



September 25, 2020



Dear St. John Families,

As we move towards the end of September, we have many things to be grateful for in our school community. It is because of all your cooperation in following our guidelines and protocols that our school has remained open for in-person learning. Keep up the good work!

I have been given the option to re-evaluate letting online learners return to the classroom mid-trimester. If you are interested in having your online student return to the classroom on October 5, please contact me by September 30. There is appropriate space in all our classrooms to welcome back our online learners.

There will be a virtual band demonstration on Tuesday, September 29 at 9:15 am for Grades 4-8. Mrs. Day will contact you if your student checks that they are interested. See below for an additional note.

Unfortunately, due to fall fundraising restrictions with large gatherings, our Trunk or Treat will not take place this year. I realize how disappointing this is for our community, but the safety and health of our children needs to be the priority so our school can remain open. I appreciate your understanding in this matter. More information will be coming soon about

how we will celebrate Halloween in school on October 30.

This is a gentle reminder that masks can't have wording, slogans, or political sayings.

Don't forget to order your October lunches. The link is below.

Many blessings,

Mrs. Blake

October Lunch Link

Please use this link to order October lunches.

Orders are **due October 2**.

<http://forms.diamondmindinc.com/stjohnhydes/lunch>

Principal Chat and HASA Meeting

Our fall Principal Chat will be a combined meeting with our HASA team and take place on **October 6** at **7:30 pm**. The meeting will focus on school and HASA updates and cover any questions or topics from parents. In order to submit a question or topic, complete this form

(<https://forms.gle/msKmrBXYrsHRpbMRA>) by **Friday, October 2**.

SJE School Band- Note from Mrs. Day

Hello all St. John instrumentalists! While I know this school year is starting off very differently, I do hope to start the band again very soon. Due to protocols in place at St. John, we will start virtually, but I have a lot of great new band music for the returning band members, and I look forward to meeting anyone new to the band this year. Hopefully, we will be able to play in person soon! The band is open to students in Grades 4 through 8, and lessons are offered on woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments. The band registration form and instrument rental form are attached to the school newsletter. Please feel free to contact me, Mrs. Day, the band director at St. John, with any questions at sdlay4061@gmail.com.

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Add Our Calendar to Your Phone

Always be up-to-date with what's happening here at SJE! Be able to check our school calendar quickly right on your OWN calendar! Follow this link for instructions: bit.ly/calendarSJE.

First Fruit Farms Service Day

You can still sign up. We still need help!

- Sat. Sept. 26
- 9:00-11:30 (or any part of that!)
- All family members and friends welcome!

Register/Sign Waiver: bit.ly/32SJSXE

If you can't make tomorrow, you can sign up for October 24 at bit.ly/3gVcDYO.

Virtual High School Fairs

Virtual high school fairs provide the opportunity for families to learn more about our Catholic high school options. From 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, families can engage representatives from Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Baltimore on the following dates:

- Monday, September 28
- Tuesday, October 6
- Monday, October 19

These fairs are on our website calendar and include this RSVP link:

<https://www.archbalt.org/schools/our-schools/high-school-admissions/virtual-admissions/>.

Friday Spirit Day Uniform Schedule

October 2- Wear pink/red/white shirts with your gym pants for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

October 9- Wear fall color shirts with your gym pants.

October 23- Wear any St. John t-shirt with your gym pants.

HASA News

Meadow Farms

Our Meadow Farms Fundraiser begins today, September 25, and ends October 20. All sales are online. Your items will be shipped directly to you within two weeks of completing your order. You do not have to wait until October 20 to submit your order. Your student is bringing home the packet today with all the

information you will need to start this fundraiser. As always, there are great incentives to sell these items for the students and their families from the school as well as from Meadow Farms. Download the app and share the link with all your friends and family. Please contact Amanda Persico alpersico2@gmail.com or Meghan Lancaster mamamonkey27@aol.com with any questions.

Eagle Spiritwear

Our eagle spiritwear is now available to order online through our website. In addition to belts, headbands, ponytail ribbons, and keychains, we now have ear savers to attach to masks. You can order here:

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/stjohnhydes/eaglespirit?token=971959510> (You can always find this on our website in the Resources section or by searching "Eagle Spiritwear")

Volunteering and VIRTUS

If you want to volunteer and/or **attend activities in the future when our building is open to visitors**, you must be current with the VIRTUS screening and training. Complete or update your certification easily online at <http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>. Please contact Mary Beth Bressler at stand@stjohnschoolgv.org if you have any questions.

