

**Mission Statement**

*At St. John of God Catholic School, we foster a  
faith-filled  
Christian community in which we develop the  
whole person: body, mind and spirit.*

# March 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 PE: K-8 Decathlon: 3:05.-4:00 p.m. Drama Practice: 4:15-5:30 p.m.	2 50 Cans/Bottles= Free Dress 12:15 Dismissal Probation Notices go home	3 Choir Rehearsal: 2:45—3:15 p.m. Decathlon: 3:05.-4:00 p.m. Drama Practice: 4:15—5:30 p.m	4 First Friday Liturgy 11:00 a.m.: Grade 5 After School Sales (Decathlon) Decathlon:3:05-4:00 p.m. Talent Show Practice 3:05—4:00 p.m. (LH)	5 Academic Decathlon Los Angeles Sports Arena  <b>Go CHARGERS!</b>
6 Coffee & Donuts: Grade 1 Student Liturgy Gr. 1 & 8 11:00 a.m. School & Choir	7 Spring Fundraiser/Gift Catalog <b>Orders and \$ Due</b> Peer Tutoring: 3:05-4:00 p.m.	8 Feast of St. John of God <b>Mardi-Gras</b> Drama Door Prize Class Competition Begins PE: K-8 Drama Practice: 4:15—5:30 p.m	9 <b>Lent Begins</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Liturgy: 9:00 a.m. (CH) 12:15 Dismissal	10 Choir Rehearsal: 2:45—3:15 p.m. Drama Practice: 4:15—5:30 p.m Drama Parent Meeting (LIB) 7:00 -8:30 p.m.	11 <b>St. Jude Math-A-Thon \$ Due</b> Field Trip: Grades 5 & 6 Progress Reports go home After School Sales (Drama)	12 Sisters of the Holy Faith <b>Retirement Benefit Dance</b> 7:00-11:00 p.m.
13 <b>Daylight Savings Time Begins (Spring Forward)</b>	14 Peer Tutoring: 3:05—4:00 p.m	15 PE: K-8 S & B Forms go home Drama Practice: 4:15—5:30 p.m.	16 Food for the Poor = Free Dress 12:15 p.m. Dismissal Faculty Meeting: 1:00 p.m.	17 <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> Drama Door Prize Class Competition Ends Choir Rehearsal: 2:45—3:15 p.m. Drama Practice: 4:15—5:30 p.m	18 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Religious Ed Congress CYO Sports Fundraiser Golf N Stuff 4:00-10:00 p.m.	19 Religious Ed Congress
20 Religious Ed Congress	21 <b>Jog-A-Thon</b> Pledge Forms Go Home Peer Tutoring: 3:05—4:00 p.m	22 PE: K-8 Drama Practice: 4:15—5:30 p.m.	23 Emergency Drill: 8:55 a.m. Mandatory 7th Grade Parent Meeting (LIB): 7:00 p.m.	24 Catholic Education Foundation Applications for Tuition Assistance Due Choir Rehearsal: 2:45—3:15 p.m. Drama Practice: 4:15—5:30 p.m	25 After School Sales (Gr. 8) S & B Forms due	26
27	28 Peer Tutoring: 3:05—4:00 p.m	29 PE: K-8 Drama Practice: 4:15—5:30 p.m. Drama Parent Meeting (LIB) 7:00-8:30 p.m.	30 <b>Jog-A-Thon</b> (During Morning School Hours) 12:15 p.m. Dismissal	31 Choir Rehearsal: 2:45—3:15 p.m. Drama Practice: 4:15—5:30 p.m		

**Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days... Lent: March 9—April 22, 2011**





# St. John of God School

## March 2011 Newsletter

### An Irish Prayer

**May God give you...**  
**For every storm, a rainbow,**  
**For every tear, a smile,**  
**For every care, a promise,**  
**And a blessing in each trial,**  
**For every problem life sends,**  
**a faithful friend to share.**  
**For every sigh a sweet song,**  
**And an answer for each prayer.**

#### ST. PATRICK

St. Patrick originally came to Ireland as a slave and was treated so horribly, that he found a way to flee his captors. Yet, when he had the opportunity, he still came back to Ireland.

