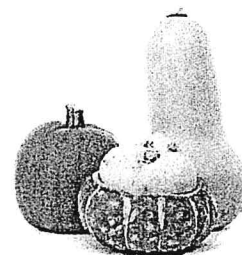




SAINT JOHN
SCHOOL

Parent Newsletter November 2024



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

Temperatures are beginning to get colder. Most of us have unearthed sweaters or at least light jackets. We might be tempted to watch television with a blanket. This can also lead us to just want to stay inside (perhaps not as much as we are tempted in January and February).

Our core value of Empathy reminds us that we are called to think about others as much as we think about ourselves. As November is also the month we celebrate the importance of gratitude, it is appropriate to think about these together.

Both empathy and gratitude fuel positive interactions and emotions. When combined, they can amplify each other's effects:

- **Empathy encourages gratitude:** When we empathize with others, we become more aware of the struggles they face, making us appreciate our own blessings. This was a lesson I learned from my mother. When I would complain about someone, she would comment, "be grateful that you don't have to deal with whatever they are facing."
- **Gratitude fosters empathy:** A mindset of gratitude makes us more likely to recognize the good in others, leading to more empathetic responses to their needs. One of my favorite reminders is "Celebrate What's Right With the World."

Together, these virtues contribute to a healthier, more connected, and compassionate society. Reflecting on them reminds us of the importance of being present in our interactions and appreciating both the emotions of others and the positive aspects of our own lives.

This is something we can pass on to our children/students. These virtues need to be taught, they do not just happen. Let us help them be more empathetic both at home and school. May we model for them habits of empathy and gratitude on a daily basis.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our Saint John Family.

HERALDS LEAD

Dear Herald Families,

hope this message finds you well! As part of our ongoing commitment to fostering leadership skills and personal growth in our students, I am excited to share that we begun holding monthly *Leader in Me* rallies. These gatherings are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the leadership qualities and habits that we are developing throughout the school year.

Each month, our students will focus on one of the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. During our rallies, we will recognize students who exemplify these habits in their daily actions. It's a chance for students to come together, celebrate their growth, and inspire each other to be the best versions of themselves.

Our November rally will take place on November 6th where we will focus on **Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind**. We encourage you to ask your student about the habit and how they are applying it in their schoolwork and personal lives.

By working together as a school and community, we can help nurture the leadership potential in every child.

We look forward to celebrating these moments of growth and leadership with your children.

Thank you for your continued support!

God's Peace,
Scott Plescia, Principal

DOUBLE DAY

November 13, 2024 will be this year's Herald Double Day. Every dollar given between now and Thanksgiving will be matched ~ doubling the good we can make happen for Saint John School.

We encourage all families to participate. This year's funds will go toward finishing the Student Center. This will benefit our students for years to come. You will be receiving a commitment form in the mail in early November. The Capital Campaign has an Annual/Herald Fund component, so a gift to this year's Herald Double Day Fund is a great way to participate in the Capital Campaign.



Tickets On-Sale!

Reserve your tickets for the 31st Annual Festival of Trees at Saint John School at www.bidpal.net/trees24 and kick-off the holiday season with your school family! Scheduled for Saturday, November 30th at 5:30pm, your \$50 ticket includes appetizers, dinner, dessert, beer/wine and a holiday surprise... or two! Round tables of 6 are available for \$285 and rectangle tables of 8 are available for \$385. Questions? Contact Kristen Kitchen at kkitchen@sjheralds.org or 440-997-5531 x236.

Calling on You for Two!

Can you share two hours this holiday season? We need YOU as a Festival of Trees volunteer on Saturday, November 30, 2024! Please contact Kristen Kitchen with your interest at kkitchen@sjheralds.org or 440-997-5531 x236.

Dress Down Day #3 for Festival of Trees

There could be another Dress Down Day in your child's future! If you participate in the Twelve Days of Christmas or Festival of Trees (as a volunteer, or donate \$25 or more at the online or in-person events), your family will receive a Dress Down Day in December to celebrate. Thank you for your support!

KOC Ashtabula Council 360 Turkey Raffle

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Turkey Raffle on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 4:00 pm at OLOP Community Center. Raffles of turkeys, hams, bottles of spirits, door prizes, 50/50 raffle, food and refreshments. Tickets are \$10.00, contact Byron Landolfi at byronlandolfi@gmail.com or 440-964-7886. You do not have to be present to win a turkey!

