



St. John Vianney
Catholic School

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Volunteer Schedules



K5-1 (K): 12:09-12:55 Primary (P): 12:00-12:43 Intermediate (I): 12:13-12:55

Middle (M): M, TH 11:20-12:05; T, W, TH 11:45-12:27 Lunch Servers (L): 11:40-1:00 Health Room (HR) 10-1:00

<u>Wed. August 31</u>	<u>Thurs. Sept. 1</u>	<u>Fri. Sept. 2</u>	<u>Mon. Sept. 5</u>	<u>Tues. Sept. 6</u>
K: Martinez/Rusch	K: Barker/Donoghue	K: Boettcher/McKenna	K: Labor Day– No School	K: Martinez/Schloemer
P: Alberts/Sarner	P: Alberts/Rudek	P: Alberts/Parks	P:	P: Poblocki/Donoghue
I: Kebisek/McKenna	I: Kebisek/Thomas	I: Kebisek/Kormanik	I:	I: Barker/Fisher
M: Windsor	M: Lilek	M: Siy	M:	M: Goodman
L: Behmke/Kroepelin	L: McKenna/Goodman	L: Dobrzynski/Bell	L:	L: Nell
HR: Lilek	HR: McKenna	HR: Gehringer	HR:	HR: Lilek
Office: Cunniff	Office: Dobrzynski	Office: Keyes	Office:	Office: Tegge

A Note from the Principal



Welcome Back!

On Friday, August 26th, the doors of St. John Vianney School opened and middle school greeters welcomed all of our students and their families to a new school year. It was our traditional “Orientation Day.” The hallways were filled with the sounds of children as they greeted teachers and friends, arms laden with shopping bags and boxes full of new school supplies. I never seem to tire of this yearly ritual. There is always a sense of excitement and anticipation for the start of a new school year. Perhaps it is the newness. There are new teachers and new classmates to meet, new books to read, new goals to set and perhaps, if you’re lucky, even new shoes! This was an especially exciting Orientation Day for me because in the midst of all the newness that surrounded me, this year I was not new. My own personal enjoyment of the day was enhanced as I recognized familiar faces and was able to address students by name.

There are many new and exciting things to point out to you as we begin this school year. If you’ve attempted to visit the school to bring in a forgotten form or school supply, you may have encountered the new secured entrance. This will probably take some getting used to but it ensures the safety of our children and that makes it worth the extra effort. New signage has been placed on the door informing visitors to ring the bell and to enter through the door to the left. Unfortunately, as we buzz visitors in, guests cannot hear or detect that the lock has been released. If you see Janelle smiling and motioning you in, she is trying to let you know that the lock has been released. You merely need to pull the door open and walk through. This newness might become old very quickly!

In addition to the new signage on our school doors you may have noticed additional signage on the brick exterior of the buildings on campus. Large letters now designate our Parish Center, School Entrance and Activity Center. We also have a magnificent new sign on Calhoun Road. This sign currently welcomes all of our children back to school. In the future we will be able to use it to announce special activities and events such as PIN Night, Pizza Bash and Trivia Night to mention a few.

We are delighted to announce to all of you that we have successfully hired a new English/Religion teacher for our middle school. Ms. Emily Knippel is a 2010 graduate of Cardinal Stritch University with a BA in secondary Education and English/Language Arts. She completed an internship at Arrowhead Union High School where she taught multiple eleventh grade American literature classes. Most recently, Emily completed a semester long substitute position at Whitefish Bay Middle School where she taught sixth grade literature and language arts classes and eighth grade Sports Literature and Adolescent Literature classes. During her clinical experience at Bradley Tech High School, Emily taught sophomore, junior and senior honors English/Literature and Basic Level Freshman English/Literature. Through a second clinical experience at Lincoln Intermediate School in West Allis, Emily taught sixth and seventh grade language arts and grammar. We are looking forward to the growth our students will experience in the area of English/language arts from Emily’s background experience in teaching both at the middle school and high school level.