How many of us, had we been in his situation would have so readily returned to Ireland? But St. Patrick did return and endeared himself to the people of Ireland through his preaching and actions. He took what was once a negative situation and turned it into something positive.

Is there someone who has done you wrong and you can't seem to let it go or work through it with that person? If so, this month mend that relationship. If the other person isn't willing, at least you know that you have made the effort. And you never know what great things might come of it. After all, look how well things turned out for St. Patrick!



## ACE AWARD

Congratulations to the following students who earned the A.C.E. Award for the month of January. Way to go!

### Pre-K

Nathan Alfonso  
Michael Davalos  
Joshua Fernandez  
Damian Lara  
Eric Lopez

### Kindergarten

Joshua Alabanza  
Maegan Bautista  
Anaisa Castillo  
Mitzi Duarte  
Angelica Garcia  
Jonathan Garcia  
Noah Haydon  
Adrian Linares  
Roj Manalo  
Anthony Perkins  
Jasmine Reyes  
Ricardo Rodriguez  
Marissa Trujillo

### Grade 1

Raquel Barquero  
Juliana Diaz  
Paris Hipolito  
Jayson Pascual  
Elizabeth Preciado  
Loreinice Zilabbo

### Grade 2

Kassidy Alabanza  
Jasmine Bui  
Pattrice Dalipe  
Justin Enriquez  
Max Fernandez  
Celeste Gomez  
Jacqueline Lopez  
Melissa Manalo  
Amaya Mendoza  
Christian Real  
Alyssa Santos  
Ariana Vieyra  
Jacob Viola

### Grade 3

Andrea Bailey  
Niki Bautista  
Andrea Mendez  
William Park  
Andres Rodriguez

### Grade 4

Maureen Bautista  
Dianne Berroya  
Jessica Bui  
Patrick O'Brien  
Glenn Reyes  
Laura Sarmiento  
Christopher Swanson  
Miranda Trejo

### Grade 5

Amanda Almeida  
Jennae De Guzman  
Kevin Du  
Brianna Hernandez  
Julia Hernandez  
Skye Jimenez  
Beda Regalado

### Grade 6

Denisse Alvarado  
William Bautista  
Elizabeth Chabot  
Matthew Duran  
Jazmin Gomez  
Daniel Hall  
Alexis Hipolito  
Josephine Riese  
Joshua Sales  
Analyssa Swanson

### Grade 7

Sandy Alvarado  
Daniel Guevarra  
Samantha Gutierrez  
Sabrina Lizarraga  
Dana Manalo  
Liana Perry

### Grade 8

Jackie Bautista  
Mark Bautista  
Danica Berroya  
Sabrina Garcia  
Crystal Gomez  
Mimi Granillo  
Steven Hall  
Jamie Jimenez  
Ricki-Lou Langcay  
Katherine Le  
Kristyn Mancera  
Mika Monis  
Arturo Sierra  
Janessa Velasco  
Timothy Wong

WAY  
TO GO!





## HANDWRITING AWARD

The following students were chosen by their teacher as the winners of the class Handwriting Award. Excellent work students!

### Pre-K

Nathan Alfonso

### Kindergarten

Miguel Guerrero

### Grade 1

Anthony De La Torre

### Grade 2

Celeste Gomez

### Grade 3

William Park

### Grade 4

Miranda Trejo

### Grade 5

Alexis Fabricio

### Grade 6

Joshua Sales

### Grade 7

Matthew Borlongan

### Grade 8

Roman Martinez

## HONOR ROLL

The following students are to be commended for earning a place on the Honor Roll for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter.

