



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST | NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER – 2020

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PRINCIPAL’S NOTE

We are praying for the soul of Monsignor Francis Kazista, pastor of Saint John the Baptist from 1987 to 2011, who died this morning.

From 1975 to 1981, then-Father Kazista was assistant pastor to Father Lyon, who was pastor at SJB's founding in 1960. When Father Lyon retired in 1987, Monsignor Kazista became SJB's second pastor. In all, Monsignor Kazista spent more than 30 years at St. John the Baptist. He was a major figure during a period of growth in the parish and school. He was pastor during the 1988 opening of the Parish Center, now called the Kazista Center. The parish had more than 2,100 families when Monsignor retired in 1987. SJB will miss him. See the [Gold Folder](#) for info & updates. The [Catholic Standard's 2017 interview](#).

We pray for **Chizoba Aghazu**, father of Zimka (7th) and Kamdi (5th), who died on Thursday, Oct. 29.

We pray for **Deacon Carlos Contreras**; grandfather of Kristian (8th), Branden (6th) and Audrina (2nd); who passed away on Oct. 24. Mr. Contreras served at St. Catherine Laboure Church and was active in supporting the Hispanic Community and promoting works of mercy, justice, reconciliation, and peace.



Calendar Reminders

Virtual learning Nov. 30 to Dec. 4, the week after Thanksgiving.
 No school Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 23 & 24, during Parent-Teacher Conferences.
[Parent-Teacher Conference Sign-Up Form](#)



Tuition Assistance Deadline Dec. 4

To apply, go into your TADS account and select financial assistance. Awards for the 2021-22 school year announced in March. Families must apply for Archdiocesan assistance now to be considered for parish assistance later in the spring.



School advisory board meeting is next Monday! Please note that the next monthly school advisory board meeting is November 9 at 6 pm. If you have questions, please submit them in advance of the meeting on [this form](#).

SJB Open House Season

Saint John the Baptist Catholic School's open house season for prospective families has begun. Because of COVID-19, activities for prospective families meeting and interacting with current students will be conducted a little differently this year. One way of promoting and spreading the word about SJB is through word-of-mouth from current families. If you know any families that might be interested in spreading the word, please pass on the SJB open house information:



Open House Events:

- October 20: Recorded tours were made available on the SJB website. Links for the virtual tours are available: [SJB PreK](#) and [SJB School](#)
- December 8 at 6 pm: Parents interested in SJB for their children meet online with current SJB parents to talk about the school and community. Please sign up [here](#) if you are willing to be one of the parent hosts of this online meeting.
- February 1: Prospective students and parents meet with current SJB students and parents.
- March 8: Community presentation for families.



Facts about SJB:

- SJB is an ideal school for families looking for a high-quality education and close-knit positive community. SJB strives to give everyone a sense of belonging, a feeling of being supported, an awareness of individual and collective Catholic identity, a dedication to serving those in need and meeting high academic expectations.
- Go here for [frequently asked SJB questions](#).
- Preschool follows the regular class day, from 8 am to 3 pm.



▶ **Support the Eighth Grade Fundraiser!** To buy wreaths, go to [Giftitforward.com](https://www.giftitforward.com) and use code **STJOHNMD005**. Referral names: Colleen Ionata or Kristine Ribas. Order deadline is Nov. 13. Proceeds go toward graduation activities. For more information, go to [Gold Folder](#).



▶ For a snapshot of student growth through the distance learning spring of 2020, SJB has posted a comparison of fall test scores by grade from 2019 to 2020. Go to [the assessment page](#) of the SJB website.

Did You Know? That the National Blue Ribbon School represents a trademark of excellence? In 2010, SJB placed in the top 15% of the nation in reading/language arts and mathematics as measured by a nationally normed test or in the top 15 percent of its state on a state test for the year. Details on public and private eligibility requirements are found [here](#).

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