



SAINT JOHN
SCHOOL

Parent Newsletter

April 2025



MISSION STATEMENT

As Heralds of the Gospel, Saint John School seeks to bring light and truth to PK-12 students in Ashtabula County and beyond through its commitment to educating the whole person by developing scholarship, deepening faith and inspiring leadership in the Catholic tradition.

A Note from the President

I have recently heard accounts of people, I know on a casual basis that made me realize, what we see on the exterior, is not what they carry within. This is not a new revelation. But it came back to me when recent situations came to light. It is easy to believe that the lot we carry is hard, then we see what challenges others have and suddenly my life is much better than I realized. One of the lessons my Mom left me with is to believe that "All Will Be Well." Mom had a deep trust in God and knew that God would provide. She wasn't naive, she had seen hardships - she left for America with my Dad, three small children and expecting another in less than three months, with 3 gold coins to her name - but she never lost Hope.

Hope at times is difficult to cling to. Pain, grief and broken relationships can make hope seem distant. When we experience injustice or face difficulty, we tend to focus on what is broken rather than looking for the good around us. Hope requires patience and that waiting can be exhausting. This is difficult for all of us but often students have a hard time because they have less life experiences.

Hope does not mean denying reality. Hope challenges us to accept our brokenness. The Japanese believe that every piece of art should contain some type of imperfection. Imperfection adds to the beauty of the piece.

Hoping, in fact, is not a mere act of optimism, like when we sometimes hope to pass an exam ("Let's hope we make it") or when we hope for good weather for the trip out of town on a Sunday in the spring ("Let's hope for good weather"). No, hoping is waiting for something that has already been given to us: God's love. But like any gift, hope needs to be accepted and cultivated. If given a seed as a gift, it will die unless it is watered and nurtured. If we have a musical gift, we must practice or we will never advance as a musician.

At school, hope has been the focus of our Lenten reflections. It is our prayer that the abiding hope of Jesus remains with all of us. This does not end because Lent is drawing to a close. There are less than 10 weeks left in the 2025-2026 school year. May we take advantage of this time to nurture hope in one another.

Sr. Maureen

Ps. If you have time, Google the story of the song, "All Will Be Well" and how it came to be. It will inspire hope.

HERALDS LEAD

PTO Meeting

PTO will meet on Tuesday, April 1 at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria.

Parent Ambassadors Meeting

The next Parent Ambassadors Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 1 at 8:00 am.

Easter Egg Hunt

This year's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 19 at 10:00 am for students in grades PK-2. A registration/sign link will be sent to families.

Shadowing

Shadowing for potential students entering grades 5-12 is by appointment on April 4, 15 and 24th. Please contact Mr. Corlew at kcorlew@sjheralds.org or 440-997-5531 ext. 226.

Lottery Dress Down

This month, Lottery Dress Down Day will be Friday, April 25.

NO SCHOOL

Easter Break will begin on Friday, April 18 through Monday, April 21. School will resume on Tuesday, April 22.

Cap and Gown Pictures Class Of 2025

Ripcho Studios will be at school on Tuesday, April 8 to take pictures of the Class of 2025. They take a picture in their cap and gown and a head shot. Both of these pictures are used in the yearbook. Families may order copies of the photos, especially the cap and gown photos. Boys are required to be in a white dress shirt, tie, dark pants, and dress shoes. Girls are required to be in a light-colored dress and dress shoes.

Mother Son Breakfast

Mother Son Breakfast is on Saturday, April 5. The link to RSVP is in the weekly enews.

Junie B. Jones Performance

The school play is the weekend of April 11-13. Shows will be on Friday, April 11, Saturday, April 12 at 7:00 pm and Sunday April 13 at 2:00 pm.

Cost is Adults-\$10, Students-\$5.

Jr. High Spring Fling

Junior High Spring Fling is Friday, April 25 from 6:00 -8:00 pm.

Athletic News-Athlete Survey for 25-26

Mr. Iarocci sent out a student survey to students in grades 5-11 to garner feedback in sports they are interested in participating in for 25-26. Please have students complete this. Some have said the email went to spam or they did not receive it. Deadline to respond is April 8.

The links for the survey are in the weekly enews under Athletics.

St Patrick's Day Raffle

Thank you for your support of the raffle. If your family spent \$25 then students may dress down on April 14.

SGO

The deadline for tax year 2024 contributions to the Saint John SGO is April 15, 2025! Contact Mrs. Kitchen at 440-997-5531 x236 or kkitchen@sjheralds.org or visit www.sjheralds.org/support for more information.

If you are not receiving text messages, please text 67587. In the message type "Y" and hit send. You should get a confirmation text.

Tuition Assistance 2025-2026

The deadline for applying for tuition assistance is April 9. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Corlew. If you wish to be considered for assistance with student service fee or tuition you must complete the FACTS application form.

