

ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH SCHOOL

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St. Justin Martyr Parish School Wide Learning Expectations

**A St. Justin Martyr Parish School student is... • An active, faith-filled learner • An integrated individual
• A life-long learner • An effective communicator • A responsible, globally aware citizen**

INFORMATIVE TIDBITS: A weekly newsletter of current events at St. Justin Martyr Parish School
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Dear St. Justin Martyr Parish School families,

WELCOME to the new school year! I would like to say a very special hello to our new families. I thank God for sending you to us. There's a wonderful spirit on campus this year. The corridors have come alive with color and light. There are new fixtures in the 8 bathrooms and new whiteboards and bulletin boards in the classrooms. This was done at no cost to us by the JF Shea Foundation. We are so fortunate.

You are now reading your best source of school information. The "IT" comes home every Tuesday and it tells you all you need to know. Read it faithfully and you will be a parent "in the know" and you will have a smooth, enjoyable year.

You were welcomed today by our eighth grade safety patrol. Thank you for being safe, polite and patient as you drop-off and pick up. **SAFETY DOESN'T HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT!**

THANK YOU to our parent group, the PTO, for their welcome breakfast and a chance for parents to "Meet and Greet" each other on Monday!

Thank you for all you will do during the year to boost and encourage your child. Praise him/her to success! We'll do the same here.

See you at **Back-to-School Night** on September 9 at 7:00pm and the **PTO Mandatory Parent Meeting** on September 16 at 7:00pm.

God bless you.
Mrs. Jan Balsis



WELCOME TO THE IT – INFORMATIVE TIDBITS – Welcome back to our "old timers", and a new welcome to those who are just beginning your stint as part of the St. Justin Martyr family.

This is the first publication of the weekly newsletter (IT – Informative Tidbits) for the 2010-2011 school year. The newsletter is distributed every Tuesday of the school year (unless there is no school). We do our best to include just about everything you will need to know for the coming week(s) in these newsletters and all we ask of you is that you read them and pay special attention to reminders, dates, deadlines, procedures, attachments, and other items of a timely nature. **Several articles and some attachments from the IT can also be found on our school's website each week:** www.sjm-k8.com.

If you wish to submit an article to be published in the IT, the deadline for submission is no later than dismissal on Wednesday (or earlier if there is no school on the Friday or Monday) preceding the Tuesday publication.

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR – is attached to today's IT. Please post it in a prominent place and refer to it often.

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FULL YEAR CALENDAR - Attached to today's IT is an **updated yearly calendar**. Please discard the yearly calendar that was part of your registration packet. The attached calendar has been amended to reflect that Parent-Teacher conference days are **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday – November 16, 17, and 18 – NOON DISMISSAL DAYS.**

PHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS CHANGES – It is extremely important that you notify the school office immediately of any change in phone number (home/work/cell/pager) and/or address change. Please call or send a note to the school office with any updated information. Thanks!

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LUNCH SCHEDULE – There has been a change to the lunch schedule listed in the Parent-Student Handbook. **Beginning next Tuesday** (the first full day of school) and thereafter, **THE LUNCH SCHEDULE FOR ALL STUDENTS – GRADES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHT – WILL BE 12:00 NOON TO 12:30**. The school office will be closed during the student lunch period.

Please note page 23 of your Parent-Student Handbook, B #2: Students who do not get a pre-ordered lunch need to bring their packaged lunch with them in the morning when they come to school. If your child eats soup, rice, or something else that is a hot food, he/she can bring it in a thermos.

The deadline to order lunches from our lunch provider – The Great American Lunch Box – for the month of September is this Friday, Sept. 3. You received an order form with your welcome back letter in mid-August. Extra copies are available in the school office. You can mail in your order form or order online at www.tgalb.com.

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A.M. AND P.M. CARPOOL PROCEDURES – These procedures are extremely important for student safety. Please be sure you are familiar with these procedures by re-reading the information and studying the diagram in the Appendix section of the Parent-Student Handbook.