### Grade 4

Jessica Bui  
Glenn Reyes  
Laura Sarmiento  
Miranda Trejo  
Jarell Velasco  
Jeanine Viola

### Grade 5

Amanda Almeida  
Samantha Barrios  
Jennae De Guzman  
Kevin Du  
Alexis Fabricio  
Bella Gil-Sandoval  
Skye Jimenez  
Trigg Mancera  
Beda Regalado  
Philip Tafoya

### Grade 6

Sebastian Anaya  
Dana Berroya  
Elizabeth Chabot  
Daniel Hall  
Alexis Hipolito  
David Munoz  
Anthony Oropeza  
Maria Rebolledo  
Rebecca Rodriguez  
Joshua Sales  
Analyssa Swanson  
Marissa Velez

### Grade 7

Matthew Borlongan  
Daniel Guevarra  
Marissa Hernandez  
Dana Manalo  
Liana Perry  
Cristina Sarmiento  
Janella Velasco  
Joshua Viola  
Annalise Wintz

### Grade 8

Mark Bautista  
Jazmin Bueno  
Mimi Granillo  
Ricki-Lou Langcay  
Katherine Le  
Don Manalo

Roman Martinez  
Laura Rodriguez  
Janessa Velasco  
Timothy Wong  
Lauren Yotsov

# Congratulations!



## ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES JR. HIGH ACADEMIC DECATHLON

### History

The Catholic Schools Academic Decathlon was founded in September, 1989 by Dr. Mark Ryan who was then a junior high teacher at St. Aloysius School in Los Angeles. Dr. Ryan had a vision for an academic event to parallel the athletic competitions so prevalent in schools. What began as a tiny competition involving a handful of schools from the greater Los Angeles area has grown to become a statewide event involving Catholic junior high students from across the United States. The Decathlon is now under the guiding jurisdiction of the California Catholic State Superintendents Curriculum Committee.

### **What is the Decathlon?**

The Academic Junior High Decathlon is a competition for students in grades 6-8. There are ten events. Two are collaborative team efforts – a logic quiz with 20 rigorous thinking problems, and a super quiz with 50 multiple choice questions on five broad academic themes. The remaining eight events test individual knowledge of the Roman Catholic Doctrine, English, Literature, Science, Mathematics, Current Events, Social Studies, and Fine Arts (Art and Music). Awards are given for individual and team performance, and the winning school team from each geographic diocese competes in a state championship the first Saturday of May each year.

On Saturday, March 5, 2011, ten of the best and brightest from St. John of God School will be competing academically against students from Catholic Schools from throughout the Southern California area. Come join our Decathletes, Decathlon Parents, and Decathlon Coaches: Ms. Guzman and Mrs. Ontiveros at the Los Angeles Sports Arena and help cheer them on!

★ Lauren Yotsov – Grade 8:	Fine Arts
★ Mark Bautista – Grade 8:	Mathematics
★ Timothy Wong – Grade 8:	Logic
★ Laura Rodriguez – Grade 8:	Social Studies
★ Ricki-Lou Langcay – Grade 8:	Literature
★ Janella Velasco – Grade 7:	English
★ Daniel Guevarra – Grade 7:	Science
★ Dana Manalo – Grade 7:	Religion
★ Annalise Wintz – Grade 7:	Current Events
★ Rebecca Rodriguez – Grade 6:	Super Quiz
★ Joshua Viola – Grade 7:	Alternate
★ Sebastian Anaya – Grade 6:	Alternate



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK**

We would like to thank everyone for helping to make January, 30 – February 4, 2011, a great Catholic Schools' Week! Everyone from our Grandparents to our littlest Pre-K students joined in on the festivities of the week.

Special **THANK YOU'S** to:

- Mrs. Michelle Wong and Room Parents for serving up a *delicious* luncheon for our Faculty and Staff!
- The Room Parents who supervised after school day care which allowed our day care staff to attend the lunch.

