

## From the Principal

Join other parish families this Sunday for Sunday FunDay following the 10:30am Mass. A potluck lunch in St. Joseph's Hall will start the afternoon. The parish will provide the sloppy joes and families are asked to bring a side dish (fruit, salad or dessert) to share. After lunch, we will play some games outside and then pray the rosary. **NEW THIS YEAR:** We will be having a backpack blessing! Bring your backpack and we will bless you and the bags as our students prepare to return to or begin school in September. We will have a gift for all those who bring a backpack. Following the blessing, stop at the open house and see the new convent where Sister Leonarda and Sister Ermelinda now live. Sunday FunDay will take place from 11:30am - 2:00pm.

We welcomed many new families this past week to our New Parent Night. We have over 25 new families joining our St. John's community this school year! We are excited to have them here and look forward to getting to know them better. We hope the night was informative for them. Since we have so many new families and as a refresher for all returning families, we wanted to recap some important information:

- School times/Daily Schedule
  - \* School hours are 7:55am - 2:30pm
  - \* Car line drop off is at the Flagpole door #6, Flagpole door opens at 7:40am
  - \* Any students arriving after 7:55am must be driven around and dropped off and checked in at the school office (door #12)
  - \* Any parent who would like to walk their child in to school should park in the Church lot or on the west side of 2nd Ave (across from SJB park). Please **DO NOT** park on the street along the playground - this area is for drop-off only
  - \* Afternoon car pick up will be from the main Church parking lot. Please park facing out to give better sight lines when leaving the lot to help keep everyone safe.
  
- Buses
  - \* District bus passes are set to be mailed next week. If you just recently registered with the district for busing, those passes will come directly to St. John's and you will receive those passes at Meet My Teacher Night.
  - \* Information will be sent to families regarding the Blaine charter bus via email early next week.
  - \* **EXPECT DELAYS TO THE BUS SCHEDULED TIMES THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF SCHOOL**
  - \* Keep this phone number handy: 651-621-8900. This is the phone number for the American Transportation Bus Company. If your child's bus does not show, is late, etc. during the school year this is the number

## Upcoming Events

### August 22

Kindergarten Picnic, 5-6pm

### August 28

Meet My Teacher Night, 6-7pm

### September 3

First Day of School 2019-20

[2019-2020 Activities Calendar](#)

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## School Supplies - 2019-20

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

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



## Important Contacts

- Dial number plus extension for a direct line: 651-633-1522

- Dial number plus extension to reach voicemail: 651-633-2211

### Attendance:

[thienesj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:thienesj@stjohnnyb.org)

Ext. 1119 or ext. 1118

### Front office/tuition/busing:

Joy Thienes

[thienesj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:thienesj@stjohnnyb.org)

ext. 1118

### Health Office: Anita Fierro

[fierroa@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:fierroa@stjohnnyb.org)

Ext. 1119

### J-Care/Virtus: Alison Wacek

[waceka@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:waceka@stjohnnyb.org)

Ext. 1127

### Technology/Enrollment:

Michelle Barsness

[barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org)

Ext. 1114

### Lunch: Kristy Champion

[championk@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:championk@stjohnnyb.org)

Ext. 1000

you should call to determine where the bus might be. This is the direct dispatch number and will allow you to get a quick response from the driver.

- \* If you would like to request a change to your bus stop, please contact the school office (Joy Thienes at [thienesj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:thienesj@stjohnnyb.org)). A form will need to be completed and submitted to the district for any requests to route changes.
- Absences
  - \* If your child will be absent or late for ANY reason (illness, vacation, appointment, etc.) please let the school office know by 8:45am. This needs to be done for **each** day the student is absent. For a known multiple day absence (for a vacation, for example) one call with all dates of the absence is sufficient. You may call the attendance line or the main office. You may also email the office ([thienesj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:thienesj@stjohnnyb.org)).

These are just a few important notes. As always, if you have ANY questions, please ask. To the left are contacts - both email and phone options.

