



St. John The Baptist Preschool

January 2019 Newsletter



The Parent-Teacher Organization of St. John the Baptist teams parents and the school to help nurture a faith-based community, support school programs, and harmonize the parent body. **The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 13th at 10:15am, in the school library.** All parents, grandparents, guardians, and/or family members of all current students, faculty, and staff are members of the St. John the Baptist Parent-Teacher Organization and are encouraged to participate in PTO event planning and activities.

All are welcome to attend our meetings!

OPEN HOUSE – ELEMENTARY GRADES



You are invited to our Open House on **Sunday, January 13th, 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM**. Come see our school and visit our teachers in their classrooms and find out all of the wonderful things that are going on in our school! **We will have an Open House for the preschool grades on Sunday, Feb. 24th from 12:30 – 2:00...more information to come!**

St. John's offers a full elementary school from kindergarten through 6th grade! We offer a small class size, allowing a greater focus on the individual. We also offer specialized learning support where it is needed. Our weekly classes in PE, Art, Computer Lab, Music, Library and Spanish further contribute to the formation of a well-rounded child. Values that you teach in your home which are important to you, are the same morals and values that we teach: values that permeate a child's character as they grow.

Our students score in the top 25th percentile in national norms and all of our teachers are PA certified. We are accredited by Middle States Association of Elementary and Secondary Schools

PANCAKES & PAJAMA DAY



To celebrate "Pancake Week", we will have a Pancakes & PJ's Day! Get your little "sleepy heads" out of bed and bring them to school in their pajamas and the staff will cook some yummy pancakes for the children to enjoy! See below for your child's Pancake & PJ's day.



Monday, January 14th

Miss Cathy's M/W/F Juniors
Miss Kelly Ann's 3-day Seniors
Miss Barb's 5-day Seniors

Tuesday, January 15th

Miss Cathy's T/TH Juniors
Miss Kim's Time for Two's class

- 1 SCHOOL & OFFICE CLOSED
- 2 CLASSES RESUME (M/W/F JR'S & BOTH SR CLASSES)
TUITION DAY
- 3 CLASSES RESUME (T/TH JR'S)
TUITION DAY
- 7 "WHITE" DAY
GYM DAY
- 8 "WHITE" DAY (T/TH JUNIORS)
GYM DAY (T/TH JUNIORS)
TIME FOR TWOS (WHITE DAY)
- 13 PTO MEETING @ 10:15 (SCHOOL LIBRARY)
OPEN HOUSE (ELEMENTARY GRADES) 12:30 – 2:00
- 14 PANCAKES & PJ'S DAY (M/W/F JR'S & BOTH SR CLASSES)
GYM DAY
- 15 PANCAKES & PJ'S DAY (T/TH JR'S & TIME FOR TWO'S)
GYM DAY (T/TH JUNIORS)
SOCCER SHOTS BEGINS (if you have registered your child)
- 21 SCHOOL & OFFICE CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
- 22 "BLUE" DAY (T/TH JR'S)
GYM DAY (T/TH JUNIORS)
TIME FOR TWOS (BLUE DAY)
SOCCER SHOTS
- 23 "BLUE" DAY (M/W/F JR'S & BOTH SR CLASSES)
- 26 BATTLE OF THE BUILDINGS (more info to come)
- 28 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK (1/27 - 2/1)
"HAT" DAY (M/W/F JR'S & BOTH SR CLASSES)
GYM DAY
- 29 "HAT" DAY (T/TH JUNIORS)
GYM DAY (T/TH JUNIORS)
TIME FOR TWOS (HAT DAY)
SOCCER SHOTS
- 30 PARENT VISITATION (PLEASE SEE SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR TIMES)
M/W/F JUNIORS 9-10 OR 10-11 (MISS CATHY)
3-DAY SENIORS 9-10 OR 10:45-11:45 (MISS KELLY ANN)
5-DAY SENIORS 9-10 (MISS BARB)
SPECIAL EVENTS ASSEMBLY @ 1PM
- 31 PARENT VISITATION (PLEASE SEE SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR TIMES)
T/TH JUNIORS 9-10 OR 10-11 (MISS CATHY)
5-DAY SENIORS 9-10 (MISS BARB)

FEB. 1ST PTO MOVIE NIGHT (more info to come)

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Soccer Shots is an engaging children's soccer program with a focus on character development. The Soccer Shots will again offer this program to our preschool students ages 3-6. This will be held on the school campus (basically inside), Tuesday afternoons @ 1:00 pm beginning Jan. 15th and ending on Feb 26th. Information has been sent home and you will need to register on-line.

Martin Luther King Day

SCHOOL & OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 21ST

BATTLE OF THE BUILDINGS



Every year to celebrate Catholic Schools Week, the teachers & staff of St. John's school will compete with the other schools in the York Deanery in a "Minute to Win It" style competition hosted by York Catholic. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, January 26th and join us as we cheer on our teachers and staff!

