

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

From the Principal

As we wrap up the first full week of August, we are busy preparing for the start of the upcoming school year. Physically, the school building is being cleaned and readied for the year - hallways have been painted and the floors are being cleaned and polished. The new furniture is arriving and being assembled and should be ready to go for the first day of school. Soon, our teachers will be back to begin prepping their classrooms and beginning plans for the school year. We are looking forward to having the halls and classrooms once again filled with our students.

Please join other parish families this weekend for the following 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.

A reminder to all our families about the upcoming events:

1. Used Uniform Sale will be held at St. John's in St. Josephs Hall on Monday, August 12th from 4:00-7:00pm or while supplies last - come early for the best selection. Reminder - Donald's will NOT be hosting an on-site sale so all new uniform items will need to be purchased at one of their locations (St. Paul or Eden Prairie) or online.
2. New Parent Night will also be held on Monday, August 12th from 6-7:00pm in parish room 206. This presentation is for parents only and will give you information on the upcoming school year.
3. 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.
4. 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 tui-

[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.



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

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tion 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. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Ann Laird, Principal

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



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
August 14, and 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 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

Attention all parishioners! Join us for our next Sunday FUNDAY on August 18 after the 10:30am Mass. We will gather for a pot-luck 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 [Father 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.

