

From the Principal

Happy August!

It's hard to believe that it is already August and that the 2019-2020 school year will start in just a few short weeks. I hope that all our families have spent some time this summer relaxing and enjoying the beautiful warm weather.

I would like to announce our newest staff member, Ms. Elizabeth Lenz, as our 2nd grade teacher. Ms. Lenz has been teaching 2nd grade at St. Peter's in Forest Lake for the last 10 years. She has a MA with a K-12 reading endorsement and loves teaching religion, reading, social studies and science. She will join Sister Ermelinda and complete our second grade team.

Join us this Saturday, August 3rd at 3:00pm for our third and final parade participation this summer at the New Brighton Stockyard Days Parade. Wear your SJB spirit wear and come promote St. John's School in the wonderful city of New Brighton! See below for more details.

Please join other parish families at the following upcoming events:

- Saturday, August 10th - Celebrate Sister Clarinda's 65th Anniversary of consecrated life and service. There will be a reception in St. Josephs Hall following the 4:30pm Mass. Please join us as we honor Sister Clarinda and thank her for her great ministry here in New Brighton and beyond.
- Sunday, August 11th - Welcome the Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary to our parish: Sister Ermelinda and Sister Leonarda. There will be a pancake breakfast (thank you to the Knights of Columbus) fundraiser after both the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. A free-will offering will be accepted and all money will go to help support the sisters' presence in the parish.

As we approach the beginning of the new school year, there are a number of events we want to highlight for our families:

1. Meet My Teacher Night (MMTN) will be held on Wednesday, August 28th from 6-7:00pm. Please stop in to the school gym to purchase pencil pouches and accordion folders, receive information on band, karate, drama or other activities and check in with the Office of Discipleship and Mission to get information on upcoming activities and to sign up your child for sacramental

*be sure to sign up with the parish for sacraments

Upcoming dates:

Ann Laird, Principal

August 3

New Brighton parade, 3:00pm

August 12

Used Uniform Sale, 4-7pm

New Parent Night, 6-7pm

August 22

Kindergarten Picnic

August 28

Meet My Teacher Night, 6-7pm

September 3

First Day of School 2019-20

School Supplies - 2019-20

The school supply list for the 2019-2020 school year is now available on the St. John's web-site in the Parent Portal under Resources.

Print the [School Supply List](#) here.





Families should have received an email from TADS Tuition Management Company with information and a

link to set up your tuition payments for the 2019-2020 school year. **PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR TUITION PAYMENT SETUP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** Payment options are outlined in the agreement but families will have the following options:

1. Pay tuition in full by August 20th and receive \$100 off.
2. Pay tuition in 2 installments - the first half in August and the second in January.
3. Pay your tuition in 10 monthly installments - August through May. Families will be charged a \$45 fee from Tads for this option.

Additional charges will be added to your accounts throughout the school year as necessary. These charges include athletic, activity or band fees, MS elective fees, etc. These fees will be added to your regular tuition bill if

Tuition Setup for the 2018-19 School

possible. Preschool Care Crew and SJB J-Care will be billed separately and their due dates will be determined by Preschool and J-Care Directors (currently the 25th of each month). All extra charges will also be withdrawn automatically if your account is set for automatic withdrawal. If you manually make tuition payments, it will also be required to do so for any incidentals that are charged to your account. New this school year is an Invoicing Fee. Families who choose the Pay-in-Full or 2 Payment option will be charged a \$10 Invoicing Fee when an additional 3 invoices are added to their accounts later in the year due to incidentals. We will do our best as facilitators to minimize the number of invoices added to your accounts.

If you have questions or problems with the set up of your account, please contact the Tads helpline directly at 612-548-3320. If you have questions regarding the charges on your account, please contact Joy Thienes at thienesj@stjohnnyb.org.

Free/Reduced Lunch Applications

Your child may be eligible to receive free or reduced-price school meals. To apply, complete the attached **APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS** form. State funds help to pay for reduced-price meals, so all students who are approved will receive school meals at no charge. **This form needs to be completed by families each school year.** Return your completed applications to St. John the Baptist School.

Lunch prices for the 2019-2020 school year remain the same at:

Grades K-5: \$2.70

Grades 6-8: \$2.90

Summer Reading Challenge

St. John's School is participating in one last parade this summer, the New Brighton Stockyard Days Parade. It will take place this Saturday, August 3rd, and we would love for you to join us!