*“Catholic Schools are A+ for America”*

**NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION**



St. John of God School families, if you wish to have a **new** student enrolled for the 2010-2011 school year, you **must** pre-register them. We will continue to accept applications Mondays through Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Walk-ins or phone calls to the office are welcomed.

If you know someone who may be interested in his or her child/ren receiving a Catholic Education, please have them contact the school office and upon acceptance and verification, **you will receive \$100.00 deducted from your tuition.** *(If more than one family recommends a new family, the \$100.00 will be split between families. Final decision will be made by the school principal.)*

**BOOK FEES AND ANNUAL FEES**

The Book Fees and Annual Fees for the school year 2011-2012 will remain the same. The Books/Supplies Fee is due on or before May 10<sup>th</sup> and the Annual Fees are due on or before June 10<sup>th</sup>. We will still have our August Registration Day(s) for you to fill out all paperwork. (Emergency Earthquake Cards, etc.)

**Books/Supplies Fee Due on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011:**

Pre-K	\$250 per student
K-8	\$200 per student

**Annual Fees Due on June 10, 2011:**

FACTS Fee:	\$41.00 per account
Emergency Supplies Fee:	\$20.00 per student
Technology Fee:	\$30.00 per student
Student Activities Fee:	\$20.00 per student
Fiesta Raffle Tickets:	\$30.00 per student
Yearbook Fee:	\$30.00 per student
Sacrament Fee:	\$25.00 per student
Sixth and Seventh Grade Retreat Fee:	\$25.00 per student
Seventh Grade Reception/Gift for Graduate Fee:	\$25.00 per student
Eighth Grade Graduation Fee:	\$210.00 per student





## 200 DAYS OF SCHOOL: 2012-2013

St. John of God School will be extending the school year to 200 days beginning the school year 2012-2013. This is in accordance with the mandate given by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas please contact the school principal, Ms. Pekarcik, as she is planning and preparing for this momentous change in our school and in the Catholic Schools across America!

## ST. JUDE MATH-A-THON

### Important Notice

The Math-A-Thon has been extended and money will be due on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. The booklets were on backorder and won't arrive until late this week. They should be distributed by the 7<sup>th</sup> of March. There are approximately 70 students participating in this powerful fundraiser. What an awesome reflection of our school families' commitment to service!

## SAFETY COMMITTEE and MERCHANT DONATIONS NEWS

***Remember there will be extra traffic on Ash Wednesday in our school parking lot. Please be patient and careful during the Ash Wednesday drop – off and pick - up times.***

***Day Care parents will be given a parking pass on March 8<sup>th</sup>, to use March 9<sup>th</sup> during the Ash Wednesday pickup of your children. Please be sure to pick one up when you sign your child/ren out of Day Care on the 8th. When the pass is shown to the parking attendant on Wednesday afternoon, you will be directed to park in the faculty parking area.***

- Remember to save your Capri Sun and Frito Lay empty containers. You can find products that they make with the recycles at <http://www.terracycle.net/>
- Thank you for participating in Fresh and Easy's Shop for Schools. The program is over for this season. You will be notified when it starts up again.
- School Cents is providing an E-Waste Collection at The Lakewood Center on March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Earn 2,000 points for screen items 4" or larger. All other electronic waste will be accepted for safe disposal, but no additional points will be given.

## SPORTS COMMITTEE NEWS

Join the Sports Committee and support the sports program by participating in a fundraiser held at Golf N' Stuff on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. You must present the attached flyer to the cashier before you purchase a round of miniature golf, park rides or a wristband for our school to receive 25% of your total purchase. The snack bar and arcade are not included. There is no school scheduled for Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>. Plan on spending the evening with your family and friends and celebrate the end of the week with us!