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LET'S WELCOME THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO ARE NEW – to St. Justin Martyr Parish School. We offer a hearty SJM welcome to them and their families:

Kinder: Rayden Armamento, Chelsea Arteaga, Nicholas Basalous, Caela Cabal, Rudy De La Torre, Oscar Franco, Benjamin Galiana, Marcus Gebhard, Kirsten Goetes, Giselle Henriquez-Serrano, Andrew Hitt, Dylan Lang, Nathan Lewis, Athena Mandi, Michael Milecki, Emily McMurry, Joshua Montejo, Matthew Mosher, Ray Navarro, Chad Nguyen, Francisco Paredes, Angelina Shaw, Andres Urrea, Kimberly Vo, Hailey Ybarra

Grade 1: Nicholas Gallardo, Justin Ha, Angelo Yachetti

Grade 2: Dyanna Henriquez-Serrano, Kim Nguyen

Grade 3: Diandra Catrinescu, Manual Franco, Ashley Pagador, Eduardo Vaca, Ethan Vo

Grade 5: Dylan Gerhardt, Andrew Tran

Grade 6: Aillin Arteaga, Diane Pineda

Grade 7: Edwin Arteaga, Jason Barnett, America Cervantes, Mitzi Dacanay, Shelsye Gomez-Alvarez, Danniell Gutierrez, Chad Hassett, Christian Hurtado, Justin Rocca, Anthony Tran

Grade 8: Vidal Gallardo

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SJM PARENTS HAVE THE OPTION OF COMMUNICATING WITH SJM STAFF VIA EMAIL. Email addresses are listed below.

Principal: Mrs. Balsis:	jjbalsis@sjm-k8.com
Kindergarten Teacher: Miss Parton:	miss.parton@sjm-k8.com
First Grade Teacher: Mrs. Bertiz:	mrs.bertiz@sjm-k8.com
Second Grade Teacher: Mrs. Riggins:	mrs.riggins@sjm-k8.com
Third Grade Teacher: Ms. Faecke:	ms.faecke@sjm-k8.com
Fourth Grade Teacher: Mrs. Heaton:	mrs.heaton@sjm-k8.com
Fifth Grade Teacher: Mrs. Rabago:	mrs.rabago@sjm-k8.com
Sixth Grade Teacher: Ms. Ellis:	ms.ellis@sjm-k8.com
Seventh Grade Teacher: Mrs. Zubiato:	mrs.zubiato@sjm-k8.com
Eighth Grade Teacher: Mrs. Romasoc:	mrs.romasoc@sjm-k8.com
P.E. Teacher: Mrs. Handy:	mrs.handy@sjm-k8.com
Technology Teacher: Mr. Wick:	mr.wick@sjm-k8.com
Receptionist: Mrs. McGraw:	mrs.mcgraw@sjm-k8.com
Secretary: Mrs. Jelinek:	mrs.jelinek@sjm-k8.com



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SCHOOL VISITORS – Anyone (parent/grandparent/visitor, etc.) who comes on school grounds or into the school building during the school day must report to the school office via the front door before proceeding to your destination. In case of emergency or disaster, it is important that we are aware of your whereabouts. Thank you for your adherence to this important regulation.

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FINGERPRINTING/SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING – By law, anyone who has direct contact with children must be fingerprinted, and by Diocese of Orange regulations must have gone through Safe Environment training. If you are new to St. Justin Martyr School this year (or are a returning parent/guardian who has not been fingerprinted and Safe Environment trained through SJM School) and will want to participate in various areas (coaches, class parties, lunch supervision, field trips, drivers, chaperones, etc.), it will be necessary for you to contact Debbie in the school office to obtain paperwork BEFORE going through the fingerprint and Safe Environment training process.

SMART TUITION - Those of you who signed up to be billed via invoice each month should have received an invoice for September payment. The payment due date for the invoice method is the 1st of each month. **If you have not received an invoice**, please contact SMART immediately at 888-868-8828 to make arrangements for payment. SMART assesses a late fee for late payments; however, the school does not assess a late fee. SMART also assesses a fee for payments that are returned unpaid by your financial institution.

Remember, your first payment to SMART includes the SMART \$43.00 one time per year administrative fee.

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SMILE!! **PICTURE DAY, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH** – Every student in the school will have his/her picture taken Tuesday, Sept. 13th, whether or not he/she places an order. Students placing an order must bring their order envelope to school with them to present directly to the photographer. Each student needs his/her own order envelope with payment enclosed-exact amount, no change given. We have no control as to what time your child will have his/her picture taken, so please be sure to send him/her to school with the order envelope properly prepared. Checks are made payable to School Portraits by Kranz, Inc. Picture Make-Up Day (for students who are absent or do not order on Sept. 13) will take place on Monday, Nov. 15.

