

Dear St. John's Catholic School Families and Parish Friends,

As we move towards the close to our first full month back at school, the weeks have been full of small moments that remind me why St. John's is so special: our PreK kids learning how to walk in a line, (sometimes more quietly than others), teachers helping children find their confidence in their new grade level, and our school community gathering in prayer at All-School Mass. It has been a joy to watch our students in their classrooms settling into the rhythms of learning, friendship, and faith.

This week, our Kindergarten through 8th Grade students took their fall NWEA assessments. For our youngest students, this was the first time to experience "Test Taking", and they did a wonderful job. These results will give our teachers another way to understand each child's strengths and plan for growth throughout the year. Thank you to our families for helping students arrive rested, fed, and ready to do their best. In the coming weeks we will be sharing the school's overall results and levels of achievement with everyone.

Changing gears, there are several opportunities to gather together as a school community in the weeks ahead. We will hold a Blessing of the Pets on Friday, October 2, at 1:00 p.m. at the school soccer field. All pets must be on a leash or in a carrier. On Tuesday, October 13, from 6:30–8:00 p.m., our students will lead a Rosary Under the Stars Family/Community event on the soccer field. I hope you will join us for this beautiful evening of prayer. We are also looking forward to our Saints and Sweets Carnival towards the end of the month. All event flyers will be attached to this email.

Our BIGGEST upcoming event this fall is the St. John's School Bazaar, which will be held on Friday, November 6th. We hope our school families, parishioners, friends, and neighbors will join us for an evening of dinner, concessions, activities, and entertainment presented by our students. The Bazaar is our biggest fundraiser of the year, but it is also a chance to enjoy time together and support the children and mission of St. John's Catholic School.

Please share the attached flyer with friends and family—we would love to welcome people from our surrounding parishes, too.

Thank you for the many ways you support our students—through your prayers, your presence, and the time you give to our school. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, parishioner, or neighbor, you are part of the community that helps St. John's Catholic School grow. I look forward to seeing you at our fall events!

With many blessings,

Jennifer Elder
Principal
St. John's Catholic School

Rosary Under the Stars

Hosted by St. John's Catholic School
Led by our students

Tuesday, October 13
6:30-8:00 PM
School Soccer Field

