifts of food items from St. John's represented by the basket presented by one of our 4th grade Saints!

Many thanks go out to our several parents who volunteered to drive and chaperone all of our 3rd through 8th grade students. Thank you for your vigilance!



Another special thank you to our 4th grade parents and Mrs. Busch for helping our 4th graders select and create their Saints costumes for the Mass and a few more activities to come. May the Lord grant that they and all of us do indeed become Saints in the glory of Heaven!



NCEA National Day of Giving ~ St. John the Baptist, New Haven!: If you would like to give to St. John's Catholic School in thanksgiving perhaps for your own education here, for your child's, or your grandchild's, please consider Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to

Catholic Schools. St. John's will have its own dedicated page that you can share with others. This is a 24-hour period of giving online to help support our Mission of bringing a Catholic Education to our students. **Our link will go live to accept donations at 12 PM (noon) ET on Tuesday, November 14 and expire at 12 PM (noon) ET on Wednesday, November 15.**



Grandparents' Day, 2023: Plans are in the works for this very special day! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 21st. Look for more details coming soon!



Morning Drop-Off Request: It is for the safety of our students and others that families drop off their children in front of the school (east side facing the church) near Door #1 from **within the car line**.

Please refrain from parking on the south side of the school to let your children out to the sidewalk. We have students and staff walking from Daycare in the Parish Activity Center across the parking lot to the school. Please do your part to protect our students and staff. Their safety is worth the few extra minutes it takes to drive through the car line.



School Uniform Update: Shorts and skorts **are not** allowed October 15 through April 15. *Girls may wear a plaid, navy blue or khaki skirt but there must be leggings complimentary to the uniform colors worn under it. This is an update to our current Handbook language on Dress Code.*



SO MUCH FUN!!: While I was happy I didn't have wheels under my feet, our students seemed to have a great time at the Skating Party at Bell's on Tuesday! And hopefully you had some yummy pizza from our New Haven Pizza Hut.

QUESTION: Did you leave something behind at Bell's? If so, please reach out to us to describe and retrieve your item.



Red Ribbon Week: Several fun activities are being planned, but to prepare for a special collection, here are some details: Let the competition begin! Grade Levels will be competing during the week of October 23rd to the 27th ... the grade level that collects the most pennies will receive popsicles in class!

Here's how it works: students bring pennies to put in their classroom's jar.

HOWEVER! Students from OTHER grade levels can put in **silver coins** which REMOVES that same value of pennies! **We will ONLY count the pennies!!**

At the end of the week, all funds will be donated to a worthy organization. Additionally, [here is a beautiful flier](#) that describes special activities/dress for each day

along with scripture that reminds us of God's call to care for others and self.



Planning for Veterans' Day: We thank God for men and women whose heart is one of service to others. We join together in prayer for those Veterans past, present and future who choose this life of service. Let's starting thinking about November 11th:

If you are a veteran or know a veteran who would like to receive cards from the school kids for Veterans Day, please email your information/address to kegibson1341@gmail.com by November 1st and we will send them cards in the mail.

We will have a special ceremonial recognition of our local Veterans during our **all-school Mass on Friday, November 10th, with Mass beginning at 8:10. All Veterans and their families are invited to celebrate the Eucharist with our school family.** At the end of Mass, Mr. Crisp and Mr. Parr will be demonstrating a Flag-Folding ceremony while an 8th grader reads the story of the procedure. Mrs. Andorfer will also lead our Liturgical Choir students in a special song.



Home & School Association, aka, HASA: Many thanks to the HASA Steering Committee for the many hours and effort to create fundraising events, social activities, and special events for our school community! You are invited to help make easy work by joining together for the sake of our students.

If you would like to volunteer in any way, please contact [Lila Cooper](#) to learn how!!

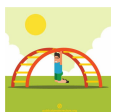
Upcoming events:

October: Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 22nd from 4:00 to 5:30 in the back parking lot depending on the weather.

November: Soul Cakes, November 2nd

Fundraiser Fun!: Students are invited to wear a school-appropriate hat on the following dates as a simple **fundraiser for HASA!** *Hats are not to be shared with others, and teachers reserve the right to ask for it to be removed at any time.* The "fee" is \$1!

December 4 /// February 12 /// April 15



Recess Monitors Needed, PLEASE!!: **Did you know this is a paid position? \$10 per hour! That's Christmas funding!! Why are we asking?**

To provide a safe place for our students to play and socialize. Additionally, our teachers and I are helping at recess to fill supervision as needed. We would love to have parent participation in service to our students AND teachers!

We have a few more opportunities for parents/parishioners to help us keep our kids safe during recess on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, 10:50 to 12:20. We will be outside whenever possible, even through the winter months. Sometimes we are in the gym, and sometimes in the classrooms. If you have a little time you can give on any of these days, please let [Mrs. Voors](#) or [Mrs. Wyss](#) know!



A few changes in our calendar regarding EACS bus service for the school year.

[Updated Calendar as of Oct. 12](#)



BISHOP LUERS HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Upcoming Events:

Bourbon and Bags Bingo – Saturday, October 28. Doors open/food served at 6:30pm. Game starts at 7:30pm. Join us for a night of games, food, and fun! Save the date...registration opening soon.

BLHS Open House – Thursday, November 9, 6pm-8pm. Come see what Bishop Luers High School is all about! Meet our teachers, staff, and students, take a tour, and learn more about our sports and clubs. Experience our Luers Spirit!

Henry-Keefer Scholarship/Placement Exam for 8th graders will be held on Sat. November 11 and Sat. December 2 at Bishop Luers High School, from 8:30am-11:30am.