If Emily's last name has a familiar ring it is probably because she is Fr. Ken Knippel's niece. Fr. Ken was totally unaware of the fact that Emily had even applied for this position. I would like to extend a special thank you to Gloria Goss, Dan Demeter and Jill Fischer who served as members of the search committee and for their commitment to selecting a qualified candidate to fill this position. We are confident that our students will benefit from Emily's knowledge of her content area and her passion for teaching adolescents. We ask you to join us in extending a warm welcome to Emily Knippel, the newest member of our SJV staff.

Just when we thought we had only one new staff member to introduce, we learned that Mrs. Janice Averkamp is leaving us to accept a full time teaching position with another school district. We would like to thank Mrs. Averkamp for the past six years of ministry at our school. We will miss her presence and wish her God's abundant blessings as she begins her new position. During the interim period, Mrs. Nancy Arena, our morning K4 teacher has graciously agreed to teach both sessions of our four year old kindergarten. Many of you are familiar with Mrs. Arena. She has served as a teacher at SJV for the past twenty-two years. We are blessed that she will be sharing her talents with all of our K4 students. Mrs. Arena will also work to provide a smooth transition for our students when the new afternoon K4 teacher is hired.

On Thursday evening, September 1st, you are all invited to attend Parent Information Night. If you are thinking that PIN night is nothing new, you are absolutely right. However, this year's format may be new to you. This year we are starting PIN night at 6:30 PM which is earlier than in the past. This will allow parents the opportunity to return home in time for their children's bedtime routines. As in the past, three presentation times will be offered. However, the middle school format has changed slightly. This year's middle school presentation will be an informal "Meet and Greet" opportunity similar to an open house. Teachers will provide class overviews and will be available to answer your middle school questions.

During PIN Night, K5-5th grade teachers will have the opportunity to share information in regard to our new Houghton Mifflin "Journeys" reading series. This research based program will provide us with the opportunity to differentiate instruction according to each child's reading ability. It will also offer the opportunity to track internal assessment, monitor student progress and provide necessary and appropriate reading intervention. Middle school language arts and literature teachers will have the opportunity to share information in regard to the new Holt Literature and Language Arts Program that is being implemented this year for their level.

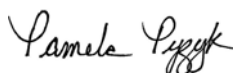
Thanks to your generosity through BIDS for KIDS, St. John Vianney has lots of new technology. When you are in the building for PIN Night, stop in the library or the computer lab to see all of the new computers and monitors. The children are sure to come home from school and excitedly inform you that they got to use the SMART responders. This is a wonderful piece of technology that ensures student engagement and allows teachers to monitor student understanding and progress.

Throughout the past year, many parents and middle school students commented on the cumbersome task of accessing multiple teacher web pages in order to check for daily homework assignments. This summer we began to investigate the possibility of switching to a different and more efficient program. Although we have not yet completed this process or arrived at a decision, we do have an interim solution. Middle school students and parents may access our new homework web page where homework assignments will be listed according to grade level. This should facilitate an easier and quicker check with more details available on each individual teacher web page.

<http://teacherweb.com/WI/StJohnVianney/JuniorHighHomework/>

By now you are probably wondering if everything at SJV is new this year. Has nothing remained the same? Rest assured that it has. Our commitment to an excellent education with a continual emphasis on our Catholic faith and identity remains in place as it has since St. John Vianney School was founded in 1956. Join us as we continue to "Walk by Faith" making Christ a part of our everyday school experiences.

Blessings,



Overviews of New Reading Series



K-5 Reading Series

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn the more places you'll go.” At Saint John Vianney we couldn't agree more with Dr. Seuss. We believe that reading and writing are two of the most important academic concepts that your children need. We are always striving to provide the children with the most current, comprehensive, and researched based instruction.

After a thorough, year-long study with multiple schools in our district, we are very excited that we are adopting Houghton Mifflin Journeys for grades K5-5 and the complementary program, McDougal-Littell for grades 6-8, through funds provided by our Home and School Association. We currently use Houghton Mifflin as our core program; however the new copyright has many improvements.

There were many components of this program that lead to our decision. With the new core program the students will not only have access to grade level text, but will receive instruction that meets their individual needs. There is support for readers who struggle and enrichment opportunities for those students who need to be challenged. The program for the primary grades has strong phonics instruction, and vocabulary instruction is emphasized throughout all grade levels. The program has extensive technology components including interactive activities, student e-books, and other resources.

