

From the Principal

Happy 2nd Week of Advent!! Prepare the way for the Lord, Make straight His path.

We will soon be entering the last of week of school before Christmas break and we are eagerly awaiting the birth of Christ. We have been preparing ourselves to welcome Him into our hearts: doing service, going to Confession, praying, and learning. Below are a couple of upcoming dates and events to keep in mind:

- Our annual K-8 Christmas Program is on Tuesday, December 18th at 7pm in the church. See more details on this evening below.
- Thursday, December 20th is the last day of school for students before Christmas break. Students may be out of uniform on this date and should plan to wear Christmas colors to celebrate the season. School will resume after the break on Wednesday, January 2nd. J-Care is available on December 21st, 27th, and 28th only. See below for more information on J-Care activities on these dates.

To help alleviate multiple charges on your Tads accounts, we have decided this year to charge a one time Field Trip Fee for each student. To cover the costs of field trips (entrance fees plus busing transportation) this school year, all students (K-8) will be charged a \$75 fee. This amount was decided upon after review of the field trips that all grades attended last school year. This will not include the ELC trip that our 5th grade students attend in the spring. This fee will be added to your January payments.

Next week the students will be celebrating with their classrooms Christmas parties. A reminder that all volunteers that help at these parties must have completed and be up-to-date with their Virtus training (virtus class, background checks, modules, etc.) **Any parent or volunteer who does not have the training completed will be unable to attend the class parties.** Please check with Alison Wacek at waceka@stjohnnyb.org if you are unsure of your status. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

We currently have a job opening in our kitchen staff here at St. John's. We are looking for an individual to work a 3.5 hour position each school day. A complete job description will be placed on the school website in the coming days. Until then, if you might be interested, please contact Kristy Champion at championk@stjohnnyb.org.

Finally, please keep our second grade students in your prayers this weekend as they receive the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, December 15th. What a wonderful way to prepare their hearts for the coming of Jesus this Christmas.

Ann Laird, Principal

Upcoming Events

December 14

School Spirit Day

December 17

Quiz Bowl - Gr. 8

December 18

Christmas Program, 7:00pm

December 20

Class Christmas Parties

December 21-January 1

Christmas Break

January 2

School Resumes

January 4

School Spirit Day

January 5

Journey to the Inn

Christmas Program 2018

The Christmas Program will take place **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH at 7:00PM in the Church**. Students should arrive at 6:30PM and proceed to their classroom (exceptions: Wind Symphony and 8th Grade). Parents should take all students' outerwear (coats, hats, etc.) since the students will not return to their classrooms following the program.

CONCERT DRESS

Students are asked to dress in their "Sunday Best" for their performances.

BOYS: may wear nice pants/slacks (no jeans) and a nice shirt (no t-shirts). They may also wear a tie, sweater, vest, or dress jacket. All shoes need to be dressy, no sneakers or sports footwear.

GIRLS: may wear dress pants/slacks and a nice shirt, skirt and top, or dress (no jeans). All skirts/dresses need to be knee length or longer and all tops need to have sleeves. If the top does not have sleeves, it needs to be worn with a sweater or jacket that does have sleeves. All shoes must cover the toes and heel.

All students are encouraged to wear Christmas colors (red, green, gold, silver, white), but it is not required.

If you have any questions or would like to help out with the Christmas Program, please contact Mrs. Johnston:

651-633-1522 x 1204

johnstons@stjohnnyb.org.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you on December 18th!

November JOY students

Congratulations to our November JOY students! These students displayed the virtue of courtesy (being thoughtful of others) during the month.



KG Tyler C.

Gr. 1: Tommy Y.

Gr. 2: Isaac J.

Gr. 3: Gabriella E.

Gr. 4: Aby M.

Gr. 5: Annaleigh C.

Gr. 6: Samantha E.

Gr. 7: Isaac M.

Gr. 8: Frank D.

Art: Maddie P.

Gym: John L.

J-Care: Brady P.

Library: Irie H.

Music: Jason P.

Spanish: Ali K.

News from the SJB Student Ambassadors

Tomorrow is the final day for students to purchase Santa-Grams. These are notes that can be sent to friends at school to wish them a Merry Christmas. The cost is 25¢ each or 5/\$1.00.

