

ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH SCHOOL

Agenda Planner: Grades 6-8

2005-2006

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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.

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Western Catholic Education Association

ST. JOHN OF GOD IDENTITY

PHILOSOPHY

St. John of God Catholic School, as a multi-cultured faith community, accepts its responsibility to share with its students the Good News, while teaching Catholic values, virtues and doctrine. While recognizing the role of parents as the primary educators, we are dedicated to creating a Christian atmosphere that fosters and develops the whole person: body, mind and spirit.

We earnestly desire our students to be fully integrated and self reliant young people who are aware of their Christian responsibilities to their baptismal call. Students are encouraged to demonstrate total commitment and witness to their Catholic faith by serving and ministering to all God's people.

We seek to have our students grow in an environment that contributes to their physical well being and appreciation of their unique worth. All members of the school community are challenged to work to their academic and creative potential. We endeavor to develop good study skills, self discipline, a sense of intellectual curiosity, wonder and appreciation of the total environment.

As a faith community, we desire our students to be fully conscious and aware of the splendor and beauty of the world and their role in creation. We foster a sense of Christian service for both Saint John of God parish and the wider community.

School Wide Learning Expectations (SLEs)

Faith

St. John of God Students will:

- a. be made aware that the liturgy is the cornerstone of the Catholic Faith.
- b. become familiar with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the traditional prayers of the Church.
- c. develop a working knowledge of the Bible, church history and lives of the saints.
- d. be taught the importance of living an active, prayerful Christian life.
- e. respect life and all of God's creations.

Personal Development

St. John of God Students will:

- a. become model citizens by learning to take responsibility for their actions.
- b. develop good study habits, test-taking skills and become independent thinkers.
- c. show respect for self and others.
- d. share their gifts and talents with the community.

Knowledge

St. John of God Students will:

- a. master the basic skills in all areas of the curriculum to the best of their ability.
- b. learn the use of logic and critical thinking to solve problems.
- c. use computer technology to enhance work in all subjects.
- d. communicate and apply acquired knowledge and skills to their everyday lives.

School Personnel

Pastor Fr. Bernie Leheny
Principal Ms. Mary J. Pekarcik

Pre-K	Mrs. Tracie Gutierrez	Secretary	Mrs. Celia Soto
Kindergarten	Ms. Elizabeth Guzman	Bookkeeper	Mrs. Cecilia Santos
Grade 1	Ms. Peggy O'Neill	Receptionist	Mrs. Connie Preciado
Grade 2	Ms. Cecilia Rodriguez	Librarian	Mrs. Kathy Sandoval
Grade 3	Mrs. Gohar Avila	Computer Aide	Mrs. Lenore Duran
Grade 4	Mrs. Y. Rosales-Perry	Teacher Aide	Mrs. Mirella Gosch
Grade 5	Mrs. Cecilia Marquez	Teacher Aide	Mrs. Linda Telles
Grade 6	Sr. Pauline O'Reilly	Teacher Aide	Mrs. Lupe Ortiz
Grade 7	Ms. Alexandra Gonzalez	Teacher Aide	Mrs. Susan Willis
Grade 8	Mr. Daryl Haselton	Day Care Director	TBA
Reading	Mrs. Maria Collaco	Day Care Supervisor	Ms. Cecilia Garcia
Math	Ms. Ana Maria Guzman	Day Care Supervisor	Ms. Nora Rodriguez
Music	Mrs. L. Mathews-Derleth	Day Care Supervisor	TBA
Art/Computer	Mr. Juan Carlos Garcia	Custodian	Mr. Octavio Sanchez
Full Focus	Mr. Francesco Arnone		

Daily Schedule

7:45 a.m.	Students may enter classrooms (Supervision begins)
7:55 a.m.	First Bell
8:00 a.m.	Second Bell: Classes begin: Prayer and Salute
10:10 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.	Recess
12:15 p.m. – 12:55 p.m.	Lunch/Recess
3:00 p.m.	Dismissal Bell

Day Care Schedule

7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.	Extended Day Care (A.M.) Students <i>must</i> report to Day Care if they arrive before 7:45 a.m.
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Extended Day Care (P.M.)
3:10 p.m.	Students <i>must</i> report to Day Care if they are not picked up.