We begin with Mass at 4pm and then proceed to the gym for the competition. *(More information to come)*



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2019
January 27th – February 1st



January 15th is National Hat Day! If your child would like to wear their favorite wild & crazy hat to preschool, we will celebrate on the following days:

Mon. January 28th – Miss Cathy's M/W/F, Miss Kelly Ann and Miss Barb's Seniors

Tues. January 29th – Miss Cathy's T/TH & Miss Kim's Time for Twos



Snapology St. John's PTO will sponsor an assembly featuring Snapology on **Wednesday, January 30th at 1:00 pm in the Fr. Capitani Social Hall.** The assembly will last approximately one hour.

Snapology's themed programs incorporate LEGO/DUPLO blocks and are designed to inspire creativity, teamwork and social skills.

If it is possible, we ask that the parent accompany their child during the assembly, plus we could use extra volunteers! If a parent cannot accompany their child...your child is still welcome to attend the assembly. Please fill out the attached permission form and return to the school office by January 25th.

Miss Cathy's Junior classes – please arrive to the school by 12:50 pm.

Miss Kelly Ann and Miss Barb's Senior classes – students will remain at the school, unless stated otherwise on the permission form.

The assembly will last approximately one hour

PARENT VISITATION (Jan. 30TH & 31ST)



Parents are welcome to visit your child's class & observe them in the classroom environment.

Sign-up sheets will be in the atrium of the social hall early January. Visitation days are listed below:

January 30th – Miss Cathy's M/W/F Juniors (9-10 *or* 10-11)
– Miss Kelly Ann's 3-day Seniors (9-10 *or* 10:45-11:45)
– Miss Barb's 5-day Seniors (9-10)

January 31st – Miss Cathy's T/TH Juniors (9-10 *or* 10-11)
– Miss Barb's 5-day Seniors (9-10)



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THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROUS DONATIONS OF HATS,
GLOVES/MITTENS AND SOCKS FOR THE MITTEN TREE!
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THEY ARE SURE TO KEEP MANY CHILDREN WARM THIS WINTER!
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SNOW CLOSURES



Please post the following information about our school closings and delays.

In the event of inclement weather, it is important to know what procedures we follow.

We follow the SOUTHERN YORK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT for delays and cancellations.

Under the York County heading, WGAL News 8 & FOX 43 will specifically list St. John the Baptist Catholic School. If the school district has a two hour delay, please continue to watch because they may decide to close at the last minute.

You will be notified through the following:

ONE CALL NOW – phone/email notification system

TV – WGAL News 8 & FOX 43

PRESCHOOL VOICE MAIL – you may call the school for any delays or cancellations which will be posted on our voice mail (717) 235-3525, extension 230 by approximately 7:00 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE: If Southern York County School District is closed, **WE ARE CLOSED**. If the school district has a **two hour delay**, preschool will follow a **two hour delay with a modified dismissal**.

PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH FOR YOUR CHILD ON THE TWO HOUR DELAY DAYS.

2 HOUR DELAY WITH MODIFIED DISMISSAL:

Ms. Cathy's Junior M/W/F & T/TH classes (9-11:30) – class will begin @ 11:00 a.m. & dismiss @ 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Kelly Ann's Senior class (9-1) - class will begin at 11:00 a.m. & dismiss @ 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Barb's Senior class (9-1) - class will begin at 11:00 a.m. & dismiss @ 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Kim Marchant's Time for Two's class (9-11) – class will begin @ 11:00 a.m. and dismiss @ 1:00 p.m.

LITTLE ANGELS LEARNING CENTER (INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY)

- If school closes due to inclement weather, Little Angels Learning Center will also be closed.
- If school has a two hour delay, Little Angels before care will open at 9:30 a.m.
- Early dismissal due to weather conditions, all children must be picked up within one hour of elementary dismissal or be subject to a late fee.



Mark Your Calendar ...MORE INFORMATION TO COME

(*) PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES - (Feb.14th & 15th)

Parent/Teacher Conferences is a short meeting/conference between the parents and teacher to discuss your child's progress. Sign-up sheets with 20 minute time slots will be in the atrium of the social hall early January.

(*) PLEASE NOTE:

PRESCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON THE PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE DAYS; HOWEVER THE PRESCHOOL AIDES WILL BE IN THE CLASSROOMS TO WATCH YOUR CHILDREN DURING YOUR SCHEDULED CONFERENCE TIME.

LITTLE ANGELS WILL REMAIN OPEN DURING THESE DAYS FOR THOSE CHILDREN ENROLLED IN THE "ALL DAY" CARE LITTLE ANGEL'S PROGRAM.

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH FROM 12:30-2:00 (MORE INFORMATION TO COME).



Preschool registration for 2019-2020 school year will begin:

February 25th - for "current" preschool parents

February 26th - for "registered" parishioners & former" preschool parents

February 27th - registration will be open to the public.

Registration forms & information for the preschool will be sent home to families with children in the junior classes (3's) on February 19th & 20th. Time for Two's class will be sent home on February 19th.

If any senior parents need a registration form, please see someone in the school office (2019-20 forms can also be found on the school website in January)

We will not accept any registrations before the 25th

Openings fill-up quickly, be sure to register on the 25th before all of the spots are filled!