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Dear St. John the Baptist Families,

We are just a few days away from June and it is time for us to wrap up the 2019-2020 school year. There has been a good deal in the news lately regarding funding for Catholic Schools. We want to assure our families that we are a Parish School and that although we have received funding from the Diocese, we are not dependent on funding from the Diocese. Through the tremendous support of the Parish and the hard work of our School Board we are weathering the financial struggles created by this Pandemic. We anticipate that there will be new struggles as the new school year opens, but we will be ready. One thing is very clear: St. John the Baptist School will be open for the 2020-2021 school year.

As we move through the Summer months, please be assured that we will utilize all of our resources to develop a plan for the delivery of instruction in a manner that is both safe and educationally best for children. We are continuing our enrollment process through the Summer, and we are looking forward to another wonderful year of learning.

It has been a very different and challenging past few months, and it is important to lay out our plan for ending this school year. Please read this letter carefully for information on the end of the year procedures, and contact your child's teacher with any questions.

June Dates:

June 3rd at 9am our 8th Algebra students will take their final exam.

June 9th - All scholarship forms must be completed.

June 10th - PreK 3 and PreK 4 Graduations. Please refer to the letters sent home by Mrs. Rivera and Mrs. Beal for specific details.

June 11th - Kindergarten Graduation. Please refer to the letter sent home by Miss. Kocher for specific details.

June 12th will be our final day of At Home Instruction.

June 17th - 19th - Supply pick up. Families will sign up for 20 minute time slots on one of these days to pick up student materials. Please refer to the bottom of this letter for more details.

Scholarships:

All tuition based scholarship forms can be found on our School Webpage beginning on June 1st. The link will take you to a Google form and your scholarship information will be received electronically. A separate Scholarship letter will be sent home next week with information regarding the scholarships that are available for tuition assistance. The deadline for completion of applications will be June 9th. We realize that this is a quick turn around, but with the shortened applications, and the rapid approaching end of the school year, we feel that all applications can reasonably be completed.

Report Cards:

Report cards will be ready for pick up with student supplies. Students in PreK - 2nd grade will have their regular Standards Based Report card for all subject areas. Students in 3rd - 8th grade will have their fourth quarter grade calculated using an average of the student's first, second, and third quarter grades. Once the grade has been calculated the following participation scale will be used:

Level 1 - 0-25% participation and accuracy of assignments = 0 - 3 points added

Level 2 - 26% - 50% participation and accuracy of assignments = 4- 6 points added

Level 3 - 51%-75% participation and accuracy of assignments= 7-9 points added

Level 4- 76%- 100% participation and accuracy of assignments = 10- 12 points added

By using this scale a student's grade will not be lowered, but it does give our students the opportunity to raise their grade through participation for the 4th quarter. A cumulative grade will be calculated by averaging the four quarters together.

Summer Success Packets/School Supply lists:

Each teacher will provide suggestions on learning activities for the Summer. These activities are considered optional, but it is **STRONGLY** encouraged that academic learning continues throughout the Summer. These activities are meant to review previously learned concepts and assist in preparation for the following grade. Our teachers, our students, and our parents have worked hard over the past few weeks, and we know that hard work will be evident when we return in September.

School Supply lists will be posted online and mailed home in August. We will not provide them at the end of this school year. We would like the summer to evaluate the materials that we think students will need for the start of school in September.

Tuition Agreement Forms:

Tuition Agreement forms will be included in your child's final report card, or mailed directly to your home. Please sign (front and back) and return to the school office by Wednesday, July 15th. You may mail them or drop them off in person to the main office. It is recommended that you call the office at 937-9483 and arrange a time for drop off.

Supply Pick up:

Please follow these guidelines when picking/dropping off materials:

1. Sign up for a timeslot on Sign Up Genius. There will be a link and directions for sign up in the June 2nd Pather Pulse. Students are not encouraged to come for supply pick up.
2. Be on time and be respectful of the 20 minute time frame. We want to avoid having groups of people in the school.
3. You must wear a mask upon entering the building and keep it on while you are in the building.
4. Student materials will either be in a pile clearly labeled with children's name on their desks(Prek - 2nd Grade) or in their lockers (Grades 4th - 8th). Please only take the materials with your child's name. We encourage you to bring several bags or boxes to carry the supplies. Children can sometimes have messy lockers. We ask that you take **ALL** materials found in your child's locker home with you and sort it at home.
5. Return all library books and textbooks on the table in the front entrance way. Please make sure that your child's name is on the book using either a post it note or index card.
6. Return all electronics (Chromebooks and ipads) to the tables in the cafeteria. Please use the index card with your child's name and place it on top of the returned electronic. Don't forget chargers.
7. Return all paper logs and requested projects/work. Make sure it is clearly labeled with your child's name and that it is work requested by the classroom teachers. There will be a designated table either in the classroom or in the hallway to place materials. Do not bring extra or unnecessary materials.

Lunch Accounts/Field Trip Money/Yearbooks:

1. Money left in lunch accounts or in snack accounts may be rolled over to the 2020-2021 school year. If you do not wish to have your child's money rolled over, please contact Mrs. Trybuskiewicz at barb.trybuskiewicz@stjohnsalden.org. Returned money will be in the main office for pick up.
2. Field trip money that was sent in for cancelled field trips will also be returned to families and will be in the main office.
3. Yearbooks were ordered for every student using classroom funds. Your child's yearbook will be with their classroom supplies.

Thank you,

Jonna M. Johnson
Principal