** Please note that this is a new date and time compared to previous years – because of the traffic that is currently being rerouted due to the 35W construction, the city was unable to hold the parade on the originally scheduled day. **

We are looking for students and parents to wear their SJB Spirit Wear or school uniforms and join us in promoting our school. If you don't have SJB clothes yet, don't worry! You are still more than welcome to walk with us!

Participating students will earn a non-uniform pass, and parents will earn volunteer hours (grades K-8). All students must be accompanied by an adult.

We will provide marketing materials (postcard and can koozies) and playdoh to hand out to parade attendees. Please wear comfortable shoes, bring a water bottle, and wear sunscreen. Please check the weather and plan accordingly!

Below are the details and directions for the parade line up:

* The parade begins at 3:00pm and runs from St. John's to approximately the Dairy Queen on Old Hwy 8.

* Line up is in the St. John's Church parking lot and on surrounding streets. Our Line up number is #46, and we will be located right in front of the main church doors.

* Because the parade begins at St. John's, please be aware that the streets around the church and school will be closing for staging so plan accordingly (the

The research is clear that children who don't read during the summer can lose up to three months of reading progress and that loss has a cumulative, long-term effect. (readingrockets.org)

We challenge all our students in grades K-8 to participate in the SJB summer 2019 reading program. Go to the [SJB website](#) for information on the challenge and to print the recording forms.



All the wonderful growth your child has made this year can be maintained when they read every day, they select the books they want to read and parents are role models for reading! Happy Reading!

[SJB READING CHALLENGE 2019](#)

Want to be a Substitute Teacher at St. John's?

Are you or someone you know interested in being a Substitute Teacher at St. John's or other area Catholic Elementary Schools? CSCOE (Catholic Schools Center of Excellence) is hosting a 2-day training session for interested candidates. Training consists of 2 full days and candidates must have a minimum of a BA/BS to qualify for the program. There is no cost to participants for this training.

When: Monday, September 23rd from 8:30am - 3:00pm and
Tuesday, September 24th from 8:00am - 3:00pm

Where: Nativity of Our Lord School, 1900 Stanford Ave, St. Paul

The deadline to register is Thursday, September 19th

Note: Completion of the training does not guarantee your employment as a substitute. All hiring decisions are made at the school level by the principal. Click to register for the training here: [CSCOE SubstituteTraining](#)



SERVER TRAINING Students, entering 5th grade and up, that are interested in learning how to serve Mass are invited to sign up for Server Training August 19-23 from 9:30 to 12 noon. All five days are mandatory. Sign up early as sessions fill up fast and are limited.



INvite Someone! Every day look for the opportunity to reach out and invite someone to St. John's. If we invite them, they'll come!

Middle School Youth Group

MS Youth Group is back by popular demand.

SUMMER dates/times: Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8pm August 7, 14, and 21

Start outside with a large group game, come inside for a short talk, rosary, and yummy snack to close out the night!



Attention all parishioners! Join us for our next Sunday FUNDAY on August 18 after the 10:30am Mass. We will gather for a potluck lunch, followed by kickball and a family rosary! Come get to know your parish family! The parish will provide Sloppy Joes. Parishioners are asked to bring a fruit/vegetable side dish, salad or dessert to share! The event will go from 11:30am until 1:30pm. Contact Fr. Paul

Extreme Faith Camp Reunion

on August 7th! 6:30pm-9:30pm for both middle school and high school groups. Potluck to kick off the night, small groups, games, and adoration with praise and worship to end the night!



Our next service project will be on Monday, August 5th at Feed My Starving Children in Coon Rapids (401 93rd Ave. NW). The evening begins at 5:45PM with a video presentation before we pack as many meals as possible in the next hour!

FMSC recommends volunteers be age 5 and older. To register, go online to Feed My Starving Children, click on VOLUNTEER, In the "Looking for a specific group?" search SOS Event - sjbc. Under Monday, August 5, 2019 6-7:30PM, click "Join" and add your info and anyone coming with you as you follow the prompts.

SIGN UP HERE

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Kohlhaas at 763.242.4229 or at kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org.





Used Uniform Sale

Monday, August 12th
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
St. Joseph's Hall

The Used Uniform Sale is an opportunity to purchase gently used uniforms at greatly discounted prices. The uniforms are donated by the families of St. John the Baptist School.

You may turn in gently used (*no missing buttons, ripped hems, tears/holes or stains please*) uniform pants, shorts, shirts, skirts, jumpers and spirit wear to the school office anytime during the school year.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Barb Lieser at barblieser@lieserinsurance.com or Brooke Holterhaus at bholterhaus@gmail.com.



***Thank you for supporting the
used uniform sale.***