St. John the Baptist School Weekly Newsletter (BFF)
April 21, 2021

A note from the Principal:

Dear Families,

Our first round of NYS testing went well, and I was pleased to see how hard our students worked. All we ever ask is that our students put their best effort into their work. I have included the tuition scholarship links in this email. Remember that you must complete the applications online and they must be completed by May 3rd in order for your application to be considered.

Friday, April 23rd is a dress down day. For a $1.00 donation, students may dress out of uniform. We are encouraging students to wear purple in support of our military families. All money raised will be donated to Shawn's Heros for Life. This wonderful organization supports veterans and their families in our local community.

Many Blessings,
Principal Jonna Johnson

THINGS TO NOTE:

1. **After School Activities** - We are happy to announce the start of limited after school activities. Attached to this email you will find a list of available activities. Please use the following link to sign your child up for an activity. Please note that space is limited so we are asking that you only sign up if your child can commit to this activity. Consideration has been made to follow current COVID guidelines. One you have registered your child, you will receive more information from the teacher moderation. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044FAAAA28A7FE3-after
2. **Scholarships** - Below you will find information on the various tuition scholarships offered at St. John the Baptist School. You may apply for more than one scholarship, but make sure that you only apply for scholarships that meet your family dynamics. Please use the Google Form links to apply for each scholarship. All applications must be received by May 3, 2021.
3. **Math VIP Summer Camp** - St. John the Baptist school will host a math summer camp. This camp is designed to reinforce math concepts and develop math thinking and reasoning skills. We anticipate that this camp will fill up quickly, so if you are interested please make sure to apply by May 1st. After May 1st, we will open registration up to the general public. See attached flyer for more information. **Info here:** https://stjohnsalden.com/vip-math-camp/ **Pre-registration:** https://forms.gle/cnRHj6ds3Zzso3KM7
4. **"Baskets & Blooms" Weekend at St. John's Alden Basket Raffle & Plant Sale** - Thank you to everyone who has donated a basket. We will continue to accept donations through next week and we look forward to seeing our school families at the raffle. Sign up for a shopping slot using this link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4baba62ba3f85-basket1
5. **St. John's School Alden April HSA Meeting** (In-Person & Virtual) - Tuesday, April 27th at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria. If you are unable to attend in person, we will host a virtual Zoom Meeting : **ID:** 851 7301 9629 **Passcode**: 264739

Visit our website events page for more info on all our events: https://stjohnsalden.com/events/

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION LINKS: *Applications must be completed by May 3, 2021*
https://stjohnsalden.com/financial-aid-and-scholarships/

Shawns' Heroes for Life: https://forms.gle/KcxMJ13LbUkBhSax8
Strong Catholic Faith Award: https://forms.gle/i9xppf1sBjM5HaaPA
Mark & Agnes Weisbeck Scholarship: https://forms.gle/bn1aJfQgUhkCqTKc9
Bielet/Starwalt Family Scholarship: https://forms.gle/4xXpCA9vewaBE6QG8
Guardian Angel Scholarship: https://forms.gle/rZ3JMUbhSRM4yXLr7
I Am St. John's Award: https://forms.gle/GrTz7t6mBr6nYvKR6
Friends of St. Johns: https://forms.gle/zQ8FVxmAgweA2zpC6

ATTACHED DOCUMENTS: After School Activity List, Basket Raffle Invitation flyer, The Euchre-Bowl Flyer, Mrs. Terranova's tips for Supporting Mental Health at Home, Mount St. Mercy Flyer

After School Clubs

1. All clubs run from 2:15pm to 3pm. Students must be picked up by 3pm or be signed up to attend after school care with LE3.
2. Clubs will run the week of April 26th through the week of May 24th.
3. Clubs are considered an extension of school and students are expected to follow all school rules and COVID-19 regulations.
4. Space is limited and sign up is on a first come basis.
5. You must sign up using the following link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044FAAAA28A7FE3-after