Parent Ambassadors Meeting

Parent Ambassadors Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 5 from 8:00-9:00 am OR 2:45-3:45 pm in the cafeteria. Any questions, please contact Keith Corlew.

PTO

The next PTO meeting is Tuesday, November 5 at 6:00 pm.

Twelve Days of Christmas

An online extravaganza supporting the education of our over 630 students from November 16-30 on www.bidpal.net/trees24

Thanksgiving Break

Thanksgiving Break begins on Wednesday, November 27 - December 2. School will resume on Tuesday, December 3.

SAVE THE DATE

Breakfast with Santa—Saturday, December 14, 2024. Parents/Grandparents interested in being part of a small committee to plan, coordinate and assist with our breakfast with Santa program on December 14, please contact Keith Corlew at kcorlew@sjheralds.org to express your interest.

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)
December 14, 2024	November 8	November 22	
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

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)
December 7, 2024	November 22, 2024	November 26, 2024

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 schools website.

Ashtabula County Technical and Career Campus (ATECH)

*Orientation/Visitation - Current 10th Grade Students.

All 10th Grade students may attend an orientation of the technical and career programs offered at ATECH in a small group setting on Thursday, November 21st. If a sophomore student is interested in attending ATECH in his/her junior or senior year, he/she must visit the program of interest to him/her before applying. ATECH is offering a number of ways in which an interested student can visit or become familiar with each program. They include:

*"Live Looks" of each program which is the visitation day on Thursday, November 21st.

* Individual Visits for students to see programs on Fridays can be done through ATECH by calling 440-567-6015, x1115.

* **Career Night** will be held on December 5th in the evening for students and parents wishing to visit any of their programs. Individuals will be in the Resource Room (Library) helping students/parents submit applications and answer questions as well. For more information on upcoming events and opportunities, see their website for more information: <https://www.atech.edu/>.

College Visits Scheduled:

College visits are being scheduled with Mrs. Steele's College and Career Readiness class. Seniors who would like information for a certain college will need to speak with Mrs. Steele before the visit.

Tuesday, November 5th- John Carroll University will be visiting Saint John during 4th period College and Career Readiness Class.

Wednesday, November 13th- PennWest University (Edinboro) will be visiting Saint John during 4th period College and Career Readiness class.

Any Jr. or Sr. interested in attending or receiving information, please see or email Mrs. Steele at nstelle@sjheralds.org.

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS (CCP) INFORMATION MEETING

This meeting is for parents and students in grades 7 - 11 who are interested in taking classes at Kent State University (Ashtabula) for the first time in the 2025 - 2026 school year is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6:00 pm; Room TBD.

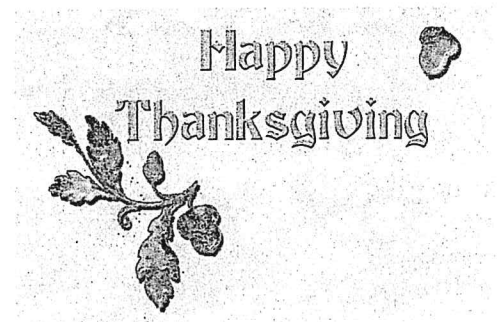
Please RSVP to Melissa Nooney, Guidance Counselor, at mnooney@sjheralds.org or by phone at 440-997-5531 x235 by Wednesday, November 5, 2024.

****Attendance at an informational meeting is one of the application requirements.****

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Monthly Newsletter can be viewed on website



CAMPUS MINISTRY CORNER

On Friday, November 1, we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints with liturgy at 9:45 am. At this liturgy we will remember the "ordinary" saints in our lives – the men and women who have died in this past year. Information on how to submit names for this remembrance will be in the Sunday enews.

The 7th Grade Retreat will be held on Friday, November 8th.

We will celebrate Mass at 7:00 pm the evening of November 14 in remembrance of all connected to our Herald family who have died. We invite all families who have lost a loved one in the past year to join us for this Mass, as many are not able to attend Mass during the day.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes is holding weekly Bible study during junior and senior high lunches. The gatherings take place on Tuesdays. Grades 9-12 meet in Ms. Porter's room and grades 7-8 meet in Mr. D's room.