The teachers are very excited about this new program and have already begun receiving professional development to further enhance instruction. This program is only a piece of our over-all instruction—but a very valuable piece. If you have any questions or want additional information, please ask!

Middle School Literature Series

In an effort to continuously provide quality and consistent instruction, the middle school language arts teachers have adopted the Holt McDougall Literature series to assist in our goals of increasing reading comprehension in grades six through eighth. This is in line with the school's efforts to increase reading comprehension from grades kindergarten through eighth grade. This is a teacher driven goal established in 2009 that uses data to drive instruction. The Holt McDougall Literature series employed in the middle school naturally progresses from the “Journeys” Literature series by Houghton Mifflin adopted in the elementary grades. Both series will provide valuable feedback on instruction that will immediately impact the work teachers do with students in the classroom.

The Holt McDougall Literature series incorporates researched based strategies for instruction and assessment of reading comprehension. It uses interactive techniques and common core standards to address the learning needs of individual students. It gives equal attention to literary and informational texts with a focus on text analysis and critical thinking. Students will not only be reading and discussing literature that are both narrative and expository but will be writing about them as well.

This series will also assist in our goal to make our graduates proficient in basic writing skills required upon entering high school. The language arts teachers in the middle school; Mr. Demeter, Mrs. Fischer and Ms. Knippel, have built a collaborative spirit between their content areas to ensure that all students are working to their ability and striving toward proficiency with the standards.

School Information



School Liturgy

All parents are invited to join us for all-school liturgy on Wednesday, August 31 at 8:05am. Mass will be prepared by the teachers of SJV.

Secure Entrance

When coming in to the school, please ring the bell and pull the left-side door open. The door release does not make any noise, so you need to pull the door open. Stop at the office to sign in before proceeding through the school.

Noon Hour Help Needed in Office

Volunteer helpers are used for Janelle's lunch break from 12:30-1:00pm. If you are willing to help watch the office, please email janellep@stjohnv.org. The open days are Third Mondays, Second Fridays, and Fifth Fridays.

Parent Information Night

All parents are invited to attend "PIN" Night on Thursday, September 1 at 6:30 p.m. The evening will give parents the opportunity to learn more about the school and their children's teachers and classroom procedures. This is a parent-only event that will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the church. We look forward to your joining us for this informational evening.

SJV Yard Signs

If you missed your opportunity to pick up one of the SJV yard signs at Orientation Day, they are still available. We are accepting donations and are suggesting \$10 for the green signs and \$15 for the large one with the kids' photo (larger photos at the end of the Weekly). You can send your donation to Kim Tallmadge c/o Lauren 2B, please be sure to include your name on the envelope. Your sign will be delivered to your yard! If you have any questions, call or email Kim at 262-789-9392 or sktallmadge@sbcglobal.net. Thanks for helping to market our school.



St. John Vianney String Orchestra

Students in grades 1-8 who are interested in learning to play violin, viola or cello and their parents will have an orientation meeting **for students new to the program** on Wednesday, August 31, 2011 at 6:30pm in the Music Room. If you cannot attend the meeting, but are interested in the program, please leave your name and phone number at the school office or email mariag@stjohnv.org and she will call you back.

St. John Vianney Band

Students in grades 4-8 who are interested in learning to play any band instrument and their parents will have an orientation meeting **for students new to the program** on Wednesday, August 31, 2011 at 7:00pm in the Presentation Hall. If you cannot attend the meeting, but are interested in the program, please leave your name and phone number at the school office or email joanl@stjohnv.org and she will call you back.



Home & School News



Market Day: September 12

As school and activities get in full swing, mealtimes can be challenging! Market Day has delicious, nutritious, and convenient meal ideas for you all backed by a 100% satisfaction guarantee. Needing something for breakfast? Try our new Gourmet Cinnamon Rolls, Scones or a Breakfast Pizza. For a grab and go start to your day, the Ultimate Breakfast Cookie is a great choice. Lunch boxes can be packed with the PB&J Squarewiches, String Cheese, Fruit Singles, Snyder's Pretzels and Giant Cinnamon Goldfish Grahams. Dinner favorites on sale are Chic-NSteakes, Mixed Grill Pack, Seasoned Salmon, Super Sweet Corn, Broccoli Florets to name a few. Check out all selections online at www.marketday.com.