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Dance/Yoga **Mrs. Gray** 1st - 5th Yoga and dance for kids is a great way for children to learn how to reduce stress, as well as improve concentration, mood, balance, and flexibility. **Art/Mural Club** **Miss. Kotas** 6th - 8th This club meets two times Students will develop and design a mural for a space in the cafeteria to represent our passion for Jesus and to brighten the space. **Honors Spanish** **Mrs. O'Brien** 7th & 8th Students will develop a deeper appreciation of the Spanish language through conversations, and extended activities.	**Leisure Sports** **Miss. Motz & Miss. Kocher** 2nd - 5th This is a great opportunity to get kids up and moving. We plan to practice skills in volleyball, kickball, and softball. **Liturgical Music** **Mr. Stachelski** 6th - 8th Song is prayer with music. This club is meant to learn and practice liturgical songs that will be performed during our school mass. **Lego Club** **Mrs. Johnson & Mrs. Rivera** K- 2nd Calling all Master builders and those looking to develop master building skills. This club is designed to allow children a chance to build and be creative.	**Garden Club** **Mrs. Beal & Mrs.Anasiewz** 3rd - 8th **Lego Club** **Mrs. Johnson & Mrs. Gray** 3rd - 5th Calling all Master builders and those looking to develop master building skills. This club is designed to allow children a chance to build and be creative	**Sports** **Miss. Motz** 5th - 8th This is a great opportunity to get kids up and moving. We plan to practice skills in volleyball, kickball, and softball. **Algebra Review** **Mrs. McNutt** 8th Grade This is an opportunity for students to review and prepare for the Algebra Regents exam. **Chess Club** 4th - 8th Grade This club is for those looking to learn and play chess.

Please join us for St. John's

Basket Raffle

Over 100 Baskets and Gift Cards

Large Prize Drawings

50/25/25 Split CASH Drawings

Friday, April 30th 3 pm – 7 pm

Saturday, May 1st 1 pm – 5 pm

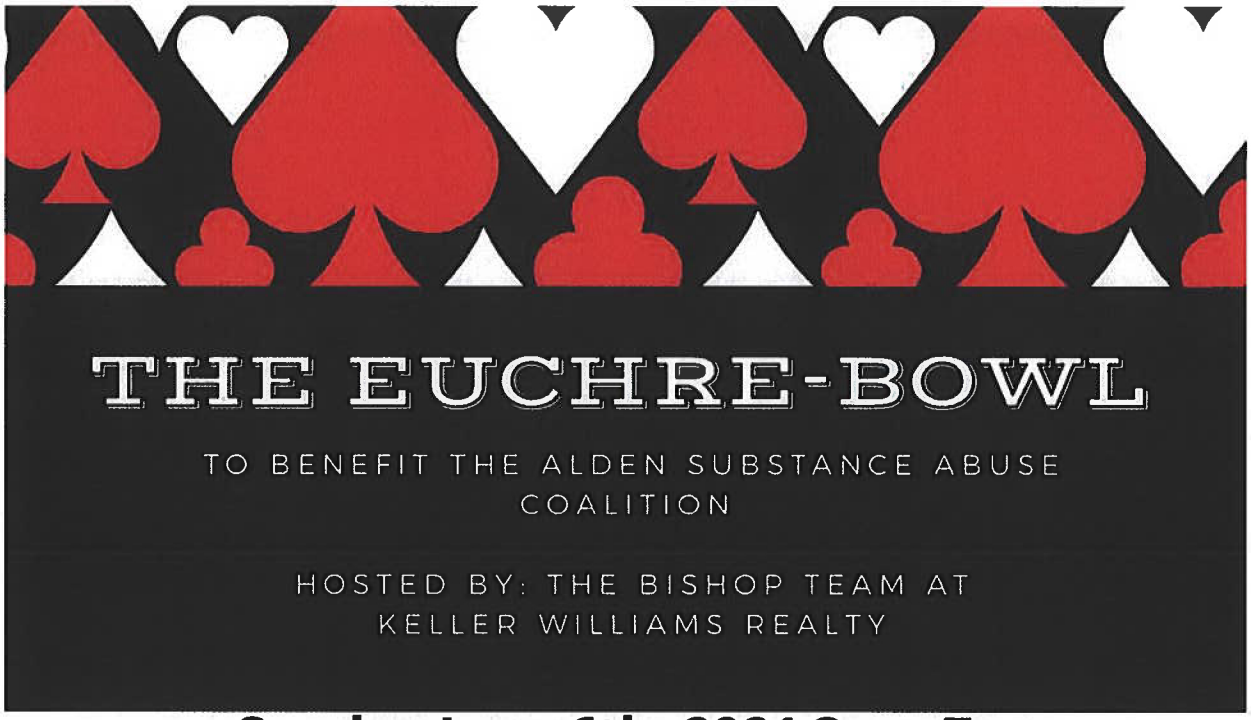
Sunday, May 2nd 11 am – 3pm

For Reservations, Please call or text Michelle (716)870-1035

A limited number of people will be allowed in at a time.