Minimum Days

(Dismissal is at 12:15 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month for regularly scheduled faculty meetings.)

12:15 p.m.	Dismissal Bell
12:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Extended Day Care (P.M.)
12:25 p.m.	Students <i>must</i> report to Day Care if they are not picked up.

DISCIPLINE

ALL-SCHOOL DISCIPLINE CODE

The vision of the all-school discipline code is to create a positive moral culture in the school community. It is based on the school philosophy whose goals and objectives include developing children in moral knowledge and moral action. Through these objectives, the child, on whom the school is centered, is given opportunities to develop character based on respect and responsibility.

CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

RESPECT RIGHTS OF OTHERS

- Use appropriate voice and language.
- Listen to speaker.
- Respect the opinion and point of view of others.
- Refrain from harassment.

RESPECT AUTHORITY

- Listen to authority.
- Follow direction first time given.
- Accept responsibility for behavior.

DISPLAY A CONCERN FOR LEARNING

- Remain on task.
- Allow others to remain on task.
- Use proper communication skills.

BE PROMPT AND PREPARED

- Be on time.
- Come with appropriate materials.
- Come with assignments completed.

DISPLAY APPROPRIATE SOCIAL SKILLS

- Avoid any type and form of discrimination.
- Cope with disagreement, teasing, and criticism.
- Display courtesy.
- Display tact.

RESPECT PROPERTY

- Do not steal.
- Do not damage, mar, or destroy in any form any property, real or personal.

DISPLAY POSITIVE AND PRODUCTIVE CHARACTER

- Live with high standards.
- Go beyond what you expect from others.

DISCIPLINE PLAN

Discipline in St. John of God School is considered an aspect of moral guidance and not a form of punishment. The purpose of discipline is: to promote character training, to increase respect for duly constituted authority, to assist the growth of self-discipline, and to provide a classroom situation conducive to learning. Discipline is said to be maintained in classroom or school when pupils work cooperatively with principal, teachers, staff members, and companions toward attainment of class and school objectives. Therefore, anyone who does not adhere to the regulations deemed necessary for a good learning situation and an orderly atmosphere is acting in a manner detrimental to the welfare of the other children. Teachers and supervisors will take the means necessary and reasonable to correct the situation and will make the parents aware of a recurrent problem. In addition to individual classroom rules and consequences, the All-School Discipline Plan will be followed:

ALL- SCHOOL DISCIPLINE PLAN

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| 1. First Detention: | Half Hour |
| 2. Second Detention: | Half Hour |
| 3. Third Detention: | One Hour |
| 4. Fourth Detention: | One Hour and Parent-Teacher
Conference |
| 5. Fifth Detention: | Parent-Teacher- Administrator
Conference – An individual plan of action
will be discussed. |

CURRICULUM

At Saint John of God School Christian formation and values as well as strong academic excellence is emphasized. The core curriculum includes:

- Religion
- Language Arts
- Mathematics/Algebra
- Social Studies
- Science
- Art
- Music
- Computers
- Physical education

EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAM

Students are encouraged to participate in **extra-curricular programs** if their grades permit. For all students, this shall mean a current academic average of at least a “C” and a “B-” in conduct and effort. Grade checks will be conducted by the Athletic Director on a regular basis. Students deemed ineligible may not participate in the designated activities. A student may become immediately eligible by correcting the deficiency.

- Altar Servers
- CJSF
- Choir
- Drama
- Religion Committee
- Student Council
- Sports
 - Football
 - Volleyball
 - Basketball
 - Softball
 - Track

HOMEWORK POLICY

In recognition of the role of parents as primary educators, and in recognition of the school’s philosophy with respect to the value of quality family time outside of regular school hours, homework is not assigned on weekends except in special cases.

