



SAINT JOHN
SCHOOL

Parent Newsletter September 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

Recently I was talking with someone about apples. I was recalling how my uncle would, from time to time, go to the Farmers' Market in Cleveland and bring us apples. I thought they were the freshest, crispest apples and tasted better than the apples at the local grocery store. Although we sometimes associate pumpkins as the flavor of the fall, for me there is nothing like the smell of a fresh apple pie or enjoying the taste of fresh apple cider.

Images and symbols are important. Apples are often associated with knowledge, wisdom, and education. This connection might stem from the biblical story of the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden, which symbolizes the pursuit of knowledge. In more modern times, apples have become a symbol of teachers and education. Apples also represent the idea of nurturing and growth, which ties in nicely with the educational environment. Just as apples grow and ripen with the right care, effective leadership nurtures the growth of individuals and teams. A leader, like a good gardener, provides the environment, resources, and encouragement needed for people to develop their potential.

As we enter into the third year of Leader in Me, we have already seen that it has provided students with a forum to develop their voice. Two of our new staff members commented on the first day of classes, how impressed they were with the Class of 2025. Students in their class were respectful, seemed mature and were open to learning.

Leaders are often dealt with situations that are frustrating. The adaption of a new student information system is not without its challenges. We appreciate your patience and cooperation in this process. It is a way for us to mirror to students that not all projects go without any obstacles. The important element is how to deal with the obstacle. As we continue to implement Power School, please do not hesitate to call us with questions or issues. We will be including short notes on tips to utilize it in each weekly newsletter.

If it gets too frustrating, find yourself a good apple, enjoy a few bites and think of your memories from childhood – hopefully, you have memories that evoke a smile, the thought of a family memory, or the smell of your favorite baked good – the memory might not solve the Power School issue, but it may make the obstacles seem less forbidding.

God Bless

HERALDS LEAD

Families New to Saint John

On September 17 at 6:00 pm we will host a meeting for parents of students who are new to Saint John in grades 1-12. This will be an opportunity to meet other families and to ask questions and address any concerns. We will have light supper for families. There will be an RSVP form in the upcoming enews or you can go to <https://forms.gle/HyLPD552ye7YUht26>. The RSVP form may also be found on the school website www.sjheralds.org/student-experience/rsvp-for-parents-new-to-saint-john-september-17.cfm

Cafeteria

A few reminders about our Cafeteria program for 2024-2025.

All students are eligible to receive free lunch and breakfast. Breakfast is served from 7:00-7:45 am. If you wish to eat breakfast at school please arrive in time to finish your breakfast and move to class by 7:50 am.

Students in grades 7-12 may purchase additional ala cart items. The cafeteria is **cashless**. Families may load money onto their account through Payschools. The directions will be in an upcoming enewsletter.

State of Ohio Scholarships

Families should be receiving award letters from the State of Ohio. These need to be returned to the office so that you can be accepted into the program.

Adventure club after school program

This is a great club for kids to enjoy time together learning more about God. The program starts September 11 and goes the length of the school year. Every Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 pm we gather at two locations, Lakeside Superior Elementary School and Rock Creek Elementary to have games, small groups and also scripture memorization. This program is for ages 3 to 11. The website for our Wednesday night after school Adventure Club ministry is: <https://gracecurriculum.org/collections/mid-week-program>

31st Annual Festival of Trees

As a school, we host two major fundraisers annually – Festival of Trees (November) and The Saint Patrick's Day Raffle (March). Planning for Festival of Trees 2024 has already begun and features both online & in-person festivities. We are kindly asking each family to participate by donating \$10 by September 30th to assist us in purchasing gift cards and raffle prizes for our class sponsored items. As a special thank-you, your student will have a dress down day in October. Please send an envelope to your homeroom teacher marked with your child's name. Thank you!

