

St. John the Evangelist Regional Catholic  
School  
Monthly School Newsletter  
April 2026



**Principal's Message:**

This year is truly flying by. We are beginning our fourth nine week grading period. This nine weeks we will work on the value of justice and fairness while continuing to work on respect, responsibility, compassion/caring and honesty.

We are so proud of our children. They represent St. John the Evangelist Regional Catholic School so well in every activity they are involved in. A special thank-you to our parents for sharing your most precious gifts – your children – with us.

**Morning Arrivals:**

If your child arrives at school between 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m., they are to use the ramp entrance. If your child arrives between 8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m., they are to use the front glass doors. Only children arriving late are to enter through the office. Thank you for your understanding.

**Marathon**

The marathon will be held on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at Hutchinson Park. The donations have been tremendous once again this year.

Please remember that if you did not send out any mailers, each family is expected to contribute at least \$150.00 as your mandatory obligation.

If you wish to volunteer, please fill-out the enclosed form and return it to the school office.

**Last Day of School**

Our last day of school will be Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Dismissal will be after 10:00 a.m. prayer service.

**Marathon Incentives:**

Each teacher is providing incentives for her/his class if they meet their marathon goal. The incentives are as follows:

- Pre K –Pajama Day / Snacks / Games
- K - Pajama Day/Snacks/Movie
- 1<sup>st</sup> - Pajama Day/Snacks/Movie
- 2<sup>nd</sup> -Dress Down / Movie / Ice-Cream
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Pajama Day / Movie/ Snacks
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Disney Day/ Movie/ Snacks
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Dress Down / Movie/ Snacks
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Dress Down / Diet Coke/Mementos  
Experiment
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Dress Down / Kickball
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Dress Down / Kickball

Our school goal is \$30,000.00.



**Volleyball**

Volleyball season has begun. We are very grateful to, Theresa Siste, Kristen Shumar, Michelle Cialone, Tara Bozek, John and Mallory Daniloski for working with the girls this year.

Good Luck, Girls!!!!

**Cheerleading**

We are so proud of our cheerleaders. They cheered with so much spirit and enthusiasm. I especially want to thank the coach, Jessica George for a job well done.

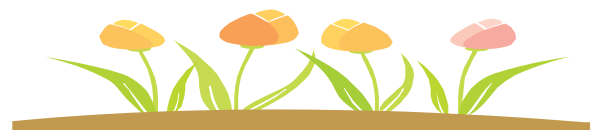
**Living Stations**

Living Stations will be celebrated by our sixth grade class on Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 in the school gym. This is always a very somber, beautiful representation about the Passion of our Lord.

Everyone is invited.

**ARK Tests**

Our students in Grades 2-8 will be taking the ARK tests. This is a religion test taken diocesan wide to test the students' knowledge of the Catholic faith.





### Religious Events:

- April 1– Living Stations in the Gym
- April 9 – Mass
- April 16 – Mass
- April 30 – Mass

### Secular Events:

- April 2-6 Easter Break – No School
- April 7 - No School – Diocesan In-service
- April 7 - Report cards can be viewed
- April 8 - 6:30 Core Team Meeting
- April 8 - \$2.00 Dress Down Day
- April 8 - 2:30-3:30 Choir
- April 10 Academic Assembly  
\$75 Cash Box (Marathon)
- April 17 – 12:30 p.m. Spring Musical
- April 20-May 1<sup>st</sup> Gr 3-8 will be taking the Iowa Tests.
- April 22 – 8:30 – 2:00 Kindergarten Orientation –  
**Present Kindergarten class will not have school on this day.**  
School Belles will be here to measure for uniforms
- April 24 – School Marathon
- April 27 - \$2.00 Dress Down Day
- April 30 - Reading Competition
- May 1 – **All Marathon money is due.**
- May 1 – Deficiencies will be mailed

### Schoolbelle Uniform Company

Our uniform company will be here on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to measure our students for uniforms for the 2026-2027 school year. Enclosed you will find an order form (see flier). You may fill it out and send it in or you may choose to come to the school and help with the fitting. Schoolbelles will be here from 8:30 – 2:00. Stop in at your convenience.

Grades K-1-2- wear the high waisted uniform  
 Grades 3 – 4 – 5 - wear the drop waist uniform  
 Grades 6 -7 – 8 - wear skirt or skort and blazer  
 All boys wear white shirts with logo and banded bottoms, khaki pants and  
 Grades 6 -7 – 8 (boys)- wear blazers

### Reading Competition:

Our reading competition has been postponed until April 30<sup>th</sup>. Good luck, Miss Bittner, Mrs. Palya and the complete Reading Team!!

### Kindergarten Orientation

On Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, our new Kindergarten students for the 2026-2027 school year will be screened.

**Our present Kindergarten students will NOT have school on that day.**

### Dress Code

Please be mindful of the dress code. See the attached sheet from our handbook.

### T-Shirt Contest:

Recently the Student Council held a contest to design the t-shirts for the Spring Musical. The designs were awesome so the choice was very difficult. Hazel Gross was the lucky winner. You will be able to see her design when the shirts are distributed.

### Cross Country Update

We are beyond thrilled that Josh Dennis, Tara Bozek and Amanda Voithofer will be coaching our cross country team this year. Practices usually start in the summer. Any child from Kindergarten to Grade 8 is welcome.

Please complete the enclosed form if your child is interested in participating.

### Support Students in Catholic Schools through the PA Educational Tax Credit Program

Did you know that you can redirect your Pennsylvania State taxes into scholarships for students attending Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Greensburg? It's possible through the Pennsylvania Educational Tax Credit Program (EITC). Select the Catholic School(s) you'd like to support with your contribution and receive 90% of that amount as a tax credit for a two-year commitment. The school(s) will receive up to 100% of your donation to provide tuition assistance for qualified families in the upcoming school year. Visit [DioceseofGreensburg.org/EITC](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/EITC) to fill out the interest form or contact Bill Barnes in the Office of Catholic Schools at 724-552-2589.

### February Ticket:

Tina Nypaver was the winner of the February Ticket #779. Carly Nypaver was the seller. Congratulations.



### Sports Celebration:

The Sports Celebration will be held on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Please see the enclosed flier.

### Kindergarten Aide:

We have been so happy to have Mrs. Vickie Crable as our Kindergarten aide for the last two years. She has been a true asset to our faculty. Mrs. Crable has decided to resign her position this year. We wish her the best.

In her place, we have hired Mrs. McKenna Vargo, a graduate of St. Vincent College. Mrs. Vargo has two students who attend St. John's – Hazel – Grade 3 and Samuel – Kindergarten. We welcome her to our St. John Family.

### Community Foundation:

The applications for the K-8 Community Foundation of Fayette County Scholarship are in. Please stop in the school office to receive one if you wish to apply. Please complete the application and return to the school office by July 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Wellness Corner

#### April Recipe: Perfect Pineapple Pops

2 c. plain yogurt

½ c. canned crushed pineapple (packed in juice)

1 can frozen pineapple or orange-pineapple concentrate, thawed.

Small paper cups, popsicle sticks, plastic wrap

1. Drain the can of crushed pineapple so all the juice runs out.
2. Put all the ingredients in a medium-sized bowl and mix them together.
3. Spoon the mixture into the paper cups. Fill them almost to the top.
4. Stretch a small piece of plastic wrap across the top of each cup.
5. Using the popsicle stick, poke a hole in the plastic wrap. Stand the stick up in the center of the cup.
6. Put the cups in the freezer until the mixture is frozen solid.
7. Remove the plastic wrap and peel away the paper cup. You'll have pineapple pops to eat and share.

