



# St. John the Apostle Catholic School News & Notes

## *An Attitude of Gratitude*

This week the National Junior Honor Society sponsored a special campaign—*Have an Attitude of Gratitude*. From colorful posters around campus to poetic announcements everyday, NJHS reminded us to be grateful.

*Thank you, Lord, thank you.*

*We say thanks for the seed that grows our food.*

*We say thanks for the rain that gives us water to drink*

*We say thanks for the people who keep us safe from harm.*

*We say thanks for homes, families, and friends.*

*We say thanks for the sky, the sun, the moon and the stars.*

*We say thanks for our country, beautiful and free.*

*We say thank you for the smiling faces, the crying faces, the*

*Helping hands, the strong muscles and singing voices.*

*We say thanks for all people, animals and all things which help*

*Us to know and love You more.*

*We say thanks for Your life and love which never end.*

*Thank you, Lord, thank you.*

SJS has a special November tradition, our annual fruit sharing prayer service. Students bring two pieces of fruit to school— one to share with classmates and one to donate. Parent volunteers help prepare the fruit for the classrooms and the teachers plan the prayer service, emphasizing our many blessings while encouraging the students to share what they are thankful for. This year the extra fruit will be given to the Parish Food Pantry for the holiday baskets that will be given to needy families this weekend.





Volunteers are love in motion . . .

Keeping with our theme of gratitude, this is the perfect time to thank all the volunteers who worked to make our annual dinner and auction, a Night on Broadway, a success. Planning for this year's event actually began last spring under the direction of the administrative team, Kim Lyon, Lily Beekman, and Suzie FitzGibbon; this group set the tone for success. The gym was transformed by the inspired design implemented by Mrs. Allie Jackson and Mrs. Suzie FitzGibbon.

In addition to the live and silent auctions, the Big Board and Mimeo Demonstration along with fun activities like the Heads & Tails elimination that came down to Mrs. Reid our 6th grade ELA teacher and Mrs. Workman, the evening was filled with fun and action. The evening was topped off by the 50/50 Raffle; the VanZanten Family had the winning ticket!

## Catholic School Honoree

This year's SJS Catholic School Honoree is Barb Krueger. Mrs. Krueger has volunteered at St. John School for fourteen years and has worked at St. John's Childcare Center for nine years. She has served on the Finance Committee and as treasurer for Home & School and the Golf Tournament. She has participated in other fundraising activities for the school such as chairing the used uniform sales and the silent/live auction for ten years. Mrs. Krueger is also the volunteer coordinator for the school.

Barb and her husband Mark have two children. Lauren graduated from St. John School and is a senior at The Highlands School. Joseph is currently a 7th grader at St. John.

Mrs. Krueger will be honored at the Fort Worth Diocese Catholic Schools Banquet on January 28th. This is the 25th Anniversary Celebration Banquet.

More information will be coming in the near future.

Congratulations Barb!

## Upcoming Events

Nov. 21-25 Thanksgiving Holiday  
NO SCHOOL

Nov. 30 School Advisory Council  
Meeting, 7:00pm

Dec. 1 8th Grade Picture Day

Dec. 6 Band Concert, 6:30pm  
Christmas Program, 7:00pm

Dec. 7 Spirit Day  
Pep Rally Gr. 5-8, 2:15pm

Dec. 8 Mass, 8:15am

Dec. 9 Geography Bee after Mass

Dec. 14 SCRIP OOU Day

Kindergarten Baby Jesus Baby Shower

Dec. 15 PreK Christmas Program, 2:00

Dec. 21- Jan. 3 Christmas Holidays  
NO SCHOOL

Jan. 4 Classes Resume  
Spirit Day

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## SCRIP Credit

The fifty eight families who earned \$5 or more in SCRIP Credits during the 7 month period, April through October, were notified last week. The largest single family credit was \$498.70 and the total earned by families was \$2,385.84. Remember, 2% of all SCRIP purchases is credited back to families (\$5 minimum award). SCRIP profits go directly into the operating budget and help to reduce the need for higher tuition increases. It helps families and SJS! Thanks for supporting SCRIP!



The most precious gift we can offer others is our time. When we touch those we love, they will bloom like flowers.

## Warm Up to Giving

Wednesday, December 7 through  
Wednesday, December 14

St. John School will be having a food and/or clothing drive.

**Baby World:** NEW socks, underwear, and PJ's for children and babies

**Food Pantry:** canned food, toilet paper, paper towels and cleaning supplies

**New Toys** for children in our area

To kick off Warm Up to Giving join us in the gym for a cup of hot chocolate before school on Wednesday, December 7th compliments of SJS Student Council.

As a wrap up to our Warm Up to Giving everyone in our school may have a holiday out of uniform day on Wednesday, December 14. Students may wear warm-ups or a sweat shirt to school.

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## NFL Punt Pass Kick Event



Miguel Burciaga, 8th grader and 6th grader Alyssa Flynn competed at the Dallas Cowboy Stadium on Sunday, November 6, 2011 at the Regional competition. Alyssa placed first in her age group. Miguel placed 3rd in his age.

Congratulations to both of you!

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## Soccer Season at SJS

Soccer season has come to an end at SJS. The White Soccer Team finished with a 9-0 record . The Blue Team had 6 wins 2 ties and 1 lose. Both teams were awesome.



Go Eagles!

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## Basketball Season Begins



SJS Basketball season is just beginning.

The 8th grade boys team will participate in the Our Lady of Victory tournament from November 29 to December 3.

The 7th grade girls team will participate in the Saint Maria Goretti tournament from December 5 to December 10.



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