AN ORDER ENVELOPE/BROCHURE WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE IT OF EVERY STUDENT NEXT TUESDAY.

FULL UNIFORM DRESS REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS ON PICTURE DAY.

SUPPLY LIST ITEMS

GRAPH PAPER – used by grades 3-8, purchased at school, \$1.25 each, send correct change in an envelope marked with child's name and number of tablets being purchased.

CONTROL TABLETS – used by grades 1-3, purchased at school, \$1.00 each, send correct change in an envelope marked with child's name and the number of tablets being purchased.

CONTROL PAPER – used by grades 4-8, purchased at school, \$1.50 for a stack of 100 sheets, send correct change in an envelope marked with child's name and the number of 100-sheet sets being purchased.

Grades	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
PAPER, (Copy Machine Paper), 2 REAMS (500 sheets each ream) PACKAGED	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Please turn in the two reams of paper directly to your child's/children's teacher(s) to ensure that your child/ren receive(s) credit for having turned in the paper. Thank you.

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DAYCARE INFORMATION – If you have not registered your child/ren for Extended School Daycare and your child/ren is/are using the services, you should register them now (\$100 registration fee per family and \$75 or \$150 deposit per child required). Unregistered students who use the service are charged \$6.00 per hour for any part of the hour they are in the daycare; registered students are charged an hourly rate of \$4.00 (one child rate) in ½ hr. increments. Several families who registered have not yet paid the deposit fee of \$75 or \$150 per child. If the deposit fee is not submitted before the first billing, it will be included in the first billing.

Morning daycare is open on school day mornings from **6:30 A.M.-7:45 A.M.**

After school day care is open on school day afternoons from **after school until 6:00 P.M.** Reminder: **Any student(s) remaining in daycare after 6:00 P.M. is charged \$1.00 per minute per child.** Please be prompt when picking up your children. The daycare staff expect to be able to leave at 6:00 P.M.

Daycare payments – You are billed **after** your child/ren has/have used the services. Therefore, your first billing will be sent home by Sept. 30, and will include the days from 8/30/10 through 9/24/10. Daycare payment is due the first of each month and considered late if not received in the school office by dismissal time on the 10th of the month. Payment can be made by check or money order made payable to St. Justin Martyr School, or by cash.

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MEDICATION DURING SCHOOL HOURS – Printed below is a direct quote from the Parent-Student Handbook. We feel it is necessary to print it here, because the Orange County Health Department dictates the procedures.

No non-prescription or “over the counter” medications can be administered in the school.

A Parent/Guardian and Physician Request for Medication form must accompany each medication for your child. Your child’s physician must sign it.

A medication form is available through the school office. Please read the excerpt from the Parent-Student Handbook (below) very carefully and adhere to this procedure when the occasion arises. No exceptions can be made. (We recommend that you carry one of these forms with you when your child has a doctor appointment so that the doctor can fill out the physician section at the time of the appointment.)

Medication excerpt from the Parent-Student Handbook:

No school employee is allowed to administer medication to students. They are, however, allowed to assist the student in administering the medication to him/herself.

The Orange County Department of Health requires a request/permission form from both the parent and the physician in order for **any** medication to be dispensed on school grounds. The medication must be in the student’s original, labeled, pharmacy container. You may request two containers from the pharmacy – one for home and one for school.

While in school or after school, no student is allowed to have **any** type of medication, including cough drops, aspirin, or inhalers, on his/her person or in the book bag or lunch box without explicit permission from your child’s physician.

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P.E. T-SHIRTS/SHORTS/SWEATS – The P.E. items (**t-shirts & shorts/sweatshirts & sweatpants**) that you ordered on registration night back in May were distributed to your child yesterday. Your child’s order was sent home with a copy of your order form attached. **If there is a problem with your order, please let Mrs. Handy (P.E. teacher) know immediately so it can be rectified THIS Thursday. We will begin selling available stock next Tuesday, Sept. 7.**

If you **did not** place an order on registration night last May, **you can begin purchasing items on Tuesday, Sept. 7.** Limited overstock is available. Items are available on a first come, first served basis. Checks and cash (correct change, please) accepted.

P.E. T-shirts: Youth-\$6.00 each/Adult \$7.00
P.E. sweatshirts: Youth/Adult: \$11.00 each

P.E. shorts: Youth-\$7.00 each/Adult -\$8.00 each
P.E. sweatpants: Youth \$9.00 each

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2009-10 P.T.O. ACTIVITIES RECAP – According to P.T.O. records, 2009-10 was a fun and profitable year. Thank you for participating in these activities. Let’s keep the trend going this school year!