The time spent on homework should be quiet and uninterrupted and should be approximately:

Grades 6-8 Not to exceed two hours

Homework Hall

Homework Hall is the consequence of not satisfactorily completing a homework assignment on time. Parents will be notified by phone or in writing on the day the student misses an assignment. Students are normally required to serve Homework Hall on the same day as the missed assignment. Homework Halls are scheduled Tuesday-Friday from 3:05-3:35 p.m. in Room 5.

Three Homework Halls in one semester is equivalent to one Detention. Note: **The Third Detention is equivalent to: One Hour Detention.**

GRADING POLICY

Departmentalized Level (Grades 6-8)

A = 95-100%	C = 75-79%
A- = 93-94%	C- = 70-74%
B+ = 90-92%	D = 60-69%
B = 87-89%	F = 59% - Below
B- = 85-86%	+ = Area of Strength
C+= 80-84%	√ = Area of Improvement

HONOR ROLL

Students in Grades 3-8 are eligible for Honor Roll. To be eligible for any one of the Honor Rolls, a student must earn an "A" or "B" in conduct and effort; however, the conduct and effort grades are not included in the honor roll point system. The following subjects are included in determining the Honor Rolls. (Any F's in any subject on the report card for a quarter automatically excludes a student from any honor roll for that quarter.)

Religion	Social Studies
Mathematics	Science
Reading	Spelling
Art	Computer
Music	Physical Education
Language	

First Honor Roll	3.5 – 4.0 GPA
Second Honor Roll	3.0 – 3.4 GPA
Third Honor Roll	2.5 – 2.9 GPA

ACE Awards

ACE Awards are given every month to students with perfect attendance, good conduct, and good effort.

Uniform and Free Dress Policy

Boys - Uniform (See General Dress Standards) *(Uniform Company- No Dockers or other brands)*

- Pants – Cords/slacks in Navy Blue
- Shirts – Cotton button down or polo knit in White (No logos/pockets)
- Undershirts – Short sleeve T-shirt in Solid White
- Sweaters – Cardigan/pull-over in Navy Blue
- Shoes – Good supportive leather tie in Black

Socks – Regular crew socks in Navy or White (No ankle socks)

Belts – Regular belt in Black (Plain buckle and must be fitted around waist)

V-Neck Vest in Navy Blue (Optional)

Walking shorts in Navy Blue (No longer than knee length) (Optional)

Students must be in full uniform at all times. Pants and shorts may not be worn if they cannot stay at the waistline without a belt. Pants and shorts must not be more than two inches wider than the waist size.

Shirts must be tucked in at all times. Uniforms are expected to be neat and clean at all times.

Girls – Uniform (See General Dress Standards)

(Uniform Company – No Dockers or other brands)

K-4 Jumpers – Blue Plaid (No shorter than two inches from the knee)

K-4 Skorts – Blue Plaid (No shorter than two inches from the knee)

5 – 8 Skirts – Blue Plaid (No shorter than two inches from the knee)

K – 4 Blouses – Round or pointed collar in White (No puff sleeves)

K – 8 Shirts – Polo Knit or Blouse in White (No logo/pockets)

Sweaters- Cardigan/Pullover in Mayflower Blue

Shoes- Good supportive tie or one-buckle shoes in Black (No heel larger than one inch)

Socks- Regular crew or knee high in solid White or Navy Blue (No ankle socks)

V-Neck Best- in Mayflower Blue (Optional)

Walking Shorts or Slacks in Navy Blue (Optional)

Students may not roll skirts or shorts. If shorts are desired to be worn under the skirts, they must be P.E. uniform shorts. Blouses and shirts must be tucked in at all times. Uniforms are expected to be neat and clean at all times.