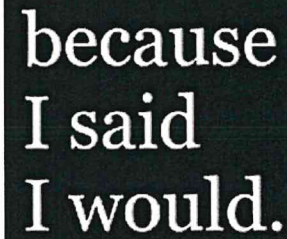
Calling All Holiday Helpers

Maybe you like to bake, decorate, greet guests or sell tickets? Or maybe you just like to help your child's school? Whatever the reason, we need **YOU** as a Festival of Trees volunteer! With opportunities of all types, we graciously welcome you to join us for some holiday cheer before, and during, the in-person event on November 30, 2024. Please contact Kristen Kitchen with your interest at kkitchen@sjheralds.org or 440-997-5531 x236.

PTO NEWS

The next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, September 3 at 6:00 pm.

Mumkin order forms went home with your child/ren. Orders are due by September 11.



because
I said
I would.

Alex Sheen will visit Saint John on September 17 to talk with students in grades 6-12. Sheen is the founder Because I Said I Would. **Because I said I would** is a social movement and nonprofit dedicated to the betterment of humanity through promises made and kept. Sheen has presented to over 300,000 students and by sharing compelling stories of personal accountability, these assemblies inspire positive promises for self-improvement and community contributions. The feedback speaks for itself, with over 80% of surveyed students considering it the best assembly they've ever attended. Parents are welcome to attend either at 9:00 am with students in grades 6-8 or at 10:00 am with students in grades 9-12.

Spirit Week

Spirit Week will take place the week of September 22. More details regarding activities will come in the weekly enews. Some items to note:

Sunday, September 22 we will have Mass outside at 5:00 pm. We are asking all of our fall athletes to be present as we will have a special blessing for them at the Mass. All families at Saint John are welcome and encouraged to join us for this family Mass.

Thursday, September 26 will be the Homecoming Parade and Bonfire. All are welcome to the parade which begins at 6:30 pm. Students in grades pk-8 must be accompanied by an adult. The bonfire and homecoming evening activities are for students in grades 9-12 only. All younger students should plan to leave at the conclusion of the parade. There is no school on Friday, September 27 for students in grades 7-12.

Homecoming football game and the presentation of the Homecoming Court will take place on Friday, September 27 at the Spire. Presentation of the Court will take place at 6:30 pm with football game to follow.

Homecoming Dance is on Saturday, September 28 at the school.

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)
October 26, 2024	September 20	October 7	
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)
October 5, 2024	September 20, 2024	September 24, 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 website.

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. On Monday, September 23rd Ohio Northern University will be visiting Saint John during 4th period College and Career Readiness. On Wednesday, October 9th University of Mount Union will be visiting Saint John during 4th period College and Career Readiness. Any Jr. or Sr. interested in attending or receiving information please see Mrs. Steele.

September 11 at 6:00pm join us for a ****Math Curriculum Night: Exploring Eureka Math****

Join us for our upcoming Math Curriculum Night, where we'll dive into Eureka Math, the curriculum guiding our students' mathematical journey this year. This evening is designed to give parents and guardians a comprehensive understanding of how Eureka Math develops critical thinking and problem-solving skills. You'll learn about the key concepts covered in each grade level, how you can support your child's learning at home, and get a preview of the exciting math activities our students will be exploring. We look forward to seeing you there!

On September 19 Join Us for Reading and ELA Night!**

Don't miss our upcoming Reading and ELA Night! This event is a great opportunity to learn about the exciting books and language activities your child will be exploring this year. You'll discover how we're building strong readers and writers and pick up tips on how to support your child's literacy journey at home. We look forward to seeing you there!

Looking ahead

Parent conferences will be held on Thursday, October 3 from 2:45-7:30 pm for PK—12. Conferences will be virtual. Teachers of students in PK-6 will also be available for conferences on Friday, October 4 from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. These conferences may be either in person or virtual.

Please look for the link in the enews to sign up for your conference time.

There will be no classes for students in grades PK-6 on October 4. There ARE CLASSES for students in grades 7-12.

Professional Development

On October 14 faculty will be involved in a Diocesan Professional Development Day. There will be **no classes** for all grades.

NWEA Testing

Seniors will have a late start at 9:20 am on Monday, September 9 and Tuesday, September 10 due to NWEA testing for students in grades 7-11.