ACTIVITY	PROFIT
Family Dinner Nights	\$ 1,771.85
Fall Fundraiser	\$23,534.00
Opportunity Drawing	\$10,254.95
Auction	\$14,016.13
Mom & Pop Shop	\$ 765.51
Secret Santa Shop	\$ 452.37
Pancake Breakfast	\$ 518.52
Misc. (Fresh & Easy, Target, Box Tops)	\$ 1,016.38

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SJM USED UNIFORMS – One of our school moms maintains our SJM Parish School *Used Uniform Closet*. Her name is Harlynn Rodriguez and she is the grandmother of Desirey Gomez in Gr. 6. She will accept used uniform items and will also distribute them. To donate uniform items or to find out what uniform items are available, you can contact her at the following email address: rodriguez57@roadrunner.com. There is no cost involved. If you have any uniform items to donate, she will be happy to accept them as the “closet” is short on items right now.

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NEW STUDENT NEEDS A RIDE – One of our new students, Justin Rocca in Grade 7, needs a ride to and from school. He lives at 9682 Chanticleer (west of Brookhurst). If you can help this family, please call Jose or Roxana Rocca at 714-234-8179 or 714-772-0064. Thank you in advance.

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MYERS STEVENS SCHOOL-TIME ACCIDENT INSURANCE COVERAGE – The school time plan covers all students for injuries which occur during school sponsored and directly and immediately supervised activities during the regular school year. Attached to today's IT is an enrollment form for those of you who may want to purchase additional insurance coverage from Myers Stevens. Please look it over carefully.

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THANK YOU - SUMMER FUN CLUB

We would like to thank you for helping to make our second year of having the Summer Fun Club educational experience be a success! It was an exciting four weeks filled with education, art, cooking, science, and other fun activities. We would like to extend an invitation for you to consider participating in next year's Summer Fun Club educational experience. The Summer Fun Club takes place over four weeks during the summer and is \$100 per week. Students are allowed to attend on a weekly basis, allowing families to still enjoy any planned summer vacations.

We will be accepting tuition for next year's Summer Fun Club throughout the school year. Simply send your funds to the office in an envelope that is clearly marked with your child's name and "Summer Fun Club". Any student who is paid, in full by June 1st, and is signing up for all four weeks, will receive a \$10 discount per week. So, if you are able to pay in full by June 1st you will only need to provide \$360. You may send in funds at any time, as long as it is clearly marked for the office. Please make checks payable to St. Justin Martyr Parish School.

Again, we thank you for making our second year of Summer Fun Club a success and we look forward to the next exciting summer educational experience in 2011!

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CORNELIA CONNELLY HIGH SCHOOL – invites parents of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls to Early Bird Open House, Wednesday, 9/29/10 from 8-10:30AM. RSVP required. Phone 714-776-1717 ext. 234. the school is located at 2323 W. Broadway, Anaheim, CA 92804.

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HAVE YOU HEARD? – We are aware of three school families who welcomed new babies to their homes this summer. Congratulations to the Joemon family, the Rojas family, and the Navarro family. Anyone else? Let us know! These newborns are first on the list for Kinder Class of 2015!

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AUGUST TRIVIA – Here is some last day of August 2010 trivia: This August had 5 Sundays, 5 Mondays, and 5 Tuesdays. This happens once in 823 years! This means we've all witnessed a once-in-a-lifetime experience!

GIFT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Ralphs Club Card – If you are a club card member and previously enrolled to receive credit through St. Justin Martyr School, there are **two very important items** that you need to take care of in order to continue to receive credit. **SJM assigned NPO#: 84289.**

1. Starting September 1, 2010, participants are required to register for the new term at www.ralphs.com. Even if you have previously registered your card(s), this needs to be done again for their new term.
2. After you have registered (or re-registered) your Ralph's Club Card on line you need to stop by the school office to pick up a form on which you need to list the Ralphs Club Card # and cardholder's name. Have family members and friends register their cards and then you list them on the school form in order for you to receive the credit. This is the only way our scrip chairperson can track your purchases when you use your club card. **If both steps 1 and 2 are not followed, there is no way for the scrip chairperson to credit purchases made on your behalf.**

Scrip (gift certificates) can be purchased through school on Wednesdays and Fridays beginning this Wednesday. For orders purchased through the school, fill out the order form (goldenrod color) that is part of this II, enclose payment and send to school with your child in an envelope marked *Gift Certificate Order*. Orders are filled and sent home with your child (on Wed. or Fri.) Be sure you receive a receipt with your filled order as this is how your purchases are tracked and recorded in order for you to earn credit for your purchases. You can also purchase scrip on Sundays from the scrip sales people after the morning Masses. If you purchase scrip on Sundays, be sure that a receipt is written for your purchases.

