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TO SEE HOW YOUR PARISH COMMUNITY CAN
"TAKE BACK WHAT MATTERS MOST"

Kathleen R. Sutter

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March 8, 2020

Dear 6th – 8th Graders of St. John's School and Parish and their parents,

For years, St. John's put on a presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross for our parish during Lent. This moving performance, done by the youth of our church, was truly appreciated by all who attended--me included! Unfortunately, last year, our parish was unable to put the program together.

With the permission of our Pastoral Administrator and the sanction of the members of the Worship Committee, I am hoping to bring that program back this year. As the chairperson of our Parish's Worship Committee, I know how valuable these experiences can be for those who view them but even more for those who participate. As the former executive director for a local Christian theater group, I know that performing scripture is the BEST way to learn it and to understand it.

The performance of The Living Stations is scheduled for Sunday, April 5, from 6 – 8 PM. Moving it from Good Friday to Palm Sunday will allow you to leave for any vacation you have planned during spring break (God willing) and still be a part of the program. It will also allow our choir to perform its Tenebrae service on Good Friday.

Anyone who wants to be a part of this performance IS INVITED! Please contact me (either the student or their parents may call) at 716-937-7881 or 432-3761 (where you can text as well as call) and let me know you are interested. Please leave your name, grade and phone number. I need about 7-9 boys and 6-8 girls, plus 1 or 2 readers and a spotlight operator (we will teach you how to do this if you don't know how). That is 20 people, but we won't turn anyone away. It's better if there is a bigger crowd in the crowd scenes!

I also need some parents who would be willing to help me at the rehearsals to provide extra adults in the room in case of emergencies, etc. and who can help with the costuming the night of the dress rehearsal and the performance.

The schedule is as follows

These are MANDATORY rehearsals—there are very few and you MUST be able to be present.

Rehearsals: Sunday, March 22, 1 - 3 PM, Church (scripts, parts, run-through)
 Saturday, March 28th, 1 – 3 PM, Church (two run-throughs)
 Sunday, March 29th, 6-8 PM: dress rehearsal--meet in school, and then move to church
 after costuming
 Saturday, April 4th, 1 – 2 PM: Quick 1-hour rehearsal to brush up before performance.

PERFORMANCE:

 Sunday, April 5th, 6 PM (Costuming in Cafeteria)
 7 PM Service performed in church (ends by 8 PM)

I hope you're as excited as I am to be able to perform this beautiful presentation! Time is short—please let me know of your availability as soon as possible so we can decide if we can move forward. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Kathleen R. Sutter, Chairperson, St. John's Worship Committee



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3/11/2020

Dear Middle School Families,

After a discussion regarding student progress and student needs we have decided to take a proactive approach to support our students.

For the second half of our school year, we will be implementing ***'10th Period Advisement'*** for all middle school students who are in need of extra support either academically or socially. If your child is going to stay they will call home and will stay for 10th period on the following school day or on a day specified by the teacher or principal. In the past we have assigned detentions, or suggested that students stay after. We are now replacing detention with an academic support period.

Students that will benefit from this Advisement period are students that need to complete homework assignments, need homework assistance, need additional academic support, or need a time to make up missing assignments.

We as a Middle School team feel that many of our students will benefit from this approach, and as always, we want our students to have a successful end to the school year.

Sincerely,

The Middle School Team

Mrs. Pautler, Mrs. McNutt, Ms. Nydahl, Mrs. O'Brien, and Mrs. Anasiewicz

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SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020

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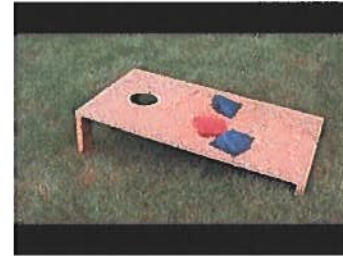




It's time to start
collecting Box Tops!!!!!!

It's time for a Box top contest! Each class room will be collecting Box Tops from March 13 through the 27. Prizes will be awarded to three classes that earn the most box tops. First Prize will be a dress down day, second prize will be Buttercrumbs Bookies, and third prize will be an ice cream treat from the cafeteria. The top three winning classroom teachers will also win a Buttercrumbs peanut butter energy bar. Please send box tops in an envelope labeled with your child's name and classroom and give to your child's teacher. Good Luck!!!! If you have any questions please contact Cathie McAuley at (585) 300-3262 or email at hsa@stjohnsalden.org Thank you and Good Luck!!!!





