

From the Principal

Today is Give to the Max Day across Minnesota. This year all donations will be used to create flexible seating options for our students in more of our classrooms. We already have 5 classrooms with flexible seating which allows our students the ability to choose to work in a place where they learn best and meets their needs. Our staff and students have noticed the difference in their learning and classroom environment. There is stilltime to donate - click on the following link [SJB Give to the Max](#). Thank you for your generosity.

There will be no school tomorrow, Friday, November 16th. This will be a workday for our teachers so that they can prepare for conferences. School will also be closed on November 19-23 for K-8 Parent-Teacher Conferences and Thanksgiving break. The outside doors of the school will remain locked during conferences, so please park and enter the building through the main Church doors or near the school office (doors 4 or 12). We ask all our families to enter the school for conferences through the door just upstairs from the school office - this door will be unlocked during conference times. Also, all lost and found items are on tables in the hall near the gym. Please take a moment during conferences to check on what is there. All unclaimed items will be donated if not claimed.

Our students visited the St. John's Book Fair this past week and had the option to purchase books during their classroom library times. The book fair will again be open during conferences on Monday and Tuesday. We invite our parents to stop by the Science Lab when you are here. If you cannot make the onsite fair, you may order online and items will be shipped to school for free. To order online click [here](#).

Advent is right around the corner which means we are preparing for the birth of Christ. Our Advent service project this year will be Bags of Joy for the homeless - you will receive more information on this at conferences. Students in grades 3-8 will be going to confession on December 4th. St. Nicholas will be making his annual visit to St. John's on December 6th. The SJB Christmas band concert will be held on Thursday, December 6th at 7pm (the school performance at 1:00pm) and the annual school Christmas Program will be on Tuesday, December 18th 7:00pm.

Finally, we want to take a moment at this time of year to express our gratitude. We are extremely grateful for all our families and for the sacrifices you make to enable you to send your children to St. John's. Your support is invaluable to us and we are honored that you allow us to be a part of your child's life.

All of the SJB staff join me in wishing all our families a blessed Thanksgiving!

Ann Laird, Principal

Upcoming Events

November 16

No School - Teacher Workday

November 19

No School

Book Fair

Parent-Teacher Conferences

November 20

No School

Book Fair

Parent-Teacher Conferences

November 21-23

No School

Thanksgiving Break

November 26

School Resumes

November 30

End of 1st Trimester

School Spirit Day

Preschool picture retakes

Check out the Lost and Found tables by the gym during conferences! All items not claimed will

be donated

on

Nov. 26th.



Flexible Seating for All on November 15!

An area of improvement this year at St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish School is an upgrade to our classroom furniture. Thanks to generous donors at the Wines to Wishes fundraiser in January, we were able to furnish five classrooms with flexible seating furniture. It is our goal to outfit the rest of the school as the feedback from teachers, students, and parents is beyond positive. Flexible seating truly has been beneficial to the way each of our students learn, and we would like to provide this opportunity for every student in our building. All money raised from Give to the Max 2018 will be put towards this improvement. Thank you for taking the time to think about St. John's. God Bless!

Donation link:

[SJB Give to the Max](#)



Box Tops Collection Contest - Starting November 26th

Greetings SJB Families! I am Nathalie Pepper, the chair of the Box Tops collection committee and on the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). For those of you not familiar with Box Tops, they are pink labels found on many specialty marked products and each label is worth \$.10 when you cut it out and turn it into St. Johns.

We are having a contest to see which grade can turn in the most Box Tops over a 2 week period (Nov 26th – December 7th). The grade that turns in the most valid (non-expired) Box Tops by Dec 7 will be rewarded with a day to wear comfy clothes and receive a hot chocolate treat! (Date to be identified by the teachers of the winning grade)



A parent volunteer from each grade has been assigned to count/turn in the Box Tops for the contests. We know many of you will be grocery shopping for the Thanksgiving holiday, so keep an eye out for products with the Box Tops for Education logo and ask your family and friends to give them to your student to turn in. Keep in mind they have an expiration date, so send in any you have been saving. (A listing of products with the Box Tops label can be found at www.btfe.com)

Thank you to all the families who participated in our 4 grade level competitions in the 17-18 school year. Last year, St. Johns collected 13,146 Box Tops resulting in checks to the school for \$1,314.60! This was used for teacher appreciation week activities, family related school events and school materials.

Thank you again for your support to St. John the Baptist School!