Golf N' Stuff



## REMINDERS



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## SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

### **FAMILY EMERGENCY CARD**

It is essential that the information on the emergency cards kept in school be current and accurate. Parents must notify the school office of any change in address, telephone number, or other emergency information. Parents are notified immediately of an accident or illness that occurs during school hours. If neither parent can be reached, the school will contact the person(s) listed on the emergency card. For this reason you must notify the school secretary when there is a change of phone number, address, or persons to be contacted when you cannot be reached. We must know where to contact you in case of serious accident or sudden illness. It is understood that enrollment at St. John of God confers upon the school the obligation to select emergency care providers in absence or our ability to reach the parents and that no liability would attach to such decision in the event that the parents cannot be reached. *(SJOG Parent/Student Handbook. Pg. 15)*

### **FIRE/EARTHQUAKE/LOCK DOWN EMERGENCIES**

Fire and earthquake drills are held at least once a month for the entire school. The school has an earthquake and fire drill plan that is followed. The school also has a lockdown plan. Should a lockdown occur during dismissal time, a red flag will be draped over the front upstairs banister. Parents are asked to stay in their cars until a green flag is draped over the same banister, which means that parents or guardians are to exit their cars and sign the children out of the classrooms/buildings that they are in and immediately exit the campus.

In case of a major disaster, St. John of God School will make an attempt to take the same actions as the Norwalk La Mirada School District and/or the Department of Catholic Schools. Turn your radio to KNX 1070 AM for the latest information from the Department of Catholic Schools or individual sites. Do not telephone the school. Phone lines must be accessible to school personnel for emergency procedures. The front gates will be locked. Children will be released to the parent, or those adults listed on the Earthquake Card only, from a designated evacuation area in the school yard at the front gate.

***Please remember that the children are more likely to remain calm if the adults around them are calm and reassuring. (SJOG Parent/Student Handbook. Pgs.16 -17)***





# St. John of God School Talent Show Winners!



Congratulations to all of our participants!

## **Junior Star Division (Grades K – 2)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Alyssa Santos–Grade 2

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Monique Cardona-Kindergarten

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Ashley Obeso–Grade 1

## **Rising Star Division (grades 3 – 5)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Zoe Gray-Grade 3

Madison Sanchez-Grade 3

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Andrea Mendez-Grade 3

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Kimberly Obeso-Grade 3

## **Shining Star Division (Grades 6-8)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Dana Manalo-Grade 7

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Denisse Alvarado-Grade 6

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Nathan Duran-Grade 8

Mariano Gomez-Grade 8

Don Manalo-Grade 8



## SCRIP VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET

Please indicate the days and time you are available.

### **Friday Afternoon Sales**

\_\_\_ Friday March 4, from 2:30pm to 3:15pm

\_\_\_ Friday March 11, from 2:30pm to 3:15pm

\_\_\_ Friday March 12, from 2:30pm to 3:15pm

\_\_\_ Friday March 25, from 2:20pm to 3:15pm

\_\_\_ Friday April 1, from 2:20pm to 3:15pm

### **Sunday After All Morning Masses**

\_\_\_ Sunday March 6 from 7:15am to 12:30pm

\_\_\_ Sunday March 13 from 7:15am to 12:30pm

\_\_\_ Sunday March 20 from 7:15am to 12:30pm

\_\_\_ Sunday March 27 from 7:15am to 12:30pm

\_\_\_ Sunday April 3 from 7:15am to 12:30pm

If you can not work from 7:15am to 12:30pm but can work a few hours please indicate the date and time here and fill out the information below \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