Market Day pick up will be Monday, September 12 from 4:30-5:30 pm in the cafeteria. Order by Thursday, September 8, 11 pm online or drop your paper order form at the parish or school office by 3 pm. September deals: Receive a FREE Jumbo Tote with the purchase of 3 items on page 3 of the flyer. Receive a FREE Apple Pie with any \$90 purchase, online only. Use Promo Code: SEPBONUS. Haven't ordered before? It's easy to set up an account on the website or use the provided paper order forms. Call Janet at 262-784-9673 if you have any questions. It's a great way to support our school!

Volunteers Needed for Market Day Team

Building community, as we all work together to meet a common goal, is one of the many benefits of attending St. John Vianney. For those that are new to SJV or families with children in the lower elementary grades, you might be looking for a way to get involved. For those veteran families, you might be looking for a new volunteer option. Market Day is one of those committees that needs the hands of many while at the same time is fun and a great way to get to know oth-

er families. As one of the largest fundraisers at SJV, we hope to surpass last year's \$12,000 profit. How can you be a part of this goal? From home: Making phone calls reminding repeat customers to place or pick up their orders. This takes at the most 20 minutes a month. On the sale day, we need at least 8 adults sorting and packing orders, which takes around 1 ½ hours a month, from 2:50-4:30 pm. Bring your children along as childcare is offered. The childcare supervisor for the 1 ½ hours of service is paid \$10 in Market Day gift certificates. Sign up today with a friend! Call Krista at 262-785-6744 or Janet at 262-784-9673 to join the Market Day Team!



Spirit Wear Orders Due– September 9

Please don't forget to order your spiritwear by September 9th. If you need to check out sizes, the "spiritwear closet" has samples of every item (but not every size) to get an idea of what would fit for you or your children. Ask Janelle for the key in the office. These samples are available to ensure that you get the right size and not have to wait.

Sweatshirts, track jackets, stadium seats for sitting at volleyball and basketball games, sweat pants and polo, t shirts, and performance shirts... these are only a few of the items to choose from. The next order will be due before Thanksgiving, so that it will be delivered hopefully before St. Nick's Day and the start of Basketball season!

This order will be delivered by October 4. Any questions? Contact Chris@ 262-574-9250 or Rose @ 262-784-6393.

SCRIP Corner

SCRIP is off to a great start this year!! We had 63 people that bought gift cards at orientation or placed an order this week. That is awesome. Thanks to all who ordered. Since we don't have school on Labor Day, your SCRIP order will be due Tuesday September 6th. We will get the cards in the backpack by that Friday.

Don't miss out on our first ever raffle - - We will take each family that submits an order in the first three weeks of school and put their name in a drawing. (If you order three times, your name will be entered three times.) We draw one family name and they will get a free \$25 gift card to the vendor of their choice.

For those of you who aren't familiar with SCRIP:



- You order gift cards for places you shop, eat, get gas, go on vacation etc.
- You pay face value for the gift card
- The vendors give the school between 1.5% and 20% back to the school Home and School keeps half of that profit and you can decide what happens to the other half. You can use it to reduce your next year's tuition, give it back to home and school or use it to offset other people's tuition.
- If you want to participate, have your order form and check to school by 8:30 on Monday mornings. We will then fill the order and the gift cards will be ready on Thursday. You tell us if you want the cards sent home in a child's backpack or if you want to pick them up.

Examples of the profit for some vendors are: (See the attached form or visit www.glscrip.com for more)

Pick N Save	4%	Home Depot	4%
Lands End	16%	LL Bean	15%
Boston Store	8%	Chilis	11%
Panera	9%		

We know many of you use credit cards to earn points or get cash back. Please look at the percentage you get from your credit card and if you get more from SCRIP, consider paying for your items with SCRIP cards so you help the school and could get money off next year's tuition.

This is a great fundraiser for school that brought in over \$8,500 last year!!! You don't have to buy anything you don't need since you pick what cards you want. (We are working on the possibility of being able to place your order on line. Stay tuned. we will keep you posted if that happens.)

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