Specialty Scrip: Orders placed through school or on-line are **due in the school office on Monday mornings**. Available in the school office is a pre-order form for Specialty Scrip (white order form). Put this order in an envelope marked *Specialty Gift Certificate Order*. **The most convenient way to order Specialty Scrip** is by registering on-line at ShopWithScrip.com. By signing up with ShopWithScrip.com you will be notified right away of great deals and special offers on extra percentages. By not signing up, it might take 2 weeks or more to find out about deals like this and often the promotions don't run or last that long. If you haven't visited the ShopWithScrip site, this is a good time to go sign up. Remember, **when you place an order online you will need to print your order form and send it in with your student in an envelope marked "Specialty Scrip Order" along with your check.** The orders are matched to payments received and then released for processing each Monday night. *Specialty Scrip* orders placed on-line, or through the school on Mondays will be sent home with your child on Fridays when school is in session. If you prefer to use the white order form method, the forms are available to download from the school website www.sjm-k8.com.

When placing an order for both types of certificates (regular scrip and Specialty Scrip), separate checks must be written and orders must be placed in separately marked envelopes.

For information/questions about the scrip program contact Scrip Chairperson Tanya Gebhard at 714-758-9764.

If you have questions or need help with *Specialty Scrip* (the white form or at ShopWithScrip.com), contact Sandy Saldana at sandy_saldana@yahoo.com or 714-315-9907. Please do not call these people after 9:00 P.M.

**GIFT CERTIFICATE ORDER FORM
(For Wednesday & Friday orders only)**

NAME _____ STUDENT _____ GRADE _____

Phone # where you can be reached if we have a question about your order: _____ Order Date _____

**USE WHITE SPECIALTY SCRIP ORDER FORM FOR ORDERS OVER \$50.00.
LIMIT ORDERS ON THIS FORM TO \$50.00 PER STORE (except \$100 Stater Bros. certificate).**

Acapulco/El Torito/ Chevy's Fresh Mex.	\$25	\$ _____	Macys	\$25	\$ _____	Toys R Us	\$20	\$ _____
Baskin Robbins	\$2	\$ _____	Marie Callender's	\$25	\$ _____	Walgreens	\$25	\$ _____
Bath & Body Works	\$10	\$ _____	Olive Gdn/Red Lobster	\$25	\$ _____	Albertsons	\$ 25	\$ _____
Black Angus	\$25	\$ _____	Payless	\$20	\$ _____	Northgate Market	\$ 25	\$ _____
Burger King	\$10	\$ _____	Pizza Hut	\$10	\$ _____	Ranch 99	\$ 10	\$ _____
Carls Jr.	\$10	\$ _____	Walmart/Sams	\$25	\$ _____	Ranch 99	\$ 20	\$ _____
Chilis/Macaroni Grill/ On the Border/ Maggiano's	\$25	\$ _____	AMC	\$25	\$ _____	Stater Bros.	\$ 25	\$ _____
Del Taco	\$10	\$ _____	Regal Entertainment	\$25	\$ _____	Stater Bros.	\$100	\$ _____

El Pollo Loco	\$10	\$ _____	Ross	\$25	\$ _____	Arco	\$ 50	\$ _____
Home Depot	\$25	\$ _____	Smart & Final	\$25	\$ _____	Chevron	\$ 50	\$ _____
Jack in the Box	\$10	\$ _____	Starbucks Card	\$10	\$ _____	Exxon/Mobil	\$ 50	\$ _____
JC Penney	\$25	\$ _____	TJ Maxx/Marshalls/ Home Goods	\$25	\$ _____	Shell	\$ 25	
Kmart	\$25	\$ _____				TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDER	=	\$ _____

Percentages subject to change without notice.

Refer to *Specialty Scrip* order form

Filled by: _____ Date: _____
8/31/10