



## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST | OCTOBER NEWSLETTER – 2020

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### PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

After lunch on Wednesday, SJB students will walk quietly with their classmates to designated spots on the asphalt lot, where they'll sit on individual yoga mats, six feet apart, and begin to recite the Rosary together. It will be our first school prayer service since the start of the new school year. Distance learners will be present in spirit and by livestream, saying the Rosary with their classmates on the asphalt. The Rosary is a Scripture-based prayer of repetition. Reciting the *Apostle's Creed*, *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Glory Be* has a calming effect and centers us on Jesus in the silence of our hearts. Here's some information: [How to Pray the Rosary](#)

We are going to miss having our traditional Halloween Parade, which has been cancelled this year for safety reasons. We will have Halloween-themed activities in the classroom on the afternoon of Thursday, Oct. 29.

See the [Gold Folder](#) for more information on *Halloween*, *Out of Uniform*, *Portrait Day*, *St. Camillus Food Drive*, *Morning Screening Guidelines*, and *Mask-Wearing Rules*.



#### Fall Annual Sale – Mums are Here!

Thank you, parents, for your participation in the Fall Plant Sale and to Mrs. Lombardo for coordinating this traditional school fundraiser! Plants have arrived and orders can be picked up. Please contact Ms. Schwab in the school office or Mrs. Mary Lombardo ([mrybcl@me.com](mailto:mrybcl@me.com)).



#### Out of Uniform Day – October 8!

Thursday is National Sneaker Day! Wear your favorite sneakers and be out of uniform for the day. No short shorts, bare shoulders, inappropriate or divisive messages.

#### Time to Get Your Flu Shot



The flu is something we *can* prevent. Please take your children for flu shots soon.

**Questions?** You can submit questions to be answered at the next school board meeting on October 19 at 6 pm. Go to [this form to submit a question](#). Save the date!



# Food Collection for St. Camillus Food Pantry

Even during the pandemic, we are called to serve others and to think beyond our own needs. Some people in our local communities have been particularly hard hit by loss of jobs, covid-19, and closures of services.

By supporting our food drive, you can help St. Camillus alleviate the suffering of those affected by quarantine and loss of income.

Collections for food pantry items will be **Oct. 13-19**.

Donations will be accepted during morning drop-off. Please bring your donations in bags or boxes to limit the handling of items. The most requested items are masa (corn flour), oil, and cereal.

Here are needed food items:

- Masa harina (corn flour)
- 24 oz. bottles vegetable oil
- Cereal
- Macaroni and cheese
- Peanut butter
- Oatmeal in small canisters
- Canned fruit
- 2 lb. bags dried beans
- Canned tomatoes or vegetables
- 2 lb. bags of rice



**Fundraising and Community Events:** Did you see we have new mulch on the SJB playgrounds? The School Board/HSA is continuing to look for ways to improve the school. This year, we anticipate a decrease in fundraising activities, and will be planning a Charleston Wrap fundraiser. Flyers will be sent to you around October 19. We are hoping to replenish/boost HSA funds, given that many community events will not be feasible this year.



**SJB Masks:** Would you like to purchase some SJB gear? School masks are still available for purchase at school. They're \$15 each or two for \$20. Order [SJB Face Masks](#). Questions? Contact [kalanni@msn.com](mailto:kalanni@msn.com).

**Did You Know?** That SJB still benefits from Box Tops? Download the BoxTops app, snap a picture, or email the Box Top to give credit at SJB, which can help support the school! As an alternative to using the Box Tops app, you can also email online receipts to [receipts@boxtops4education.com](mailto:receipts@boxtops4education.com) from the linked email address.

*Ideas, thoughts, feedback about the Principal's Note? Any updates or thoughts you'd like to share with the school? Please contact us if you have information to share at: [yelenamaslov@gmail.com](mailto:yelenamaslov@gmail.com) and [meriannspencer@yahoo.com](mailto:meriannspencer@yahoo.com).*



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