The Ambassadors will also be sponsoring a Christmas Coloring Contest. Coloring sheets were handed out to students on Dec 12th and are due back by Monday, December 17th. This is an optional activity for students.



Wines to Wishes 2019



Thank you to all those who have donated items so far for our Wines to Wishes grade baskets. We will continue to accept donations through Friday, January 11th.

Invitations and a volunteer signup will be coming out soon. If you would like to assist now, contact one of the chairs

Michelle Barsness (barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org)

Rita Arndorfer (arndorfera@stjohnnyb.org)

SJB Swim Team

The St. John the Baptist Swim Team is open to all students in grades K-8. To participate, each swimmer must be able to swim one length of the pool (25 yards) unassisted and without stopping. We have several parent volunteer coaches that will work with swimmers to improve their skills, gain confidence, and have fun!

Registration Deadline: Friday, January 11. Send registration form, Parental Authorization form, and Christian Ethics to the School Office.

Registration materials can be picked up from Mr. Miley or can be found on the [Athletics page](#) on the SJB website.

All Parish Epiphany Event

JOURNEY TO THE INN



WHAT: Journey to the inn with the Wise Men to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

WHERE: St. Joseph's Hall

WHEN: Saturday, January 5th

4:30–5:30pm Mass (Sunday school will be available during this Mass.)

5:30–6:15pm Mostaccioli pasta dinner with salad and bread catered by Knights of Columbus (vegetarian and gluten free meals available)

\$6 – ages 11 and up

\$4 – ages 3 to 10

Children 2 and under are free

6:15–7:15pm *We begin our journey with Bible stories that tell the story of Christmas and send the Wise Men on their journey to Bethlehem. *We will have a candlelight procession through the neighborhood singing Christmas carols, accompanied by the Wisemen as they journey to the inn ending at the manger with **live animals in the stable**. *We will return to St. Joseph's Hall where we will end with hot cocoa and cookies.

Not able to walk around the neighborhood? That's okay! Join us for a delicious meal and Bible readings. Not interested in dinner? Just join us for the Bible readings and singing in the neighborhood. **RSVP only if you plan to join us for dinner.**

Return this RSVP portion to the Welcome Desk or at your Faith Formation program to RSVP (by Wednesday, January 2nd) for dinner only. (Pay at the door or in advance with RSVP.)

Adult Names: _____

Number of Adults/11 and up: _____ \$6/ea

Number of Children 3 to 10: _____ \$4/ea

Number of Children 2 and under: _____ free

Gluten Free:

Number of Gluten Free Meals Adult/11 and up: _____ \$6/ea

Number of Gluten Free Meals Children 3 to 10: _____ \$4/ea

Questions or to RSVP for the meal by email: Email Jodie at wollaj@stjohnnyb.org.

SCHOOL RELEASE DAYS:
DECEMBER 21ST, 27TH AND 28TH
HOURS OF OPERATION: 7:00AM – 6:00PM
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY MONDAY, DECMEBER 17TH



Friday , December 21st – All Things Christmas – Come celebrate Christmas with J-Care. We'll be watching Christmas movies, listening to Christmas music, making an ornament, and enjoying a Christmas snack.

Thursday, December 27th – Duct Tape Day – Have you ever made a duct tape craft before? You can make everything from a bag to a wallet.



Friday, December 28th – Movie Day – Wear your comfy clothes and bring your blanket and pillows cuz we're chillin' at J-Care. We'll be watching our favorite movies and enjoying treats.

Reminders:

- * J-Care does not provide lunches unless specifically noted. Please send a lunch for your child/ren each time they attend J-Care.
- * J-Care requires a J-Care shirt on fieldtrip days, tennis shoes for the gym and weather appropriate clothes to go outside.
- * If we do not have more than 11 children signed up for any of the days, our hours of operation will be 8:00am – 4:00pm (parents will be notified).
- * If you register after the Monday, December 17th deadline, you will be charged an additional \$10.00 for the day.

Any questions please contact Alison Wacek at 651.633.1522 X1127