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St. John the Evangelist Elementary School

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We are now enrolling for the 2020-2021 school year. Preschool 3s through 6th grade.

Please call Mrs. Blair at 517.740.7108 for more information. We would love to have you join our wonderful school family.

May ~ The Month of Mary

May is the Month of Mary. When you enter the school during May, the first thing you might notice is the beautiful May altar that Judy Smith puts together right outside the school office door with a statue of our Blessed Mother, a vase or two of fresh flowers and a rosary. You would hear the students praying the rosary, and teachers telling about Mary appearing to the children at Fatima, and children learning about the many names we have for Mary. You may see the kindergarten class gathered around the statue of Mary at the south school entrance.

You might see classes working on Mother's Day gifts and cards, writing special poems and messages to honor their mothers and grandmothers.

You would also witness the excitement of our entire school family for the second graders as the make the final preparations for receiving their First Holy Communion. The lessons completed, the altar cloth ready, the outfits purchased, the practices done and the plans in place for a wonderful celebration with family and friends.

This year, due to COVID19, May looks very different at St. John School. The building is empty and eerily quiet. BUT, due to the incredible efforts of our school and parish staffs and our parents, the spirit of SJS is alive and well! The students are learning about Mary, and praying the rosary. They are writing poems and making cards for their moms and grandmas. Our second graders are still excited for their First Communion—whenever that may be. Recently, they had a virtual retreat experience put together by our faith formation team, and they are "meeting" weekly with Mrs. Fitzpatrick and Miss Clare.

We are grateful for these blessings and for these people!

Virtual Race for Education 2020

Each year, St. John School has a spring fundraiser to help us purchase something that our budget does not cover. In the past, we have used the funds to upgrade our security system, to purchase desks and chairs for classrooms, to enhance our technology program and to purchase replacement textbooks and supplemental materials. Last year, we used the proceeds toward replacing our inefficient furnaces with an HVAC system that included air conditioning. That was a welcome addition during the warm fall months! The proceeds from this year's fundraiser will be used to replace our math program with one being adopted by the Jackson Catholic elementary schools. Cost for the 6-year program is $24,000.

Typically, we solicit donations from our friends and families via mailers, and then head to Lumen Christi one afternoon in May to run/walk around the track.

This year, we addressed, stamped and were all set to send out the mailers on March 13 when COVID19 forced the closing of schools. We delayed the mailing because of the uncertainty of that time. Last week, we added a message to the nearly 1400 mailers and sent them out. The message read, "Our students will participate in a Virtual Race for Education on May 18. Follow St. John School on Facebook for updates and photos. If you are able to make a donation, we thank you. If you are unable to at this time, we understand. Either way, we hold you close in thought and in prayer. "

If you did not receive a mailer from a school family, but would like to make a donation, please make your check out to St. John School and mail it to 405 E. North Street, 49202.

Your Grateful SJS family

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~ We thank you for your weekly church offering which helps to keep our tuition more affordable!

~ We hold you close in thought and in prayer.

~ Please continue to keep St. John School and all Catholic schools in your prayers.

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