Travel Information for Families

Any student (attending in-person) or staff member traveling to a state with a positivity rate for COVID-19 of 10% or greater during the period of their stay, must notify the school. Persons electing to proceed with this travel will be required to quarantine upon their return until such time as either they provide evidence of a negative test result for COVID-19 and are asymptomatic or they complete an entire 14-day quarantine.

Parish News

Sunday Bulletin

For the latest news and updates from St. John Church, visit

<https://www.fataonline.com/bulletins/StJohnHydes>

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Virtual Parish Mission

"God Gives Us Gifts... What Are Yours?" with David Sanborn

Sunday, September 27 & Monday, September 28, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

As caregivers, parents and students, we are constantly giving to others, but is it feeding us and our relationship with Jesus?

At times, it even seems challenging to think of doing anything more or giving anything else, but here is a great, FREE, low commitment opportunity. Join us for the **Virtual Parish Mission** and learn how to be energized by what you give, because when you share what the Holy Spirit has provided, suddenly there is renewal.

Register today for this live Zoom event, which you can enjoy from the comfort of your own home - no masks required! Once you register, detailed instructions will be emailed to you.

What are your spiritual gifts? Take the survey and find out!

Click [here](#) to download the "My Spiritual Gifts Survey". Be sure to complete it before the Mission to discover your own spiritual gifts.

Register Today!

Click [here](#) to sign-up for one night or both nights. More information on Zoom access will be provided after you register.

Info Session for the 2021 Pilgrimage Trip to Greece & Turkey

You're invited to an information session on **October 7, 2020** at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall to learn more about the pilgrimage trip planned for October of next year to commemorate our 200th Anniversary, "**Greece: In the Footsteps of Paul the Apostle,**" featuring sites specifically related to St. John the Evangelist.

Come and learn about this amazing opportunity to travel to Greece and Kusadasi, Turkey, where Paul the Apostle lived for three years during his ministry, and where the Virgin Mary spent her last days.

RSVP for the information session by October 2 to Debbie Carroll at debcarroll93@gmail.com.

Blessing of the Animals

In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have a blessing of the animals on **Sunday, October 4** at 12:30 PM in front of the church, rain or shine. Kindly make sure that all animals are leashed/contained and controlled.

First Friday Mass & Holy Hour – Friday, October 2

Join us on Friday, October 2, 2020 for First Friday Mass and Holy Hour Devotion to pray together, as parishioners of St. John, for our families, communities, and our church.

Before benediction, Fr. Pete will give a short spiritual talk each month. For October, the talk is entitled, "Encountering Jesus on First Fridays." God's mission calls us to pray unceasingly, fast with love, and make sacrifices for spiritual victory over what is ruining our family, church, community, and our world, and for the remedy over COVID-19.

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Calendar

Saturday, September 26- Service Day at First Fruits Farm

Monday, September 28- Virtual High School Fair

Tuesday, September 29- Hot Lunch-Chick-fil-A

Wednesday, September 30- ☺

Thursday, October 1- ☺

Friday, October 2- Lunch Orders Due/ October 2-Wear pink/red/white shirts
with your gym pants for **Breast Cancer Awareness Month.**

Monday, October 5- ☺

Tuesday, October 6- Hot Dog Lunch/ Virtual High School Fair/
Principal Chat & HASA Meeting 7:30 pm

Wednesday, October 7- **School Closed**

Thursday, October 8- ☺

Friday, October 9- Wear fall color shirts with your gym pants.



Preschool to Grade 8
Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00-4:00

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St. John the Evangelist - Long Green Valley

A Virtual Parish Mission

GOD GIVES US GIFTS...



WHAT ARE YOURS?

with David Sanborn

Sunday, September 27

Monday, September 28

6:30 p.m.

During this mission, David will help us to answer God's call for us. We will explore our gifts and learn how to cultivate them. Then, we will hear how we can apply our gifts to advance the mission and vision of St. John Parish.

You are invited to participate in this live Zoom event from the comfort of your own home - no masks required! The talk will be presented via Zoom, so you'll need a computer or other device to download Zoom (free) and access the webinar. Once you register, detailed instructions will be emailed to you. The Mission will also be recorded and will be available via our website for later viewing.

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Click [HERE](#)
to Sign Up for the Mission
OR
Call the Parish Office
410-592-6206

About David Sanborn

The New York Times has said that Sanborn "draws from a seemingly limitless well of feeling." That well, according to Sanborn, is the unmerited love of God. Sanborn studied and prepared to become a missionary and then a Protestant pastor. While preaching a series on the Gospel of John through the lens of the early Church Fathers, Sanborn encountered the reality of the Catholic Church as was received. into the Church on the eve of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation,



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