State Scholarships

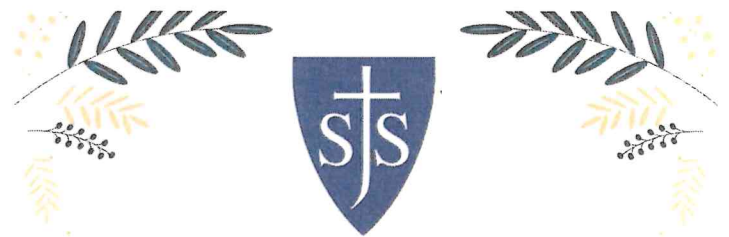
We strongly encourage you to send in your EdChoice and/or Jon Peterson renewal forms/application forms. If you have questions regarding how to complete, please contact Mrs. Hartwell. Please remember to send in a complete utility bill with your application.

Registration

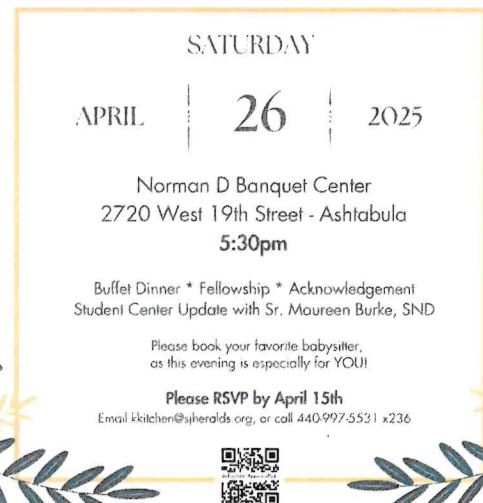
We ask that you register by the end of the month. As you are aware, many of our current grades are at or near capacity. Your registration guarantees your "seat" for 2025-2026. Last year, we spent many hours calling, texting, emailing families who did not register by the deadline. **We Will Not Do It This Year.** We will begin accepting new students April 15.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

We are blessed with the support of our parent community! Your involvement with PTO, Intramurals, Parent Ambassadors, Boosters, Lunch Volunteers and so many other activities benefits our students in countless ways. As a small measure of our appreciation, we are inviting all of our parent/guardian volunteers to an Appreciation Dinner. It will be held at Norman D Hall on Saturday, April 26. The dinner will be at 5:30 pm. There is no cost to attend. At the dinner, Sister Maureen will give an update on the building addition.



"Heralds Who Help" *Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 2025*



New ACT Dates...

Test Date
June 14, 2025

Regular Registration Deadline
May 9, 2025

Late Registration Deadline
May 26, 2025

(Late Registration Fee Required) (Photo Upload Deadline)

FEES

ACT (No Writing)	\$69.00	Standby Testing	ADD \$69.00	Additional Score Reports	ADD \$19.00
ACT Plus Writing	\$94.00	Test Option Change	ADD \$25.00		
Late Registration	ADD \$38.00	Change Fee	ADD \$44.00		

Visit www.actstudent.org for online registration and practice resources.
Students are required to upload a photo at time of registration.

SAT TESTING DATES

Test Date
May 3, 2025

Regular Registration Deadline
April 18, 2025

Late Registration Deadline
April 22, 2025

(Late Registration Fee Required)

FEES

SAT Test	\$68.00	Cancel Registration	ADD \$29.00
Late Registration	ADD \$34.00	Late Cancel Registration	ADD \$39.00
Change Registration	ADD \$30.00		

Students are required to upload a photo at time of registration.

Visit www.collegeboard.org for online registration and practice resources.

For all ACT & SAT dates, please check the school website.

SENIORS

Attention Seniors: local scholarships will start to trickle in to the Guidance office, so make sure to check your email, Google classroom, and the Guidance Office for applications.

Also, please save and turn in a copy of all college acceptance letters and scholarship award letters even if you do not plan to attend the college or accept the scholarship offer.

Learning About Business

Thinking of one day owning your own business, possibly majoring in business or just want to know more about how businesses are run? If so, check out this amazing opportunity.

Learning About Business (LAB) is a nonprofit organization that runs a week-long summer camp for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors to learn the basics of running a business from both the corporate and entrepreneurial perspectives. This total immersion, interactive business experience will be held on the campus of *Lake Erie College in Painesville, from Sunday, June 8th through Friday, June 13th, 2025.*

Local business leaders and professionals act as presenters and resources, guiding the students through six days of intense hands-on learning, competition and personal growth. Students are grouped into teams to develop and run a virtual online company - applying the lessons learned throughout the day to executive level decisions that impact their company's market share.

Students of LAB Week 2025 will earn **THREE college credits** for their participation in the program. *Learning About Business and Lake Erie College (LEC) have partnered to offer credit for LEC's Fundamentals of the Enterprise as transferable credits to any college or university. Students who successfully complete LAB Week are also eligible for a \$4,000 scholarship should they decide to attend Lake Erie College.*

Additionally, students have the opportunity to improve soft skills like interpersonal communications, strategic thinking, creative problem solving, and leadership. By the end of the week, students learn not only the basics of running a business, but also gain valuable employability skills which will give them an advantage during future job interviews.

