



St. John the Baptist Catholic School
1021 Baker Street
Costa Mesa, CA 92626
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Dear Parents:

Welcome to an exciting year at St. John the Baptist Catholic School. I am looking forward to having your child in my 4th grade class. Their enthusiasm and energy offer great joy and I look forward to a great year with them and you, too. My hope is to meet their physical, social, and emotional needs in an environment which encourages optimum intellectual development. Be sure to share with us any information you feel may be helpful.

The information below and on the back of this newsletter will clear up some questions and help with class concerns.

Parent Conferences - Parent conferences are very important and I plan to work closely with you throughout the year. We'll work together to help your child do his or her best in 4th grade.

Clothing - Please make sure that all articles (pants, shorts, skirts, shirts, blouses, culottes, and lunch pails) are labeled with names.

Health - Please advise us of any specific concerns. If your child needs to take any medication in school, please let us know about this and send a note from your child's doctor detailing dosage instructions.

This newsletter and all future newsletter can be found at www.mrnguyen.net. Please visit the site to familiarize yourself with the plethora of useful information available 24/7 at a click of a button. www.mrnguyen.net will be updated on a weekly basis; usually on Sunday nights.

Important addresses to remember

Mr. Nguyen's email: anguyen@sjbschool.net
Our classroom website: www.mrnguyen.net
Scholastic book club: scholastic.com/bookclubs
SJB School website: www.sjbschool.net



... to the following students who earned an A+ on the following tests.

Each week, we will have tests and quizzes that cover the contents that we have learned. Students: when you receive an A+ on a test or quiz, your name will appear in this box. I'm looking forward to seeing all of your names in this part of the newsletter. Make me proud! I know you can do it! First Spelling test Thursday!

Scholastic Book Club Online Ordering

GOOD NEWS! You can now order books from the catalogs that students receive online. That's right! With a few clicks, you can have the books you want without worrying about your child handling money or losing their order forms.

Online Ordering Information
Web address: scholastic.com/bookclubs
Class Activation Code: 123G8

There will be many reading incentives throughout the year. Please encourage your child to read at home while I encourage them to read at school. Best of all, **our class earns a FREE book every time a parent places their order online.** If you prefer, you may still order books using the order form that I send home with your child. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

- Thu., Aug. 27: Sally Foster Kick-off
- Fri., Aug. 28: Teacher In-service, no school
- Mon., Aug. 31: Confession
- Thu., Sept. 3: Mandatory Parent Meeting. 7PM
- Fri., Sept. 4: NOON DISMISSAL
- Mon., Sept. 7: Labor Day, NO SCHOOL
- Mon., Sept. 14: Spirit Attire Monday
- Wed., Sept. 16: Back To School Night 6:30 PM
- Fri., Sept. 18: Spaghetti Dinner 5:30 PM

For Your Information

Homework

Students are expected to do their homework everyday. Homework is due the following day every day except when noted otherwise. Late homework will not be accepted for credit. Every two missing or five late homework assignments will result in a 45-minute detention after school. Homework time will not exceed one hour each day. If your child is unable to complete all their homework in the allotted time, please make a note of it. Students will not be penalized for incomplete homework if parents write me a note explaining why they were unable to complete the assignments.

Tests

Students will know the specific test dates so that they know when to study and when to expect a test. I will not give more than two big tests on the same day. Vocabulary and Spelling tests will always be on Friday unless noted otherwise.

Behavior in Church

All students are expected to be on their best behavior at all times in church. If a student misbehaves in church, there will be serious consequences. Students may not disrespect God in any form or capacity.

Behavior Chart

Each student will be given a behavior slip each week. Students will write or color in a specified box each day. The behavior slip must be signed and returned on Mondays.

Special Days

Tuesday: Computer and PE—Please remember to come to school in your regular school uniform and bring your PE uniform to change for PE.

Wednesday: Spanish and Music—Please remember to bring the recorder EVERY WEDNESDAY.

Thursday: Mass, Library, and PE.—Please remember that you must wear your **regular school uniform** to mass and bring your PE uniform to change for PE.

Monday Folder

The Monday Folder comes home on Mondays. Inside, you will find the school bulletin, this newsletter, and any paper from the office. If there is no school on Monday, the Monday Folder will come home on Tuesday.

Friday Folder

The Friday Folder comes home on Fridays. Inside, you will find all of your child's returned work. This includes homework, classwork, tests, and quizzes. Tests with a grade of D or F must be signed and returned on Mondays. If there is no school on Friday, the Friday folder will come home on Thursday.

Supplies

Each student is expected to already have ALL supplies on our class supply list. If your child is missing any item, they must be purchased immediately. I have 20 sets of "watercolor" pencils. If you cannot find them in stores, you can get them from me. The cost is \$4.00. They are available at Office Depot for \$3.69+tax (\$4.02 total).

School P.E. Uniform Policy

Students may ONLY wear their P.E. uniform during P.E. time. All students in fourth through eighth grades must be in their REGULAR school uniform when they are not in P.E..

Our class, 4B, has P.E. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:45 unless otherwise noted such as on days we have All School Mass. On these days, we will not have P.E..

Students must wear their regular school uniform to school everyday. They must pack their P.E. uniform and bring with them on P.E. days. I will give them time to change into their P.E. uniform before their PE time.

Any student who comes to school in their P.E. uniform will be given a uniform violation. Every two uniform violations will result in a 45-minute after school detention. Please observe these guidelines carefully. Please read the parent/student handbook pages 42-44 for more information on uniform. Thank you.