Boys and Girls – P.E. Uniform (See General Dress Standards)

(Uniform Company – Shorts and T-Shirts)

P.E. Shorts- Navy Blue (No longer than knee length and shorter than mid thigh)

P.E. T-Shirts- Navy Blue

P.E. Tennis Shoes- Black, White, or Black and White (Only)

Good supportive tennis shoe. Must be laced and tied appropriately.

P.E. Sweatshirts/Sweatpants- Navy Blue (May only be worn on cold or rainy days)

(Optional)

None of these uniforms may be mixed or matched. When a student is wearing any one of the above mentioned uniforms, all pieces must conform to specifications listed above.

Boys' General Dress Standards

Hair is to be natural in color, groomed, neatly away from the eyes, cut or styled without any type of steps, shaved back or sides with small crop of hair on top or center are not permitted; no rat tails are permitted, and no hair styles that identify with gang membership are allowed. The length of the hair must be above the shirt collar. ***No less than a 2-clip is permitted.***

No extreme use of gel/spray to form spikes in the hair.

Wearing body rings is prohibited except for one simple ring on the hand. One simple gold or silver chain (no longer than neck length) with a small religious medal may be worn. A watch may be worn, but no other type of bracelet or anklet may be worn.

Earrings are not permitted.

No caps or hats are allowed in doors at school.

No open toed or backless shoes are allowed.

Crew socks must be worn at all times. These socks should be at least three inches above the top of the shoe. ***Short socks that are not visible above the top of the shoes are not acceptable.***

Girls' General Dress Standards

Hair is to be natural in color, no dyeing or bleaching, groomed neatly from the eyes.

No extreme use of gel/spray in the hair is allowed.

No short tops or shirts that show the midriff are allowed.

No dangling or hoop earrings are permitted. The girls may wear a small non-dangling earrings, one earring in each ear lobe, one simple gold or silver chain, (no longer than neck length) with a small religious medal only. One simple ring may be worn. A watch may be worn, but no other type of bracelet or anklet may be worn.

No caps or hats are allowed in doors at school.

No make up, fingernail polish, or false nails are allowed.

No open toed or backless shoes are allowed.

Socks must be worn at all times; these socks should be at least three inches above the top of the shoe. ***Short socks that are not visible above the top of the shoes are not acceptable.***

Boys' Free Dress (See General Dress Standards)

Shirt-Collars or Polo

Slacks, Pants, or Jeans – Not oversized

Walking Shorts – No longer than knee-length

Shoes- Good supportive tie

Tennis Shoes- Laced appropriately

Crew Socks- At least three inches above top of shoe

Girls' Free Dress (See General Dress Standards)

Shirts- No spaghetti straps, tank tops or short tops

Slacks, Pants, or Jeans – Not oversized, tight, or low- waisted

Walking Shorts, Dresses, or Skirts- No higher than three inches above the mid-knee

Shoes – Good supportive tie or one-buckle shoe

Tennis Shoes – Laced appropriately

Crew Socks – At least three inches above top of shoe

PRAYERS

Sign of the Cross (All)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (All)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

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Hail Mary (All)

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be (All)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Before Meals (All)

Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive from thy bounty, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

After Meals (All)

We give You thanks for all Your benefits, O Almighty God, who lives and reigns forever, and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Act of Contrition (All)

O my God, I am sorry for my sins. In choosing to sin and failing to do good, I have sinned against you and your church. I firmly intended, with the help of your Son, to make up for my sins and to love as I should. Amen.

Salute to the Cross (All)

Unto the King Eternal, immortal and invisible the only God be honor and glory forever. Amen.

The Angelus (6-8)

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, etc.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, etc.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Regina Caeli (6-8)

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia. For He Whom thou didst deserve to bear, Alleluia. Has risen as He said, Alleluia.

Pray for us to God, Alleluia. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia, For the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who by the resurrection of Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, has been pleased to fill the world with joy; grant, we beseech Thee, that by the Virgin Mary, His mother, we may receive the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Memorare (6-8)

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother, to thee I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the word incarnate, despise not my petitions; but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Creed (6-8)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy Catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.