

From the Principal

It was wonderful to see so many of our families this past Wednesday at Meet My Teacher Night. It is always a hectic and busy night, but I hope you were able to meet your child's teacher and drop off some school supplies and get any questions answered that you needed to.

School begins for the 2019-2020 school year on Tuesday, September 3rd. I have included the same basic information below that was in the last bulletin as a reminder for returning families and a preview for our newest SJB members.

- 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 were mailed to all those who are registered and set up for busing. If you are within the MV district and do not have a bus pass, your student cannot ride the bus on Tuesday. Bus passes arrive to St. John's daily so as soon as they are received, they will be given to the students. Please contact [Joy Thienes](#) if you still need to sign up for district busing.
 - * Information was sent to families regarding the Blaine charter bus via email earlier this week. If you did not receive this information, please let Joy know.
 - * **EXPECT DELAYS TO THE BUS SCHEDULED TIMES THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF SCHOOL** - it takes a couple days to get routes down.
 - * 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 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). A form will

Upcoming Events

September 3

First Day of School 2019-20

September 8

Last day to order spirit wear

September 9

Parent Info Night, 6:30pm

September 13

School Spirit Day

September 16

Gr. 6-8 at Base Camp

September 17

Gr. 3-5 at Heritage Lab

September 18

Roller Skating

September 20

School Spirit Day

SJB Spirit Wear Online Store - NOW OPEN

Online store open NOW
through September 8th

Link: www.bsnteamssports.com

Access Code: sjbfall19



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

Ext. 1119 or ext. 1118

Front office/tuition/busing:

Joy Thienes

thienesj@stjohnnyb.org

ext. 1118

Health Office: Anita Fierro

fierroa@stjohnnyb.org

Ext. 1119

J-Care/Virtus: Alison Wacek

waceka@stjohnnyb.org

Ext. 1127

Technology/Enrollment:

Michelle Barsness

barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org

Ext. 1114

Lunch: Kristy Champion

championk@stjohnnyb.org

Ext. 1000

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).

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.

We look forward to next Tuesday and seeing all the students back in class! Enjoy the long weekend!

Ann Laird, Principal

A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

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](#)

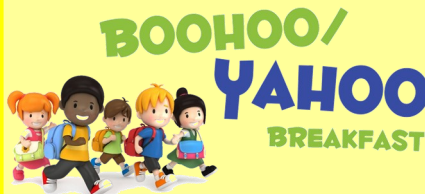


Join the St. John's PTO for a BooHoo/Yahoo Breakfast!

WHEN: Tuesday, September 3rd

TIME: 7:45 - 9:00am

WHERE: St. Joseph's Hall



After you drop off your students at their classrooms, join us for some friendship and treats with other SJB parents.

Younger siblings welcome.

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 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