



SAINT JOHN
SCHOOL

Parent Newsletter January 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

Responsibility means examining how we take ownership of our actions insuring we fulfill our commitments. This is a good concept to consider as we begin a new calendar year.

It is common to make resolutions for the year – common ones such as losing weight, exercising, taking more time to pray – or specific ones that apply in our own personal lives.

Being responsible is not always exciting. Sometimes we characterize responsible people as boring. One of the saints that we celebrate in the month of January is St. Mariann Cope. Marianne Cope came to the United States from Germany as a young child. After attending Catholic elementary school, she was asked to go to work in a factory to help support her family, as her father had become an invalid. After her Father's death, she was free to pursue her dream of becoming a Catholic sister. She became a Franciscan Sister. Her ministry included teaching, overseeing the education of immigrants and founding the first Catholic hospital in New York.

A request from officials in Haw changed her life. The request was for her to come to care for patients who were sick – they had a disease that was known as leprosy, highly contagious. She and six other sisters went and stayed. She cared for the outcasts and made sure they were treated with kindness and dignity. She was 80 and went about caring for others until the end. No splashy headlines, no extraordinary experiences. She did the ordinary with extraordinary love. That is responsibility.

As Heralds we are challenged to be responsible:

- Responsible for using our talents to do well academically
- Responsible for taking care of one another
- Responsible for being truthful and honest
- Responsible for growing as children of God

As we usher in a new year, let us resolve to be Responsible.

HERALDS LEAD

PTO Meeting

The next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, January 7 at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria.

Parent Ambassadors Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 8:00-9:00 am and 2:45-3:45 pm in the cafeteria.

Quarter 2 Ends

The first semester (quarter 2) ends on Friday January 10. Report cards will be mailed the week of January 19.

No School

There will be no school on Monday, January 20 due to the celebration of Martin Luther King Day.

Blood Drive

Key Club is sponsoring a blood donation drive on Thursday, January 30 at 2:00 pm. Red Cross is in need of blood, please consider donating and saving a life.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is January 27 – January 31. We will celebrate Mass as a school community on Monday, January 27 at 9:45am. All are welcome to join us. Please check out the enews for more information regarding activities for the week. The activities are prepared by the Student Council and other student leaders. The funds for the activities are paid for through the Student Service Fee.

Title I Parent Meeting

On January 29 at 6:00 pm we will host a parent meeting for students in grades K-3 with information and strategies to help your children succeed in Math and ESL.

New Student Applications

New student applications for the 2025-2026 school year will be available online in mid-January. If you have any questions about the admissions process or would like to schedule a new student shadow day, please contact Mr. Keith Corlew at 440.997.5531 X 226 or kcortlew@sjheralds.org.



Midterms and Incomplete Grades

Students who have not yet completed their midterms must contact their teachers. They will receive an Incomplete (I) on their report cards until the exams have been completed. Students must schedule makeup exams with their teachers. According to the Handbook: Incomplete Grades if special circumstances exist, e.g., extended illness, a teacher may assign temporarily a grade of "Incomplete" (I) at the end of a half-term or term. A student may make up the necessary work within a time period equal to the number of days absent or two weeks, whichever is shorter. Otherwise the "Incomplete" grade becomes an "F," a failing grade. The administration reserves the right to extend the time allowed for make-up work.

Testing

NWEA MAPs will be given the week of January 13 for all students. Please note that seniors do not need to report to school until 9:20 am on January 13 & 14 due to NWEA testing. More information will follow on specific test day instructions for students and accommodations.

Saint John Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)

Do you pay Ohio income tax? Then, it's time to meet the Saint John SGO. It is like a boomerang...what you give comes back to YOU!

Overview: You can support our SJS students with scholarship assistance, AND in turn, receive a 2024 tax credit when filing your Ohio income tax.

- If you owe income tax, your contribution to the Saint John SGO satisfies your payment to the state and keeps your tax dollars local.
- If you are receiving a refund, your refund will increase by the amount you contribute. In other words, you "get your money back," AND assist Saint John students! Individuals may give up to \$750, or if filing jointly, up to \$1,500 no later than April 15, 2025.
- Please contact your tax preparer to learn more! You can also visit www.sjheralds.org or call 440-997-5531 x236 for more information.

SGO Informational Meetings

Learn more about the Saint John Scholarship Granting Organization on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 @12:00pm via Zoom (Register by emailing kkitchen@sjheralds.org) or on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 @ 6:00pm in the Cafeteria. Live stream available on Wednesday at www.sjheralds.org/student-experience/sjsbroadcast.

New ACT Dates...

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u> (Late Registration Fee Required)	<u>Standby Deadline</u> (Photo Upload Deadline)
February 8, 2025	January 3, 2025	January 20, 2025	
FEES			
ACT (No Writing)	\$69.00	Standby Testing	ADD \$69.00
ACT Plus Writing	\$94.00	Test Option Change	ADD \$25.00
Late Registration	ADD \$38.00	Change Fee	ADD \$44.00
Additional Score Reports ADD \$19.00			
Visit www.actstudent.org for online registration and practice resources.			
Students are required to upload a photo at time of registration.			

SAT TESTING DATES

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u> (Late Registration Fee Required)
March 8, 2025	February 21, 2025	February 25, 2025
FEES		
SAT Test	\$68.00	Cancel Registration
Late Registration	ADD \$34.00	Late Cancel Registration
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.