The Senior Retreat will be held at Calvary Camp on November 15-16. Students will be bused from the school after lunch on Friday and return to the school after lunch on Saturday.

Friday, November 22, the Saint John Community will be having a Thanksgiving Liturgy at 9:45 am in the gym. This is a **Dress Uniform Day** for our students.

Service Hours: A reminder that each 7-12 grade student must have 50% of their service hours completed by December 31st. Students have been schooled in the rules and mechanics of this program and are able to show you their progress on the mobileserve app or website. Please help your student stay on top of this mandated requirement. By December 31, 7-8 grades should have completed 5 hours, grades 9-10 need 7.5 hours, juniors need 10 hours, and seniors require 12.5 hours. Please contact Dr. Wilson at awilson@sjheralds.org with questions.

JOURNEY
OF
Faith

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) WORKSHOP FOR SENIOR PARENTS

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Room: TBD

Senior parent(s) and students are encouraged to attend the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) interactive workshop in which you will be completing the FAFSA form online. This will be the only college financial aid workshop scheduled at Saint John. FAFSA information is changing and will not open until December this year. If you are a family who has previously filled out FAFSA, the application process is changing. We will do our best to keep you updated on the changes.

To assist in the completion of the FAFSA, the following information should be brought to the meeting for the parent and the student.

1. Student's social security number
2. Parents' social security numbers and email address if parent information will be provided
3. Alien registration or permanent resident card if not a United States citizen
4. Information on savings, investments, business and farm assets for student and parent(s)
5. Federal tax information or tax return including (1040, 1040A, 1040EZ) IRS W-2 information for student and parents if providing parent information. Use the 2023 tax information.
6. Foreign tax return and/or tax return for Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the US Virgin Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia or Palau.
7. Records of your untaxed income such as child support received, interest income and veterans' non-education benefits
8. Information (parent/student) on cash, savings and checking account balances; investments including stocks and bonds and real estate but not including the home in which you live; business and farm assets.

Prior to that evening, we will be working with the seniors to create a FAFSA ID. If parents filed Married Joint federal 2023 tax return we can have only one parent use/create a FAFSA ID before December 4th, as this will allow for enough time to hopefully complete the FAFSA on the evening of the 4th. Parents and students may create their FAFSA ID's prior to December 1st. We will continue to keep families updated as we receive information regarding FAFSA. A FAFSA ID can be created by visiting <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in/landing>. Social security number is needed. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Steele at (440) 997- 5531 ext.256 or e-mail at nsteele@sjheralds.org

****Reservations required:** Please RSVP to Nicole Steele (nsteele@sjheralds.org), Guidance Administrative Assistant, by Wednesday, November 20, 2024. If you prefer, you can call-in your reservation: 440-997-5531 x256.

Athletic News

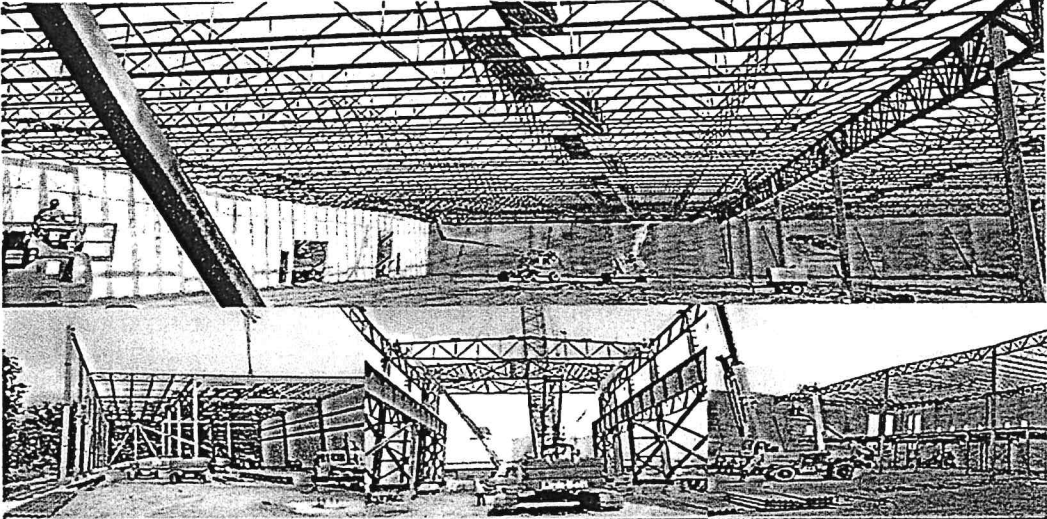
This is a reminder that all students playing a sport must complete all required forms through Final Forms.