**Come join us for Mother/Son night
on Friday, March 20th at 6:30pm**

**There will be cotton candy, popcorn and
snow cones along with a couple of games
to help make our carnival a fun family affair.**

Please RSVP by March 13th

_____ Family Name _____ How many are attending

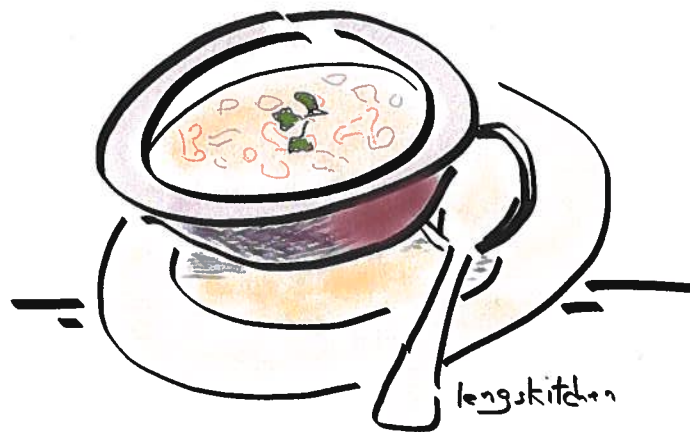
**Please text or call Shannon Kulik at (716) 523-1637 with
any questions or concerns**

Soup Supper

Thursday, March 19th

4:30pm—6:30pm

\$5.00 will get you a hot bowl of homemade soup, a salad, a drink, and a delicious dessert.



All proceeds will go to support Juvenile Diabetes.
St. John the Baptist School service club is collecting money from this Soup Supper and through other fundraising efforts.

Our students feel passionate about this cause and would like to support research efforts that help increase the quality of life of children living with Juvenile Diabetes more manageable.

Thank you for your support!

Our school Open House is also this night from 6:30pm to 8pm.
We are thrilled to welcome any family interested in making St. John the Baptist their new school!



St. John the Baptist School Freezer full of Meat Raffle

1st Prize FREEZER that's full of meat

2nd Prize 50lbs of meat

3rd Prize 25lbs of meat

Drawing will be Saturday, March 28th

During the Live Meat Raffle.... You do not need to be present to win...

Each ticket is only \$20.00.

Tickets will be sold after Masses, during the Live raffle, you can send back the bottom portion OR contact Cathie McAuley... Checks made out to St John the Baptist. Any questions please contact Cathie McAuley

FREEZER RAFFLE

NAME: _____

HOW MANY TICKETS: _____

attn: Cathie McAuley 585-300-3262



Catholic Schools
DIOCESE OF BUFFALO

February 28, 2020

Dear Parents:

Today the Diocese of Buffalo announced that it has petition the court for Chapter 11. This decision will allow the diocese some time to address its financial crisis and reorganize to effectively serve the mission of the church.

You may wonder what impact Chapter 11 may have on our schools. Our Catholic elementary schools are financially supported through the tuition you pay, scholarships, government reimbursements, fundraising and parish subsidies from the offertories. Accordingly Chapter 11 has no impact on our schools. As long as the schools have your support and the generosity of our parishioners throughout the diocese, our schools will continue to serve the needs of students and families as always.

Please continue to pray for those who have been injured through the selfish acts of others and pray for our church.

Yours in faith,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael C. LaFever", written in a cursive style.

Dr. Michael C. LaFever
Superintendent of Catholic Schools of WNY



St. John the Baptist School

Biweekly Newsletter

March 11 2020

Principal Letter

Dear Families,

Thank you to all of the families that have completed our re registration process. We are thrilled to welcome back so many families. The message has been heard loud and clear that our families LOVE our school.

We have another great opportunity for your family to share this love with other families. Shadow Week, March 16th–20th, is a chance for any child in Grades 1st–7th to visit the school and see what a full day at St. John the Baptist School looks like.

We also have an Open House scheduled for Thursday, March 19th from 6:30p-8pm. I am asking our families to consider inviting someone new to visit us that night. Prior to the Open House will have a delicious Soup Supper. This is a fun way to share a meal and our school with friends.

Many Blessings,

Mrs. Jonna M. Johnson

Registration



School/Family Checklist...

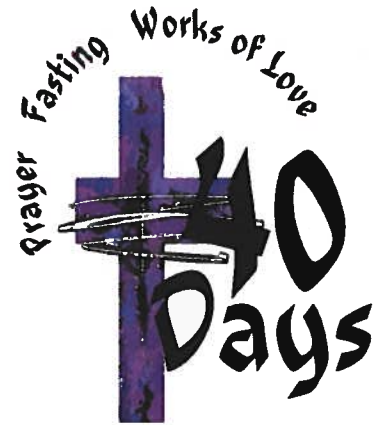
Invite a new family to visit our school this month.

Attend our H.S.A and Lawn Fete meeting on March 24th.

Send in coins to support our school fundraising efforts for Catholic Charities!

Attend one, or more, of the Parish Lent activities. A calendar of events was sent home in the last folder, and is available on the Parish website

Send in a donation for the "Sauce and Sides" school basket.



