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SJNCS WEEKLY

St. John Neumann Catholic School Weekly Newsletter

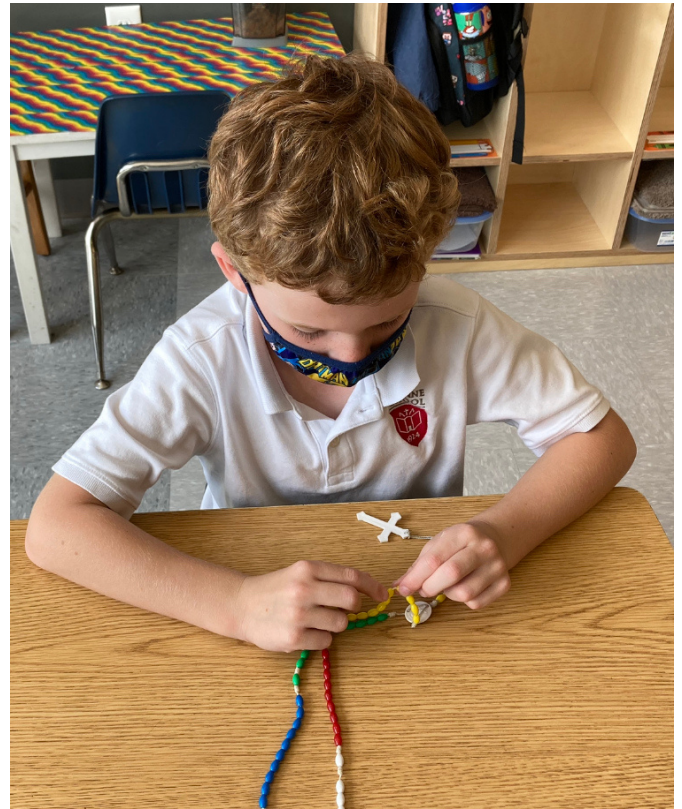
SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE!

Moms & dads, go ahead and pat yourself on the back! We have completed both the initial benchmark testing for the year as well as the Star testing that will be done three times a year. All of the data collected allows us to best understand the needs of each of our students as we chart a course for their continued growth. Here's the amazing news: our kids did NOT experience a COVID/summer slide and more amazingly, they showed growth! This is the result of the hard work you did through the shut down and summer months - thank you!

As we look ahead to next week, we are excited to celebrate our 3rd graders who missed May Crowning by allowing them to lead our first all-school Mass on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. We will be the only people in the church proper that day and students will be seated by family. (Those of us with multiple kids probably need to remind them to act like they love each other). While we have been able to gather communally for prayer, I am so excited for the opportunity to gather around the Eucharistic table as a school family! I ask your prayers for our 3rd grades as they continue to encounter Christ in the Eucharist.

Hoping to see you, your children, and your fur-children on Sunday for the Blessing of Pets!

Peace,
Kyla



MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is dedicated as the Month of the Rosary, primarily because we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary during the month. To recognize the importance of this month, our students will be praying a decade of the rosary every Friday as part of Morning Prayer.

Upcoming Events

- Sun, Oct. 4th - Blessing of the Pets
- Wed., Oct. 7th - Student All School Mass
- Wed., Oct. 7th - Scrip Backpack Orders Begin
- Thurs., Oct 8th - Living Rosary/Dress Down (remember your \$1 for the Missions)

COLD, FLU AND COVID

With the approach of cold and flu season, it is a good time to provide a reminder of our "sickness" policies. If your child needs to stay home because of illness or based on answers to our Student Health & Safety Daily Check, we ask that you please call the office by 8:30 am. The number is 717-844-6100 and option #2 for "attendance" will provide you with the ability to leave a message for the office. Parents are asked to provide a written excuse when their child returns to school. If the student is absent for 3 days or more, they must have a note from their physician when they return to school.

Please do not assume that any absence by either a student or faculty member is a case of COVID. We appreciate your support in those conversations at home. Given the times that we are currently living in, we are more than likely going to have incidences of positive COVID cases that affect our school community either directly or through second hand contact. As outlined in the Parent Handbook for Coronavirus and the Reopening Plan (both available on the school website), there is a clear process for communication of any incidences to parents and staff. When needed, this will be the process that SJNCS will follow. If you have concerns or questions about any of our policies or questions about a particular incident, please direct them to Mrs. Hockley at 717-844-6100 or email her at hockleyky@sjnschoollancaster.org.

BACKPACK ORDERS BEGIN

Scrip backpack orders will begin being filled on Wednesday, Oct. 7. Parents should have received their backpack envelope and order forms in their Friday Folder on Sept. 25. If you did not receive yours or if you have any questions, please contact the school office at 717-844-6100.



Angel
of God,
my
guardian dear,
to whom
His love
commits
me here,
ever
this day
be at
my side,
to light
and guard,
to rule
and guide.
Amen.

PRAYER CARD ART CONTEST

We are calling all student artists to participate in our Prayer Card Art Contest. SJNCS gives every person baptized at either SJN or St. Anne Parish a small gift from the school. In past years, we have give St. Anne medals but this year decided to try something new. We would like to give a prayer card with the Guardian Angel prayer on it and a picture created by one of our students. This [flyer](#) has all of the details and we ask that all entries be received by Tuesday, Oct. 13. Thank you to our students for sharing their creative abilities!

STUDENT MASS SCHEDULE

Due to COVID requirements mandating social distancing, we have been unable to attend the parish's daily 9 am Mass as one big school family. Instead, classes have been attending on designated days and after some adjustments, our current schedule is:

- Wednesday - 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th
- Thursday - 2nd and 8th
- Friday - Kindergarten, 6th and 7th
- Pre-K does not attend weekly Mass

ST. FRANCIS BLESSING OF THE PETS

Make plans now to bring your family pet to SJNCS on Sunday, October 4 for the annual Blessing of the Pets on the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. Ceremony begins at 1 pm and all pets must be leashed or in a container.