Looking Ahead:

ACT Testing for Juniors will be given on **February 25, 2025**. More information will follow on specific test day instructions for students and accommodations.

Pre-ACT Testing for Sophomores will be given on **February 25, 2025**. More information will follow on specific test day instructions for students and accommodations.

IOWA Test of Basic Skills - All 9th Graders, 10th graders who have not completed all sections of the IOWAs, and Juniors who have not completed the IOWAS will be taking the IOWA Test of Basic Skills the week of **February 10th** - this test is a graduation **requirement** for Saint John School students. To graduate students **must pass all sections** of the test.

Buckeye Girls State: American Legion Auxiliary

Are you a junior girl going into senior year and interested in learning more about how our governments work or want to add more to your resume?

Buckeye Girls State is the name given to Ohio's Girls State program, which was designed to educate Ohio's young women in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of good citizenship. By getting involved in the process, Delegates can learn more about City, County and State Government in one week than they will learn in an entire semester of high school.

The goal of the program is to help develop leadership and pride in American citizens, educate Delegates about our system of government, instill in Delegates a greater understanding of American traditions and to stimulate a desire to maintain our government process.

For more information online please check out the website at: www.buckeyegirlsstate.org

Please see Mr. Dlwgosh, Mrs. Miller or Mrs. Nooney in Guidance for additional information on how to apply.

Summer 2025 session dates June 8 - 14, 2025.

Deadline to apply is January 31, 2025.

****Stay tuned for Buckeye Boys State Information.**

Summer 2025: June 8-15, 2025 at Miami University of Ohio.

Website: <https://www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com/>

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www.sjheralds.org
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CAMPUS MINISTRY CORNER

The week of January 13th begins our "Mya Drive." Over the last five years, the Mya program has helped 691 mothers Choose Life. Our drive is to help support these mothers with items needed to raise their babies well. More information to come in the weekly e-news.

Our Catholic Schools Week Mass will be held on Monday, January 27th. **This is a dress uniform day.**

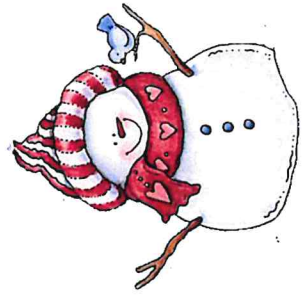
Our Catholic Schools Week "In-Service Day" for grades 7-8 will be January 28th. Here, students will be crafting necessary items for people in need through Catholic Charities.

Our Catholic Schools Week "Community Day" for grades 9-12 will be January 29th. Students will be in-service at the local charitable organizations, Grade 9 - Catholic Charities, Grade 10 -The Lantern of Saybrook, Grade 11 - Country Club Retirement Campus, Grade 12 - G.O. Ministries.

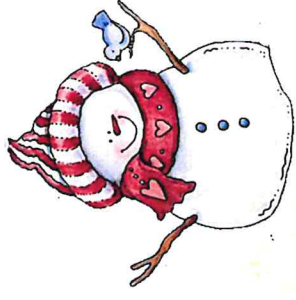
Anyone interested in receiving the Catholic Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, or Confirmation, or wish to inquire about joining the Catholic Church, please contact Dr. Wilson at awilson@sjheralds.org.


Thank you to all who donated items for our HALO project with Catholic Charities. They were overwhelmed by your generosity.

JOURNEY
OF
Faith



Activity Calendar January 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 	2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL	4
5	6 School Resumes	7 PTO Meeting 6:00 pm	8	9	10 End of Quarter 2	11
12	13 K—11 NWEA Map Testing	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 MLK Day NO SCHOOL	21 Spelling Bee	22	23	24 Lottery Dress Down	25
26 Catholic Schools Week	27 CSW Liturgy 9:45 am Dress Uniform Day	28 Grades 9-12 Excursion	29 Grades 7-8 Excursion Grades 9-12 Service Day Title Parent Meeting 6:00 pm	30 Blood Drive 2:00 pm Grades K-2 Excursion Grades 7-12 Trivia/Flag Football	31	

Calendar Subject to Change



Lunch Menu January 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL	4
5 Chef Salads	6 Toasted Cheese Tomato Soup Salad Fruit Milk	7 Hamburgers French Fries Green Beans Fruit Milk	8 Rigatoni Roll Salad Fruit Milk	9 Teriyaki Chicken Brown Rice Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Milk	10 Pizza Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	11
12 Grilled Chicken Salads	13 Pizzaburgers Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	14 Tacos Quesadillas Corn Fruit Milk	15 Shells Breadstick Salad Fruit Milk	16 Chicken Soup Slider Carrots Fruit Milk	17 Pizza Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	18
19 Taco Salads	20 NO SCHOOL	21 Chicken Fajita Wrap OR PB&J Mini Tacos Rice Fruit Milk	22 Rotini Bread Salad Fruit Milk	23 Hot Dogs Tator Tots Green Beans Fruit Milk	24 Pizza Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	25
26 Cobb Salads	27 Chicken Parmesan Roll Salad Fruit Milk	28 Sloppy Joes Baked Beans Corn Apple Crisp Milk	29 Lasagna Roll Salad Fruit Milk	30 Italian Subs OR PB&J Mac & Cheese Celery & Carrots Fruit Milk	31 Pizza Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	

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