Students playing a winter sport must have paid their student service fee and sold their lottery tickets before receiving uniforms.

Awards Night for Fall Sports for junior high (Grades 6-8) will be on November 12 at 6pm and for high school Grades 9-12 will be November 13 at 6 pm. Youth football awards will be Saturday, Nov. 23 at 5:00 pm at Norman D Banquet Center. Registration details will be available at www.saintjohnYF.com and Facebook (Saint John Youth Football).



Pictures for students involved in winter sports will be taken on November 20 beginning at 2:30 pm.

Thank you to our Platinum Student Activities Sponsors: Arthur Louis Steel, VFW Post 943, American Legion Post 103, Edward Jones and Cragon Automotive: This month we give a shout out to:



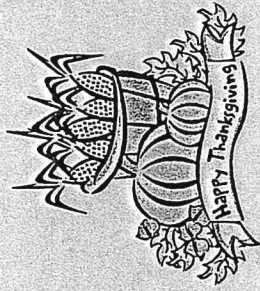
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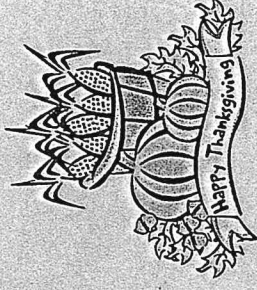






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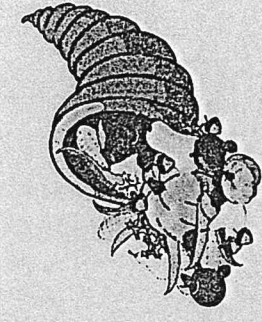
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Activity Calendar November 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 All Saints Day Liturgy - 9:45 am Dress Uniform Day	2
3 Daylight Savings Time Ends 	4	5 Election Day  Parent Ambassador Mtg 8am OR 2:45pm PTO Meeting - 6 pm	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 College Credit Plus Night - 6:00 pm Fall Sports Awards Grades 6-8- 6 pm	13 Heralds Double Day Fall Sports Awards Grades 9-12 - 6 pm	14 Mass of Remembrance 7:00 pm	15 Senior Retreat	16 Senior Retreat 12 Days of Christmas begins (Online)
17	18	19 Blood Drive 2:00 pm	20 Winter Athletic Pictures - 2:30 pm NHS Induction 7:00 pm	21 10th grade ATECH Visit	22 Thanksgiving Liturgy - 9:45 am Dress Uniform Day	23 Youth Football Awards - 5:00 pm Norman D Banquet Center
24	25	26	27 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	28 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> 	29 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	30 31st Annual Festival of Trees In person - 5:30 pm 



Lunch Menu

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Pizza Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	2
3 Garden Mix Salad with Pasta Salad	4 Chicken Parmesan Salad Roll Fruit Milk	5 Cheese Omelet Sausage Potatoes Toast O. J. Milk	6 Penne Pasta Salad Breadstick Fruit Milk	7 Chicken Soup Slider Carrots Fruit Milk	8 Pizza Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	9
10 Chef Salad	11 Pizzaburgers Salad Corn Fruit Milk	12 Tacos Quesadillas Refried Beans Fruit Milk	13 Rigatoni Salad Roll Fruit Milk	14 Hot Italian Subs Tator Tots Celery & Carrots Fruit Milk	15 Pizza Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	16
17 Grilled Chicken Cranberry Salad	18 Hot Dogs Mac & Cheese Green Beans Fruit Milk	19 Hot Ham & Cheese OR PB&J Pasta Salad Carrots Fruit Milk	20 Shells Salad Bread Fruit Milk	21 Turkey Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit Milk	22 Pizza Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	23
24 NO SALADS	25 Toasted Cheese Tomato Soup Salad Fruit Milk	26 Hamburgers French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	29 NO SCHOOL	30

Calendar Subject to Change