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And keep up to date by visiting our website:

www.sjheralds.org

Monthly Newsletter can be viewed on website



CAMPUS MINISTRY CORNER

September 5th: Kindergarten students will be paired with their senior buddies from the Theology 12 classes. The 12th graders will mentor their buddies over the year, including class time, outdoors, a mini-Prayer Retreat and a faith-based field trip.

September 22nd: The Spirit Week Mass will be held in the school parking lot at 5:00 pm. We will celebrate the Mass for our Fall Sports teams, their coaches, and staff.

September 27th: The Grandparents Day Mass will be celebrated at 9:30am in the gymnasium with grades PK-6. All grandparents of student in grades PK-6 are invited to join us for Mass at 9:30 am. Following Mass students will be able to show you their classrooms.

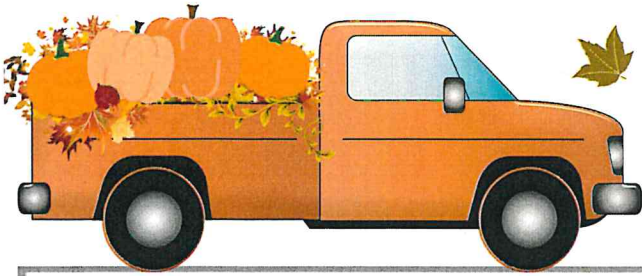
September 29th is Priesthood Sunday. Be sure to celebrate your clergy!

Feast of Saint Francis

Mass for Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi for students in grades 7-12 will take place on Friday, October 4 at 9:45 am. All are welcome to join us.

JOURNEY
OF
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SAINT JOHN SCHOOL



SEPTEMBER 2024

PTO NEWSLETTER

MUMKIN & MUMSTER SALE

ITS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

CHECK OUT THE NEW BUCKETS
AND
MUMKIN PATCH KIDS!

Add the Mumkin Kids to your collection!

The pumpkin pots double as a pail with a handle for trick-or-treating!

THANK YOU for supporting our PTO!

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST 27, 2024
MUMKIN SALE BEGINS

SEPTEMBER 3
PTO MEETING @ 6PM
SAINT JOHN SCHOOL CAFETERIA

SEPTEMBER 11
MUMKIN ORDERS DUE

OCTOBER 1
PTO MEETING @ 6PM (SJ CAFETERIA)

OCTOBER 2
MUMKIN ORDERS DELIVERED

PLEASE CONSIDER
VOLUNTEERING
TO HELP OUR
MUMKIN DELIVERY
ON OCT 2. DETAILS
TO COME



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WE WOULD LOVE
TO SEE YOU AT OUR
NEXT PTO MTG!
SEPT. 3

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

We have a new way to keep
up to date on all the events
happening with the PTO
this year!

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PTO EVENTS

Here are some of our PTO
sponsored events:

Trunk-or-Treat
Santa Shoppe
Father/Daughter Event
Mother/Son Event
Field Day
Fun Day

TRUNK OR TREAT

WE ARE TRUNK-OR-TREATING
AT REGAL VINEYARDS
THIS YEAR!

SAVE THE DATE!
OCTOBER 23rd
5:30PM-8:00PM
REGAL VINEYARDS

MORE INFO TO COME!

Athletic News

Athletic Reverse Raffle

The Herald Booster Club is sponsoring their annual Reverse Raffle on Saturday, October 12.

The event is a great evening of fun, food, raffles. Cost for a couple is \$90 and includes 2 dinners and 1 chance on the main board. Individual tickets are \$50. Evening includes a buffet dinner and beer and wine. For tickets or additional information contact Nick Iarocci at nmiarocci@sjheralds.org.

Homecoming Game

Our homecoming game is on Friday September 27 at Spire vs. Pymatuning Valley. Homecoming festivities begin at 6:30 pm with the game at 7 pm

Yearly/Season Passes for sports activities

If you are interested in purchasing a yearly or season pass they are for sale.

Yearly Pass is \$150 and is good for all home football, volleyball and basketball games.