Dates to Remember

Krolck's Fish Fry 4:30–7pm	3/13
St. Joseph's Day Soup Supper Open House	3/19
Mother/Son Night 6:30pm	3/20
H.S.A Meeting 6pm Lawn Fete Meeting 7pm	3/24
NYS ELA Exam	3/24 & 3/25
No School Congratulations Ms. Nuwer!	3/27
H.S.A Meat Raffle	3/28

Communication Hotspots:

- Blue Family Folder—Information will be sent home every other Wednesday .
- School Website— Check here for current event information, forms, and other important information.
- Face book— Consider joining our closed parent group or following the school page. This is a great way to see all of the fun learning that happens, as well as, connect with other parents.
- School Reach—Phone calls, TEXTS, and emails are sent out by the office on a routine basis and in emergency situations.

Absences/Tardies/Illness :

- All absences should be called into the main office at 937-9483. If no one answers please leave a message with your child's name and grade.
- All absences require a written excuse to be sent in on the day the student returns to school. The excuse should include your child's name, the date they were absent, and the reason.
- All students that arrive after 8 am are marked tardy. Parents must sign their child in and receive a tardy slip for the classroom teacher. It is encouraged that children arrive by 7:50 am so that they have time prior to announcements to unpack, get settled, sign up for lunch, and be ready for the day.
- Sick children should stay home. Students that are throwing up, have a fever, or have diarrhea should be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school. This policy helps to contain the spread of germs and keep our students and staff healthy. Develop a plan for what to do when your child is sick.
- No School—Friday, March 27th and our Easter break is April 8th—April 17th. We resume school on Monday, April 20th.

Sauce and Side School Basket :

As a school we will create a HUGE basket to donate to the H.S.A Meat Raffle. We are asking for *voluntary* donations. If you wish to donate here are some suggestions:

PreK 3, PreK 4, and Kindergarten:

Spices - Any flavor of spice in a bottle or in a packet that can be used with chicken, beef, and pork.

1st and 2nd -

Sauces - Any bottle of sauce to marinate chicken, beef, or pork.

3rd and 4th -

Sides - Any boxes or cans of non perishable items that can serve as side dishes or dessert.

5th and 6th -

Utensils - Spoons, spatulas, tongs, brushes, or measuring cups.

7th and 8th Grade -

Linens - Dish towels, cloth napkins, or other miscellaneous items.

Please send items by Friday, March 20th!

H.S.A News:

- The next meeting is on **March 24th at 6:00pm** in the school faculty room. **ALL** parents/guardians are welcomed and encouraged to attend.
- The **Lawn Fete committee** meets immediately following the H.S.A meeting. We need the support of **ALL** school families to make this event successful!
- **Mother/Son Night**— Friday, March 20th. See enclosed flyer for more information.
- We are still collecting Dash receipts and Box Tops. See Box Top flyer for more information.
- Our Meat Raffle is a sold out event! Thank you for your tremendous support. See you on the 28th!!!

NYS ELA Exam:

March 11

On Tuesday, March 24th and Wednesday, March 25th our students in 3rd through 8th grade will participate in the New York State ELA exam. All students are encouraged to participate in these exams. More information regarding these tests is included in this folder.

Exams are given in the morning so students are encouraged to get a good night's rest, eat a healthy breakfast, and be on time these days.

School Liturgy

3/12— Mass at 8:30am led by Various grades

3/19—Mass at 8:30am led by PreK and 3rd

3/26— Mass at 8:30am led by 7th Grade

Stations of the Cross are every Friday at 1pm and 7pm. All are welcome to attend

COVID-19 Update:

As a school community we are working closely with the Diocese and with Alden Public School district to monitor the severity of this situation. At this time we are putting into place, basic prevention protocols that we use with any virus. We encourage frequent hand washing, engage in frequent cleaning of high contact zones, and ask that students and staff to remain at home if they have a fever, diarrhea, excessive cough, or vomiting. We ask that these individuals do not return to school until they are 24 hours free of symptoms. If information from the CDC should change, and reflect a change in our current area, are protocols will be updated with our families.

“ Wash your hands and pray often because Jesus and germs are everywhere.”

8th Grade Reminder:

Our Lake George trip will be here before you know it. It is very important that we stay on the payment schedule to ensure that we meet all reservation deadlines. The next trip payment of is the total amount owed for the type of room selected. It is due on **Wednesday, April 1st** This payment needs to be mailed directly to the company at: **1st Choice Educational Tours, PO Box 950, Batavia, NY 14021-0950**

Upcoming Events:

- **Krolick's Fish Fry**— Friday, March 13th from 4:30pm—7pm. Enjoy a delicious Lent friendly fish fry. All proceeds benefit our 8th Grade class. Eat in or take out. Order forms are available in the office.
- **Soup Supper/Open House**— Thursday, March 19th. Soup is served from 4:30pm—6:30pm. We will have an Open House for any new families from 6:30 to 8pm! Invite your friends!
- **Meat Raffle**— Save the Date !!! Saturday, March 28th.



March Character Trait:

Honesty

Be truthful in what you say and do!

Ask your child:

When is it difficult to be honest?

What prevents you from being honest?

How can we work together as a family to promote honesty.