2028 Sandridge Road, Alden

Please use Gym / Westwood Road Entrance



Sunday June 6th, 2021 3pm-7pm

Lancaster Moose at 5437 Broadway

Card players can bring a partner or come alone and go in the partner pool.
Its a race to 10 points -double elimination.

Pre-Sale Tickets: $25, $30 at the door
LIMITED SEATING- BUY TICKETS NOW
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/euchre-bowl-tickets-146979173665
Or by bringing cash or check to Trish at 2731 Transit Road- Elma suite 101- 716-393-8989 (PLEASE CALL BEFORE COMING).

All proceeds will benefit Alden Substance Abuse Coalition.

Doors open at 3 - Cards start promptly at 4.
Dinner at 5 for card players
Guest may Join us from 5-7 for a cash bar and Raffles. Chinese auction, 50/50 and an additional BIG RAFFLE PRIZE TABLE.
Raffles to be drawn at 7- no need to be present to win

Questions or to register and buy Tickets for event- call 7163938989

THE BISHOP TEAM
KELLERWILLIAMS REALTY LANCASTER

SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH AT HOME

*Information taken from www.mentalhealthednys.org

Spend time together as a family

- Children need *LOVE*, *TIME*, and *ATTENTION*
- Set some time aside to be with your child-this creates a stronger bond and makes them feel loved
- Try to incorporate some stress reduced activities into your family routine

Create a calm space

- Our brains process environmental cues (lights, sounds, etc.) differently when we are stressed or fatigued
- Create a comfortable space in your home to calm your minds and promote positive mood

Praise your child's efforts and behavior

- Being praised on a good behavior makes us feel even better
- Being praised increases confidence and self-esteem
- Helps motivate children to try new things

Encourage regular exercise

- To promote health development, 1 hour of physical exercise a day is recommended
- Exercising improves our moods by stimulating chemicals in our brains

Talk openly about mental health

- Talking openly about mental heatlh decreases the stigma surrounding mental illness
- You are promoting a SAFE environment that encourages your child to seek support when needed

Model your own healthy habits

- Children learn by watching others, specifically adults
- When we use positive coping strategies, children are more likely to develop and use their own positive strategies

If you feel like you or a family member needs extra support, please contact your local crisis services.
Spectrum C.A.R.E.S: 716-882-4357
Genesee County Crisis Services: 585-283-5200
Erie County Crisis Services: 716-834-3131

Student Events at Mercy!

OPEN HOUSE!

Wednesday, April 28th

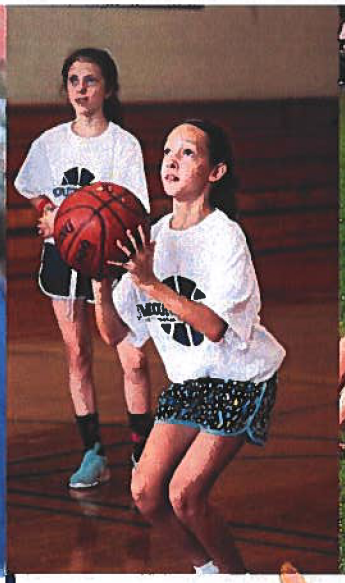
6:00pm - 8:00pm

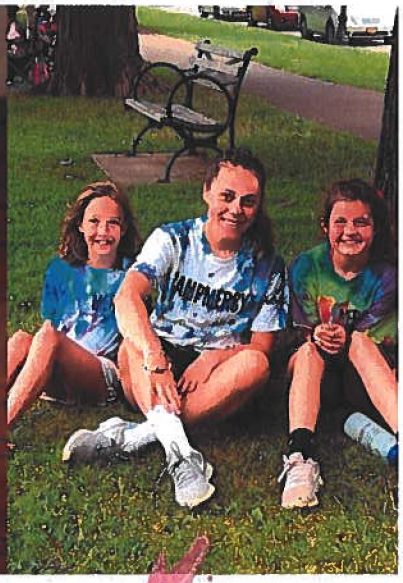
We welcome you to visit us and learn about our strong tradition of Academic Excellence.

7th Grade Entrance Practice Exam

The practice exam is a great way for students to familiarize themselves with the Catholic High School Entrance Exam.

Saturday, May 15th - 9am





BASKETBALL CAMP!

June 28th - July 1st

Mount Mercy Basketball Camp is an instructional environment for girls entering 4th through 9th grade.

Coached by John Glose and the Mercy Basketball team.

CAMP MERCY!

A fun summer camp with something for every girl!

August 2nd - 6th

Mount Mercy Academy | 88 Red Jacket Pkwy, Buffalo, NY 14220 | 716-825-8796

Visit mtmercy.org for more information!