



SCHOOL NEWS

St. John the Baptist Catholic School Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar



- 2** - Give Local York starts 9 pm
- Give Local York ends 9 pm
- 3** - Early Dismissal, PS at 11:30 am and ES at Noon Dismissal
- 4** - 2nd Grade Student to Read at Mass
- 2nd Grade Students to Read at Masses
- 5** - May Crowning at 9 am Mass
- 9** - Muffins with Moms at 8 am
- Ascension Mass at 9 am
- 10** - Muffins with Moms at 8 am
- Friday Mass at 9 am
- 14** - ES Spring Concert at 6:30 pm
- Sweet Frog Spirit Night 4-9pm
- 17** - Faith Fun Fitness Day
- PTO Family Potluck
- 20** - ES Mission Day
- PK3 MWF Last Day of School
- PK3 T/Th Last Day of School
- 21** - Time for Twos Tuesday Last Day
- PTO Meeting at 4:15 pm
- Chickfila Spirit Night 5-7pm
- 22** - PK4 Graduation at 10 am
- 23** - Time for Twos Thurs. Last Day
- 27** - No School - Memorial Day
- 31** - 6th Grade Graduation Mass - 9 am
- June 5** - Elementary School - Last Day of School, Noon Dismissal



As we enter this last month of this school year, I took some time to reflect on this year as principal. It has been such an honor and privilege to continue to lead

this school and to see your wonderful children each day. Their growth, physically and academically, has been remarkable to witness. The students' excitement for the many activities we do and how they are helpful to everyone, brings a smile to my face every day. Most importantly, the growth in their faith has been the biggest blessing to me. Their reverence at church each week is so touching to see, and I receive many compliments from our parishioners about them. Thank you for entrusting us with your children as we pray, learn and nurture the dreams of the future.

Finally, thank you all for your support this year. The never-ending support of the families helps me to know that St. John the Baptist Catholic School will continue to be a top notch school as we partner together to make disciples of Christ.

I hope to see many of you at the last school events of the year. I also hope to see many of you in church and at events throughout the summer. May God Bless all of our wonderful families.

Last Days of School For 2023/2024



It's hard to believe the school year is almost over and summer is right around the corner. Please check below for your child's last day.

PK3 MWF - Monday, May 20th

PK3 T/Th - Tuesday, May 21st

Time for Twos Tuesday - May 21st

PK4 Graduation - Wednesday, May 22nd

Time for Twos Thursday - May 23rd

6th Grade Graduation - Friday, May 31st

Elementary School, K-5th - Wednesday, June 5th



Virtue Award Diligence

The following students exemplified to others the meaning of **Diligence** through their actions, words and behavior during the month of April.

- K - Super Student
- K - Jaxon Day
- 1st - Super Student
- 2nd - Joshua Szymanik
- 3rd - Parker Horan
- 4th - Landyn Clasing
- 5th - Fei Fei Stitt
- 6th - Emmalynn Hollinger



Diocesan Geography Bee

St. John's 5th grader, Eddie Campbell, competed against other schools in the Harrisburg Diocese in the Geography Bee during March. Eddie did a great job making it to the tie breaker in the final round! We are proud to have had him represent our school!

St. John the Baptist PRESCHOOL

50 YEAR LEGACY



Alice Peirmatteo, first teacher Mrs. Hunting, and Peggy Keller with the preschool class from September of 1974

In 1973, three mothers and parishioners of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in New Freedom met after masses to have their young children play. Recognizing a local need for socialization and instruction before kindergarten, Alice Peirmatteos, Kathy Paddock, and Peggy Keller of New Freedom and Shrewsbury met at Alice's house one afternoon with the idea of starting a preschool.

Through church support, local partnerships, and focused determination, a curriculum was obtained from Southern Elementary School in Glen Rock for St. John the Baptist Preschool to open its doors at Neumann Hall in January of 1974. The first class consisted of one teacher and twelve students.

Today, St. John the Baptist Preschool has over sixty students enrolled and continues the legacy of Alice, Kathy, and Peggy by offering instruction through hands-on learning experiences, music, prayer, and play. Preschool students were excited to have a special guest reader this April, Peggy Keller, the last surviving of the three founding mothers.

Article by Mrs. Andrea Slattery



St. John's PTO

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PTO End of the Year Potluck is Friday, May 17th from 6pm - 8pm to celebrate the end of the school year. Bring a blanket and chairs, find a spot, fill a plate and have fun! It is requested that each family bring a covered dish as follows:

PreK-1st Grade bring Appetizer or Salad Grades 2-4 bring Main Dish Grades 5 & 6 bring Dessert

More information can be found at: <https://sjbnfpto.org/spirit-nights>

Faith, Fun, and Fitness Day

Friday May 17th. We need parent and grandparent volunteers to help with the preschool and elementary school with the St. John's annual all day field day. Sign-up from our website:

<https://sjbnfpto.org/volunteer>

Volunteer Opportunities Available!

If you are badged there are Faith Fun, & Fitness, Spring lunch monitor, pretzel Tuesday, Good Shepherd assistant, library helper opportunities available. Please help and make a difference at our school for our staff and students! <https://sjbnfpto.org/volunteer>

Get Badged Over the Summer!