A reminder to all our families about the upcoming events:

1. Kindergarten Picnic will be held on Thursday, August 22nd from 5-6:00pm. We invite all our incoming kindergarten families to come play a few games and get to know other kindergarten families as well as meet your child's teacher. Dinner will be provided.
2. Meet My Teacher Night (MMTN) will be held on Wednesday, August 28th from 6-7:00pm. We invite all our K-8 families to stop in to the school gym (new location this year) 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 preparation (this step is required for our 2nd graders who wish to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist this school year and for our 8th graders who plan to be confirmed at St. John's in 9th grade). After checking in the gym, visit your child's grade to find out his/her class and drop off school supplies. Look for more details in the coming weeks.

All families should have received their emails from Tads with the setup link for your tuition accounts. If you haven't yet done so, please complete this set up process as soon as possible. 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](mailto:thienesj@stjohnnyb.org). Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Ann Laird, Principal

## We're Going Back To School



## Summer Reading Challenge

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 Substitute Training](#)

## Virtus - Volunteering Requirements

As part of the Archdiocese initiative to keep all children safe, all volunteers for the school and parish need to go through the Virtus Program. This includes parents who are classroom party volunteers, coaches, field trip chaperones, etc. One requirement of this program is a live Virtus training session. Live Virtus Training sessions are held several times a week at locations across the Archdiocese. St. John's will be host a Live Virtus Training session during this 19-20 school year on the following dates (you MUST register online to attend these classes):

- \* Thursday, September 5th 2019 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- \* Tuesday, January 14th 2020 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- \* Tuesday, April 14th 2020 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

For new applicants: Go to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) and click on first time registrant to begin the process. You will need to attend a live Virtus class (register online), allow a background check to be done and complete all the required forms.

If you have any questions please contact Alison Wacek at [waceka@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:waceka@stjohnnyb.org)

## School Year J-Care

J-Care is a non-contracted before/after school and summer school age program for students in kindergarten through 8th grade. Our mission is to provide high quality child care at an affordable price in an engaging, active, and comfortable environment while maintaining a safe and JOY-filled place for your child(ren). J-Care provides homework support; physical, recreational, and educational activities; interactive games; field trips; swim trips; crafts; and a healthy snack and milk to participants each day.



On regular school days, J-Care is available 6:30am – 7:45am and 2:30pm – 6:00pm

For those will use J-Care during the 2019-2020 school year, please complete the registration form and return this form at Meet My Teacher Night. Find this form and more information about J-Care on our website. Questions? Contact [Alison Wacek](#).

[J-Care 19-20 Information](#)



## SJB Parish News

### 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. Call the parish office to sign your child up at 651-633-8333.



### Middle School Youth Group

Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8pm  
Next meeting: August 21

### Becoming Catholic - the RCIA and Sacramental Prep

We invite you to learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming environment. Every year St. John's provides an opportunity to learn more about the truths of the Catholic Faith, dive into Sacred Scripture, build community with others, and better understand what to do in prayer and at mass. Join us for this journey of faith beginning the week of September 9. Contact Jessica today to begin the process today at [balzarinij@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:balzarinij@stjohnnyb.org) or 651-633-1540 x1228.

NOTE: All students who wish to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist this school year (second grade) or Confirmation next year (9th grade) at St. John's MUST register with the parish. There will be a table at Meet My Teacher Night to help with this.

### Sunday FunDay

Join us for Sunday Funday on August 18th after the 10:30am Mass. We will gather in St. Joseph's Hall after Mass for a potluck lunch. The parish will provide the Sloppy Joe's and families are asked to bring a side dish (fruit, salad, or desert) to share. Following lunch we will play some games outside and then pray the rosary. **NEW THIS YEAR: We will do a backpack blessing at Sunday Funday!** Bring your backpack and we will bless you and it as our students (Pre-K through College) prepare to return to school in September. We will have a gift for all those who participate in the backpack blessing. Following the backpack blessing, we will have an open house at the New Convent, where the Dominican Sisters live. Sunday Funday will go from 11:30am-2pm. Please join us! Contact Fr. Paul with any questions!



### Small Groups are coming to St. John's this Fall.

They are the perfect means to get connected, meet others, discuss life and faith, reflect on God's word and get more out of Sunday Mass, learn more about prayer and receive prayer. Plan to join us. Groups will begin meeting the first week of October.

