

From the Principal

Tomorrow will be our first school spirit day this school year. Students can wear a spirit shirt with spirit bottoms or uniform bottoms. We ask all students on spirit days to also bring at least one non-perishable item for our SJB food shelf to help those in need in our community. This can be a canned or boxed food or personal care item.

Below are a couple of upcoming events:

- ◆ PTO sponsored Roller Skating Party is on Wednesday, September 18th from 6-8pm at Cheap Skate in Coon Rapids. Join us for this great welcome back party. Cost is \$5.00 for skate rental and admission.
- ◆ Youth Room is open every Thursday for Middle School students beginning September 19th from 2:30-4pm. See more information below.
- ◆ School pictures for K-8th grade are Thursday, September 26th (more information will be coming about this day including details on how to order photos).
- ◆ St. John's FallFest is September 27th-29th and this year the school community is being asked to provide the volunteers for three children's games. Volunteering for the FallFest is a great way to get some volunteer hours in early. The three games are Ring-A-Pop Game (2 students with 1 adult for each shift), Minnow Race (2 students with 1 adult for each shift), and 52 Deck (one or two students). Click [HERE](#) to sign up for a shift at one of these games or at another spot for the FallFest.

NWEA testing begins next week. Please make sure students get a good night sleep and eat a good breakfast. If you want to know your child's testing schedule, please contact your child's teacher.

Our Non-Public Marathon, a national fundraiser for Catholic and other private schools, was kicked off today by our Student Ambassadors. This is one our biggest fundraisers and each student is asked raise \$160.00. Our school goal is \$37,000.00 and if we reach this goal, students will receive a day off of school (currently scheduled for February 14th). Please check your child's back pack for more information regarding fundraising, turn in days, and prizes. Our first turn-in day is Wednesday, September 18th. Remember to check if your company participates in a matching program. This a great way to meet your goal and help us to make ours. All money raised from the Marathon is used for school operations. Thank you in advance for all your efforts and support.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ann Laird, Principal

Upcoming Events

September 13

School Spirit Day

September 16—27

NWEA Testing

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

September 25

Preschool at Apple Orchard

September 26

K-8 School Pictures

September 27

School Spirit Day

September 27-29

FallFest weekend

Application for Educational Benefits

If any families would like to apply for Educational Benefits (Free/Reduced Lunches) please complete the [2019-2020 application](#) and turn it in to the school office. This form needs to be completed EACH school year so even if your family received benefits last year, a new form will need to be completed for those benefits to continue this school year.

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

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Ext. 1000

2019-2020 School Goals

SCHOOL-WIDE GOALS:

- To invite our staff, students, and families into a relationship with God.
- To embrace other cultures.
- To continue to meet student needs through programming to support all our learners, best practice in instruction, and professional development for staff.
- Completion of the Accreditation self study

SUBJECT AREA GOALS:

Religion:

- ⇒ Integrate our Catholic Identity and Catholic social teaching into all areas of our curriculum and school.
- ⇒ Integrate faith into actions and every day life.
- ⇒ Motivate students to invite in God and all members of our community.

English and Language Arts:

- ⇒ Improve our use of assessments to drive instruction.

Mathematics:

- ⇒ Integrate real world geometry through problem solving and hands-on learning.

Science:

- ⇒ Incorporate hands-on, collaborative, and integrated learning in the science environment.
- ⇒ Improve our integration of ELA and Math into our curriculum.

Social Studies:

- ⇒ Incorporate multicultural activities to enhance awareness, appreciation, and acceptance among all with an emphasis on goal awareness and social justice.
- ⇒ Promote awareness of current events and issues in our world and their correlation between past, present, and future.
- ⇒ Incorporate the use of technology and other resources to enhance curriculum.

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](#)

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](#)



Update your Personal Information and Preferences in Educate

The window is now open to update personal information and give permission to view contact information in the School Directory found in Educate. **The window to complete this will only be open through Friday, September 20th.** After this date all changes will need to go through the school office.

Please log into your home page using your parent username and password. (If you don't know your information, I will be sending an email shortly with your username and password. This email will be sent to every primary parent within a household.) Each parent will need to log in separately to change any personal information. If your cell or email has not changed, only one parent will need to update the household information and permissions.

Please be aware: If one parent gives permissions and the other parent goes in and changes, the last entered data will default all previous permissions. By choosing YES to all three permissions, you are only allowing SJB parents to see this information. If you choose NO for all permissions, your child's name will not appear in the directory. Please keep in mind that parents typically use the directory information for inviting others to playdates, birthday parties, etc.

Steps to update information and viewing permissions.

1. Log on to your Educate account: <https://educate.tads.com/educate/>
2. Click on your name located in the upper left side. If you are doing this on a mobile device, you will see this under MENU.
3. Choose ACCOUNT from the drop down box.
4. Click on the first tab titled USER.
5. Review the information. If you see something that needs to be updated, click on the empty EDIT box on the right side, and update the information.
6. Click on the second tab titled HOUSEHOLD.
7. Review the information. If you see something that needs to be updated, click on the empty EDIT box on the right side, and update the information.
8. SCHOOL DIRECTORY SHARING PREFERENCES is the last option at the bottom of this page. Choose YES or NO for each preference.

Click on SAVE USER INFORMATION at the bottom of the page. The task is accomplished!

If you should have any questions or issues, please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Barsness via email or phone: barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org or 651.633.1522 ext. 1114

Virtus - Volunteering Requirements

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. The next live session at St. John's will be held on Tuesday, January 14th 2020 from 6:30-9:30 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



Youth Group Kick-Off!

September 25th, 2019 from 6:30-8pm in the Youth Room.

Come to meet the NET team, play games, and praise and worship!



After School Open Youth Room

Middle School students are invited to hang out in the youth room every Thursday from 2:30-4pm starting September 19th.

**Ensure that you have the correct communication with the school if your child plans on attending.

8th Grade Students remember to register for Confirmation Year 1!

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/ec3cce97-682a-455c-959a-67779c9b985b>

Contact Mikayla Anderson, Coordinator of Discipleship for Youth with any questions! andersonm@stjohnnyb.org, 651-633-1540 x1218

Families Moving Forward

Mark your calendars! Families Moving Forward is coming to St. John's October 13-20, 2019. Once again, St. John's will be hosting up to four families in need of a safe shelter at our facility. Each evening while our guests visit SJB, we give a warm welcome to each. We provide private rooms, dinner and breakfast along with activities for the children. Our volunteers have one goal - to make the families feel welcome, safe and comfortable.

Please stop by the Families Moving Forward table in the plaza after all Masses on September 21-22 to learn more and to sign up to help. Questions? Call or email

Sharon Bowen: 651-644-8347 sbowen49@gmail.com

Alicia Bowen: 651-644-8347 bowen.alicia4@gmail.com

There are many ways for all to volunteer. Confirmation students - sign up to earn service hours.

Join us for this wonderful opportunity!

Volunteer at FallFest!

Please consider volunteering at the St. John's Parish FallFest. The FallFest chairs are requesting that St. John's school families fill in the spots for the following games/activities:

1. Ring-A-Pop Game (2 students with 1 adult for each shift)
2. Minnow Race (2 students with 1 adult for each shift)
3. 52 Deck (one or two students)

Sign up for one of these games or for any of the other various spots throughout the weekend - September 27-29.*

[Fall Fest Volunteer Signup](#)



*Note: these volunteer hours count toward the 20 hour minimum requirement for all families.