



Whispering Saints Newsletter

Aug. 31st, 2018

Important Dates

Sept. 3rd

Labor Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL

Sept. 6th

Weekly Mass @ 10:30 am
Fr. Theo Celebrant

Sept. 7th

Progress Reports Sent Home:
K- 6th

Sept. 7th-8th

Our Lady of Light Fiesta in
La Luz (HSA & our School
will have a booth & sell
Biscochos

Sept. 8th

VIRTUS Training here at
FJBH 9 am to 12 pm

Sept. 9th

FJBH Choir singing at 12
pm Mass @ ICC

Sept. 12th

HSA Mtg. @ 6 pm

Sept. 13th

Weekly Mass @ 10:00 am
Fr. Martin Celebrant

Sept. 20th-22nd

Otero County Fair – Our
school will have a booth

Sept. 20th

Weekly Mass @ 10:00 am
Fr. Bedemoore Celebrant

Sept. 21st

Parent/Teacher Confer.

Sept. 24th

FJBH Staff In-Service Day –
NO School for Kids

Sept. 24th – 28th

Scholastic Book Fair in
Chapel

Sept. 27th

Weekly Mass @ 10 am
Fr. Juan Carlos Celebrant

From Our Principal

Dear Saint Parents/Guardians and Saint Students,

We are into “full-swing” as we are near completing our 4th week of school. I still want to welcome back all returning FJBH Saints, as well as welcome our “new” FJBH Saints! We are Blessed to have 66 amazing Saints, starting in our Pre-K class and continuing up to 6th grade! (Please see page 2 with information for continual open enrollment opportunities.)

We are also Blessed to welcome returning and new staff members to FJBH who are totally dedicated in providing, first and foremost, a loving, comfortable, safe and welcoming school/home environment, and secondly, providing a quality education: academically, socially, and spiritually! During our Open House you were introduced to most them. We are here for you anytime! Should you have questions and/or concerns, please call us and we will get back with you as soon as possible.

As mentioned in some of my communication methods, we have transitioned into a new student data accountability system entitled “REN-WEB”. Our entire staff have been working diligently to learn it and applying it for our school’s various functions and necessities. It is used for the following, but not limited to: parent/guardian information and/or demographics, attendance, report cards, progress reports, FACTS information, and communication methods, which includes emails, text messages, and phone messages. Please be patient with us as we work through the “kinks”. Thank you!

Our Home & School Association is off to a great start! I highly encourage each of you to attend at least one meeting sometime in this academic year. We meet the 2nd Wednesday’s of each month at 6 pm. We do our best to limit our meetings to 1 hour maximum and will have some child care provided so that you can fully participate and provide input into our meetings. Our officers have been working hard at developing a “year-long” calendar with upcoming events so that we are all committed to at least one event in the year. Remember: All events/proceeds benefit ALL our kids at FJBH!

Finally, please remember we will be hosting a “VIRTUS Training” **on Saturday, September 8th from 9 am until 12 pm**. VIRTUS Training is MANDATORY for any adult who works and volunteers in our school and are in contact with our kids. Along with the training, there is a mandatory “background check” on individuals. You must register for the training at: <https://www.virtus.org>

While we are hosting this training on 9/8/18, there are other VIRTUS Training in various other local areas. Here is a listing of some other upcoming training: Sept. 20th at St. Jude Parish from 10 am to 1 pm; Sept. 26th at Our Lady of Light (La Luz) from 6 pm to 9 pm; and Oct. 20th at Immaculate Conception Parish from 9am to 12 pm. When you log into the website provided above, you can sign-up for the training which is conducive to your schedule. Please let me know if you have questions.

I am so looking forward to a fantastic 2018-2019 school year! GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

Sincerely,

Victor S. Gonzales

Open Enrollment

We are now enrolling Kindergarten – 6th Grade students for the 2018/2019 School Year. (Our Pre-K three and four year classes are full, please call to be placed on the waiting list).

We are excited to bring back our 6th grade class!!!
We will continue to provide P.E., Latin, AND Music
at least twice a week, and Art once a week! We will also continue weekly Mass and Daily Religious Education!

Please share your experience with anyone who might be considering joining our family at Father James B. Hay. Mr. G. and Ms. Sonia will be available to help answer questions, give school tours, etc. Contact the school at 575-437-7821 and office@fjbhatholic.org or Mr. G. at 575-313-0851 and principal@fjbhatholic.org.

Please enroll online via FACTS

<https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/46WTZ>

Families may apply for tuition assistance/scholarship funds on this application. You MUST apply online through FACTS to be considered for any financial assistance, and provide the required financial documents with a completed essay component.

There is NO Financial Assistance for Pre-K students.

Words from the FJBH School Board
August 2018

The month of August was a great start for our Catholic School. We have a fantastic faculty and staff! We currently have 66 students enrolled in school. All our Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Las Cruces are now under a unified set of By-laws. We have a very active and caring school board. The school board keeps the best interest for all our students, as well as the faculty and staff in mind. Our main function is to support the best direction of the school. The school board members often assist the Home and School Association, assisting the teachers, or helping in other necessary operations of the school.

Here are some highlights from our August meeting: 1) An independent audit was done on Aug. 21, 2018. We had a good report on our finances and bookkeeping. 2) Our school was able to purchase \$11,000.00 worth of much needed instructional material for the school from the funds raised at our annual enchilada dinner. 3) Home schooled students are now able to attend FJBH school for certain elective courses. The school offers Latin and PE; or a combination of both. (Latin and PE) 5 classes per week-\$30.00. Three classes per week (Latin only)-\$25.00. 2 classes per week (PE only)-\$20.00.

If you are looking for a way to volunteer at the school, there are always many opportunities. Our Catholic Thrift Store is always looking for volunteers. If you have a special talent in an area that can benefit the students, or the school, we would greatly appreciate it.

Our next school board meeting will be September 18, 2018 @6:30 at the FJBH School.

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**"Zoo After Hours"
5:30 to 7 pm @ Alameda Park
FJBH will have a Booth**