Season Pass is \$100 and is good for either volleyball or basketball season. You can purchase in main office, at a game or online [Athletic Season passes](#)

Paint the gym Pink

Paint the Gym night is September 25. This annual event is sponsored by the volleyball team to raise awareness of the need for ongoing cancer research. Funds raised this night are donated to local hospitals to improve the quality of care for cancer patients. The event includes additional raffles and bake sales.

On that same evening we will honor the senior members of the volleyball team. Come and cheer on the Heralds and promote a good cause

Youth Sports

Will Anderson has joined our staff as Director of Youth Sports. He will be in the building on Wednesdays. Will's duties include overseeing the flag football and intramural basketball programs as well as a liaison for other youth sport programs.

Flag Football 2024

For students in grades K-4 interested in Flag Football this is the information for the 2024 season:

Skills Day: September 3-4 (student only needs to be present one day)

Time – 6:15 pm – 7:15 pm

Location – St. John School (rear fields)

Game Dates - September 8, 15, 22, and 29 at Massucci Field

Times - 4:00 (3:30 on September 22 for Spirit Week Mass at SJS at 5:00)

Please complete registration form so we can be prepared for the skills camp
<https://forms.gle/mjYCwWtMmJ194LJ28>

Questions contact Will Anderson -willanderson@sjheralds.org

Saint John Travel Baseball Skills Camp

There will be a skills camp for a Saint John Youth Travel Baseball Team.
Eligible Ages 8-14 (based on age in June 2025)

Dates (student only needs to be present one day):

- Wednesday September 25 (5:30 - 7:30)
- Sunday September 29 (4:00 - 6:00)

Locations:

- September 25 – Massucci Field, 1212 Columbus Ave.
- September 29 – Softball City, 2259 West Ave. (behind Andrus Banquet Center)

Thank you to our Platinum Student Activities Sponsors:

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Lunch Menu

September 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Cobb Salad	2 NO SCHOOL	3 Tacos Quesadillas Corn Fruit Milk	4 Rigatoni Salad Breadstick Fruit Milk	5 Hamburgers French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	6 Pizza Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	7
8 Seasoned Chicken Salad	9 Chicken Parmesan Romaine Salad Roll Fruit Milk	10 Hot Ham & Cheese Green Beans Sweat Potatoes Fruit Milk	11 Shells Salad Roll Fruit Milk	12 Chicken Fajita Wrap OR PB&J Refried Beans Chips & Salsa Fruit Milk	13 Pizza Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	14
15 Chef Salad	16 BBQ Pork Sand. OR PB&J Roasted Potatoes Celery & Carrots Fruit Milk	17 Grilled Chicken Salad Waffle Fries Corn Fruit Milk	18 Rotini Salad Breadstick Fruit Milk	19 Hot Italian Subs OR PB&J Tator Tots Carrots Fruit Milk	20 Pizza Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	21
22 Berry/ Apple Salad	23 Pizzaburgers Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	24 Cheese Omelet Hash Brown Sausage Toast O. J. Milk	25 Lasagna Salad Roll Fruit Milk	26 Asian Chicken Brown Rice Broccoli Fruit Milk	27 Pizza Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	28
29 Taco Salad	30 Sloppy Joes Baked Beans Corn Apple Crisp Milk					

Calendar Subject to Change

Activity Calendar September 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day NO SCHOOL 	3 PTO Meeting 6:00 pm	4	5 Booster meeting 6:00 pm	6	7
8 Flag Football	9 NWEA Testing Grades K-11	10	11 Prayer Service Math Curriculum Night - 6:00 pm	12	13	14
15 Flag Football	16 NWEA Make-up Testing Grades K-11	17 New Parent Orientation 6 pm	18 Reading Curriculum Night 6:00 pm	19	20	21
22 Flag Football Spirit Week Outdoor Spirit Week Liturgy 5:00 pm	23	24	25 Paint the Gym Pink Night Senior Night for Volleyball	26 Homecoming Parade- Bonfire 6:30 pm	27 No School 7-12 PK-6 Grandparents Day Mass 9:30 am Football Homecoming Game & Ceremony 6:30 pm	28 Homecoming Dance
29 Flag Football	30					