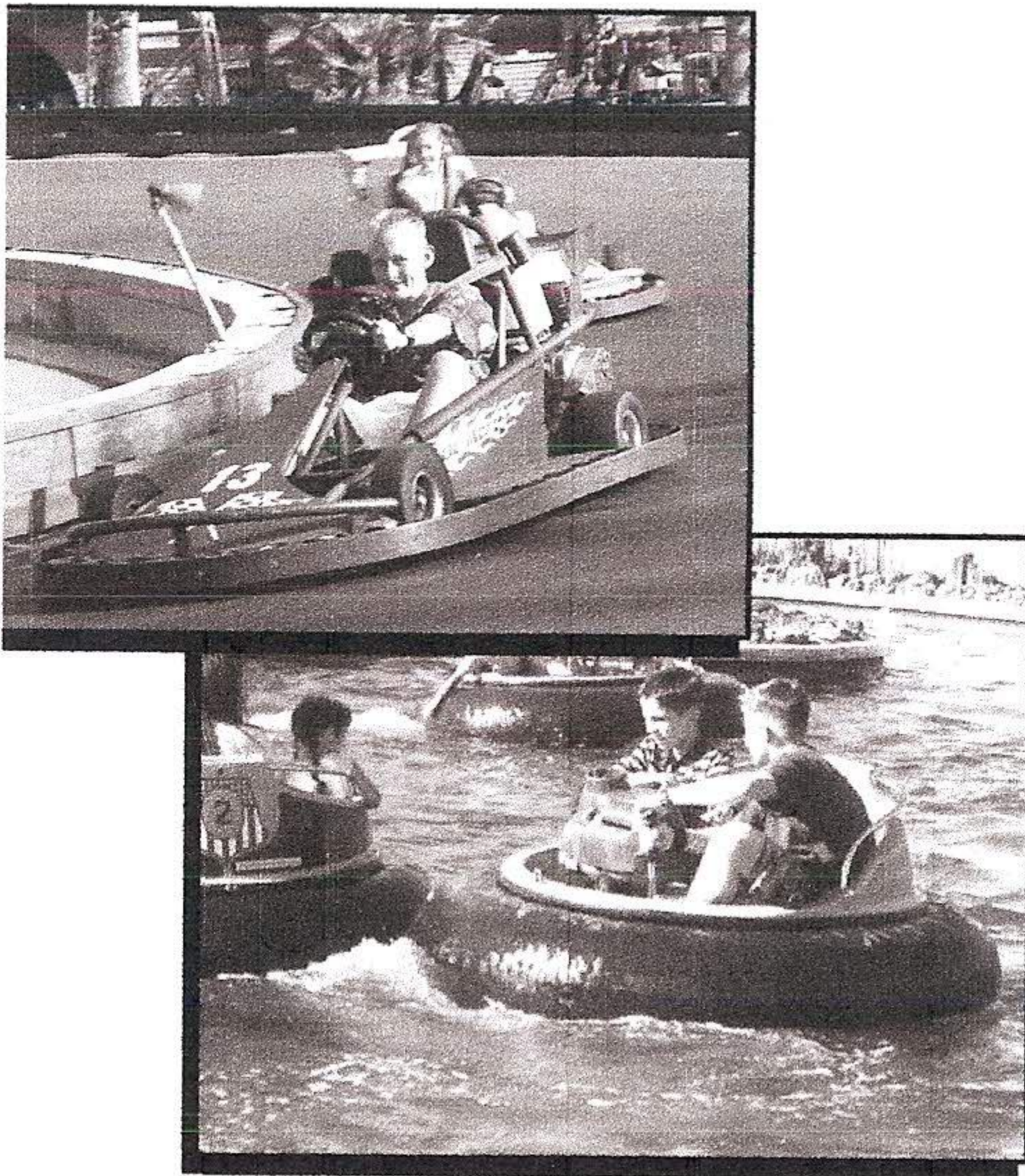
Your child's name and grade \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out this form and return it to the school office.

# St. John of God School Sports Fundraiser Night at Golf N' Stuff!

Friday, March 18, 2011

4:00pm–10:00pm



Enjoy:

- Miniature Golf
- Lit'l Indy Go-Karts
- Bumper Boats
- Bumper Cars
- Disk'O Ride
- Kiddie Train

Bring this flyer with you and Golf N' Stuff will donate back 25% of your total purchase to your organization! Present flyer to the cashier before your purchase.\*

\*Snack bar and arcade purchases not included.

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