Help Needed - Care Crew Teacher

St. John's Care Crew (preschool) is looking for an enthusiastic, creative, dedicated person who loves children. The Care Crew Teacher would provide quality care of our 3-5 year old students in an after school program. This position would include planning creative and fun activities, maintaining a safe and clean environment, greeting and communicating with parents and most importantly, engaging with the children. The hours are 2:30p-5p Monday through Friday. For more information or to apply, contact Andrea Schroeder (schroedera@stjohnnyb.org).

Santa's Shop

Santa's Shop is an on-site, PTO run store where students have the option to purchase Christmas gifts for parents, siblings, pets or whoever they wish. Santa's Shop will be held this year on December 11-12. Mrs. Julie Thomas has chaired this event for the last several years. She is looking for someone to shadow her this year and take over the event next year. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

More information on the shop will be communicated in the coming weeks!



SJB Early Winter 2018 After School Classes * New Class added*

To sign up for any of the classes below, complete the Registration Form and turn it in with payment to the school office

Clay Cocoa Mug and Marshmallow Dish (grades 3-8)

Thursday, November 29

2:40-4:40pm, Art Room



Keep toasty warm over Christmas break with this beautiful handmade mug accompanied by a little dish to hold just the right number of marshmallows! Image is the result of mug made by a 4th grade student.

Autumn Higgins, \$15.00 (1 session)

Checks payable to St. John the Baptist

Minimum students 7, maximum 15

Gingerbread Houses (grades K-8)

Thursday, December 6

2:40-4:40 pm, Room TBD



Get into the Christmas spirit by designing your very own Gingerbread house using premade gingerbread, frosting and candies.

Jenny Schmitz and Amy McNeil, \$15.00 (1 session)

Checks payable to Saint John the Baptist

Minimum students 7, maximum 15

Poured Paint Tiles (grades K-8)

Thursday, December 13

2:40-4:00 pm. Art Room



Students will create a set of 4 cosmic and colorful paint tiles perfect to hang on the wall as art or to use as coasters. A great gift idea as well!

Autumn Higgins, \$15.00 (1 session)

Checks payable to Saint John the Baptist

Minimum students 7, maximum 15

Clay Luminaries (grades 2-8)

Monday, December 3

2:40-4:15 pm, Art Room

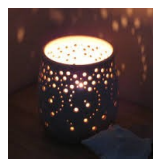


Students will create clay luminaries to light up the winter, in class they will use slabs and coils to build their form and cut shapes out to let the light through. They will be painted and decorated in class, and the following week they will be out of the kiln and sent home ready to glow with a battery powered tea light.

Autumn Higgins, \$15.00 (1 session)

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Do you have a hobby or passion you would like to share with our students?

We are always looking for new classes so please contact Jenny Schmitz if you are interested. (763)291-2223 (cell) or jschmitz134@gmail.com.



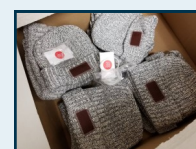
SAVE THE DATE!! WINES TO WISHES 2019 February 2, 2019

Planning for Wines to Wishes 2019 is underway! If you missed our first meeting but would still like to help, please reach out to Michelle Barsness or Rita Arndorfer. There are many opportunities to assist! Currently, we are looking for people to call businesses to find items for our silent auction. Other volunteer opportunities will also be available! Thank you for considering!

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love ♥ YOUR melon

Love Your Melon hats with the SJB logo are once again on sale. We have a limited number of hats available for \$30 each. Hats can be purchased in the school office by cash or check (payable to St. John's).





Sock Collection for the Homeless

The homeless are hiding in plain sight these days. You can see their tents along Hiawatha Ave in Minneapolis. Others take refuge at Simpson Homeless Shelter, Peace House or St. Stephen's.

Each November we collect white socks, thermal underwear (large sizes), boxer shorts, T-shirts and women's underwear for those in need. Place your items in the blue bins, located at the church doors. Thank you!

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for Me." Mt 25:40

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SJB Parish News



Memorial Mass for Sister Gwendolin

Sister Gwendolin was principal of St. John's School from 1982 to 2003. Sister passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 14th at the Motherhouse in Sylvania, Ohio. St. John's will hold a memorial Mass for Sister Gwendolin on Saturday, December 1st at 10:00am. Reception will follow. Come share your stories and memories.

SJB Family Retreat Welcoming the Lord!

December 2, 2018

11:30 am Taco Bar Lunch Provided
Families are asked to bring a side dish to share

12:15 pm Opening Session
Introductions and Activity

12:45 pm Welcoming the Lord
*Presentation given by Fr. Paul
and breakout session for younger children*

1-2 pm Family Activities
*Stations for the families to do together
Pray, serve, learn*

Event is FREE.

Registration needed.

**Registration forms can be
found in the kiosks.**