The cost of the camp for students is only \$350 that includes room, board and materials. No qualified student is turned away, full scholarships are available for those with financial need. And new this year, we will be offering an opportunity for students to apply for a merit scholarship.

There are applications in the Guidance Office. Learning About Business has been awarded a generous grant from the Ashtabula Foundation to cover the cost of four students from Ashtabula County to participate in LAB Week 2025.

Please reach out to Marie Graf with any questions at 216-543-0071 or marie@learningaboutbusiness.org The website: <https://www.learningaboutbusiness.org/>

Buckeye Boys State - Summer 2025: June 8-15, 2025 at Miami University of Ohio. Please see the website for additional information. Website: <https://www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com/>

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CAMPUS MINISTRY CORNER



April 3rd - Grades 7-12 will be offered the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

April 8th - Pro-Life T-Shirt Day. If your child purchased a Pro-Life T-shirt, they may dress down in the shirt.

April 9th - Each student will receive Palms and some classes will be partaking in a project of making crosses with them.

April 11th - Junior Class Retreat. Please keep them in your prayers as they strengthen their faith journey.

April 15th - Chrism Mass at the Youngstown Cathedral.

April 17th - Holy Thursday Prayer Service—Stations of the Cross at 1:30pm in the high school gym.

April 26th - Ashtabula Right to Life March from the Mya Center to St. Joseph Church at 10:30 am.

April 28th- Eagle of the Cross Award ceremony at the Youngstown Cathedral at 6:00 pm.

Lenten Projects

Grades 7-12 will be hosting a Penny War from April 1st through the 8th. The class that collects the most points wins a dress down day!!!!

The Heifer Project for grades PK-6 will end on April 17th. Thank you to all who donated to this project.

Activity Calendar

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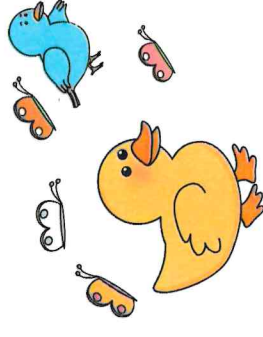
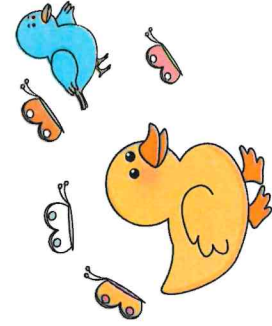


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Parent Ambassadors Meeting - 8:00 am PTO Meeting 6:00 pm	2 4th Grade Field Trip	3 Grades 7-12 Reconciliation	4	5 Mother/Son Breakfast 10:00 am
6	7 Grade 10 Field Trip	8 Pro-life T-shirt Day Class of 2025 Cap & Gown Pictures - 8:00 am	9	10	11 Grade 11 Retreat Junie B. Jones School Performance 7:00 pm	12 Junie B. Jones School Performance 7:00 pm
13 Junie B. Jones School Performance 2:00 pm	14 Music Field Trip Dress Down if spent \$25 or more in the St. Patrick's Day Raffle	15 Chrism Mass Youngstown Cathedral	16	17 Holy Thursday Prayer Service 1:30 pm	18 Good Friday NO SCHOOL	19 Easter Egg Hunt Grades PK-2 10:00 am
20 Easter Sunday	21 NO SCHOOL	22	23	24	25 Lottery Dress Down Day Spring Fling Grades 7-8 6:00 pm	26 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Norman D. Banquet Center— 5:30 pm
27	28 Eagle of the Cross Award Ceremony Youngstown Cathedral	29	30			

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Lunch Menu

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Chef Salad		1 Hamburgers OR PB&J French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	2 Rigatoni Salad Roll Fruit Milk	3 Cheese Omelet Sausage Potatoes O. J. Milk	4 Cheese Pizza Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	5
6 Grilled Chicken Salad	7 Chicken Parmesan Salad Roll Fruit Milk	8 Tacos Quesadilla Corn Fruit Milk	9 Shells Salad Bread Fruit Milk	10 Chicken Nuggets Pasta Salad Carrots Fruit Milk	11 Cheese Pizza Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	12
13 Chicken BLT Salad	14 Hot Dogs Tator Tots Carrots Fruit Milk	15 Orange Chicken Brown Rice Broccoli Fruit Milk	16 Lasagna Salad Breadstick Fruit Milk	17 Pizza Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	18 NO SCHOOL	19
20 Cobb Salad	21 NO SCHOOL	22 Chef Salad Waffle Fries Corn Fruit Milk	23 Rotini Salad Roll Fruit Milk	24 Hot Italian Sub OR PB&J Baked Beans Celery & Carrots Fruit Milk	25 Pizza Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	26
27 Cranberry Apple Salad	28 Pepperoni Ball Pasta Salad Corn Fruit Milk	29 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit Milk	30 Penne Pasta Salad Bread Fruit Milk			

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