Get involved now in preparation for next year! Parents and grandparents of our students are encouraged to get clearances through the State and Diocese in order to volunteer at school next school year! All steps are located on our PTO website and school website. <https://sjbnfpto.org/get-badged>

York Revolution Baseball Game Family Spirit Night

Saturday, May 25th 6pm at Wellspan Park. This is a no cannon event that offers a free patriotic Revs hat for the first 1k fans, a salute to service, and fireworks after the game! If we sell over 50 tickets, SJB families will be able to hold the American flag during the national anthem on the field! **We have sold 30 tickets so far!** <https://sjbnfpto.org/spirit-nights>

Fall Family Service Day at First Fruit Farms

SAVE THE DATE for next Fall! On Saturday September 7th at 9:30am-11:30am families can join-in and help pick produce in the fields of the farm to be donated to families in need. The whole family can come out and help, and pack lunches to eat at their pavilion afterwards. We will send a reminder next year at back to school night!

May PTO Meeting - PTO Officer Elections

Thank you to the parents and staff that attended and helped decide and vote on events at our April Meeting! Our participants from April's call will be eligible to win a small prize in our live raffle drawing next meeting! Our last virtual meeting of the school year with officer elections for next year will be Tuesday May 21 at 4:15pm.



Thank You!

To all of our parents, grandparents, and guardians of our school that helped and spent their time and donated items to make our events a success, we appreciate and thank you!



We are excited to be part of GIVE LOCAL YORK from May 2nd at 9pm - May 3rd at 9 pm!!! You can help our school win an extra \$1,000 for the "Donor of the Day" Prize challenge sponsored by Southwire. Anyone who posts their "I Give Local" selfie and tags #givelocalyork and #donorforaday on Facebook has a shot of winning \$1,000 for our school. You can download your own "Giving Local to" sign here: <https://tinyurl.com/igivelocal2024>

Each family that makes a donation of \$10 or more on our Give Local York page will receive a dress down pass for each child in their family. Start giving May 2nd at 9pm <https://tinyurl.com/GLYSJBNF>

Faith Fun Fitness Day

On Friday, May 17th (rain date May 24th) St. John's students will participate in Faith Fun Fitness Day. As in previous years, the students will do a faith walk/run and fitness exercises. The winning auction bidders will get to soak the teachers and staff during the afternoon.

Volunteers with clearance badges are needed to assist with elementary student activities following the 9 am Mass until 3pm. Please consider volunteering: <https://sjbnfpto.org/volunteer>

Preschool families, please note that there are **no classes** on Faith Fun Fitness Day and **preschool students must be accompanied by an adult** to participate in Faith, Fun, Fitness Day on May 17th. The preschool activities will start at 10 am on the front lawn of the church. Please plan to arrive at 10 am with your preschool student and guide them through the activities of the day. Bring your lunch to enjoy at noon and plan to stay for water soaking event!

Spirit Nights!



Sweet Frog Spirit Night is Tuesday, May 14 from 4-9 pm. Our spring concert is that evening, so why not get a yummy frozen treat before or afterwards! Sweet Frog is located at 14635 Mt. Airy Road in the Giant Shopping Center.



Chick-fil-A Spirit Night is Tuesday, May 21 from 5-7 pm and is also located in the Giant Shopping Center at 14665 Mt. Airy Road.

Be sure to mention **St. John's Spirit Night** to make sure each restaurant knows you are there to support our school!

May Events, Reminders and Details...

May 9 & 10 - Muffins with Moms at 8 am, Please RSVP:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4FAEA829A5FD0-48694854-muffins>



May 5 - May Crowning by the First Communion Children will honor our Blessed Mother on Sun., May 5th at the 9 AM Mass. The children should wear their First Communion outfits and arrive at the main church at 8:45 AM.

May 14 - Elementary School Spring Concert at 6:30 pm in the social hall. The students will showcase vocals under the direction of our music teacher, Mrs. Kelly Ann Miller. The instrumental students will perform under the direction of the instrumental music teacher, Mrs. Laurie Kotter.

St. John's Talent Show

St. John the Baptist Catholic School's Student Council collaborated to produce the Third Annual Talent Show on Friday, April 19th in the Capitani Social Hall. The audience enjoyed many acts featuring our talented students. The contestants were divided into three categories: Comedy, Musical and Choreography. The many acts included dancing, singing, skits, comedy, instrumental, videography, gymnastics and more! Congratulations to the winners and all who participated. A big thank you to Mrs. Bodoh and Mrs. Wooden for orchestrating this event!



 The students of St. John's second 6th grade graduating class are now graduating high school. Ten of those students will graduate from York Catholic High School on Thursday, May 23 at 7 pm at York Catholic. A Baccalaureate Mass for the Class of 2024 will be held on Wednesday, May 22 at 7 pm at St. Joseph Church in York. Bishop Timothy Senior will be the celebrant. Keep our former students in your prayers as they graduate and embrace the next phase of their lives. 



St. John the Baptist School Graduations!

6th Grade - There will be a 6th Grade Graduation Mass on Friday, May 31, 2024 at 9 am in the main church to celebrate our 6th grade students. An awards ceremony and brunch will follow at the Capitani Hall.

PK4 - There will be a ceremony for our graduating PK4 preschool students on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 10:00 am in the Capitani Social Hall. Light refreshments will be served after the PK4 graduation. **PK4 Families ONLY**, please RSVP to help us plan accordingly:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4FAEA829A5FD0-48698137-pk4graduation>



The entire faculty and staff would like to thank the PTO for the support throughout the school year. We are thankful for the treats, surprises and many, many events that are organized and ran by the PTO. Our school is truly blessed to have so many parents who are able to volunteer their talents and time to enrich our school.