

From the Principal

During Masses this upcoming weekend, there will be a special blessing for all educators of children - for those who are teachers, volunteers with various ministries, and parents too as you are the primary educators of your children and the strongest influencer of your child's faith. Come to mass at St. John's this weekend to pray for all educators and to receive this special blessing.

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Next weekend, September 27-29, will be the annual parish FallFest. Below are a couple of items we want you to know about this event:

- * Beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 25th, the main church parking lot will be closed to begin set up for the weekend's activities. Please allow a little extra time for car pick up and plan to park on the neighborhood streets. We ask that ALL parents walk to the sidewalk in front of the church to pick up their students. We will not allow students to go into the street to meet you. Thank you for your cooperation with this.
- * The school community is being asked to provide the volunteers for three children's games - 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. Volunteering for the FallFest is a great way to get some volunteer hours in early in the school year.

Students in grades K-8 will have their pictures taken on Thursday, September 26th. Students may be out of uniform for this day if you wish. Students will bring home an order envelope on Monday. You may order using this envelope or order prior to picture day online (see below for details).

NWEA testing continues 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

Upcoming Events

September 16–27

NWEA Testing

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.

School Picture Day

Lifetouch will be at St. John's next Thursday, September 26th to take school pictures of students in grades K-8 (preschool students will be photographed in November).

Students may be out of uniform on this day (see uniform policy for appropriate attire on non-uniform days).

Students will bring home an order envelope next week. You may also order photos online at www.mylifetouch.com using the access code of EVTSP7NBS.

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

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 tomorrow, 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

FALLFEST SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2019

*For detailed schedule, visit
www.stjohnnb.com/fallfest-2019*

Booya- Sun. 11 a.m.
Fun Run 5K & 1 Mile- Sat. 9 a.m.
Bags Tournament- Sat. 2 p.m.
Fireworks- Sat. 10 p.m.
Car Show- Sat. 2 p.m.
Inflatables
Live Music all weekend (including GB Leighton!)
Kids, Teens, and Adult Games
Grill the Priests
Pig Roast
Food Trucks & Concessions
Market Fair
Silent Auction
Bloody Mary Bar
Bingo



Children's Game Donations Needed Children's Games Donations are needed for the FallFest- please watch for sales and consider picking up toys, candy, non-perishables, snacks, and pop. Donations should be returned to Welcome Desk labeled Attn.: Jeanne Breske. Cash donations are also appreciated.

Adult Bar Games Donations Needed Bottles of wine, hard liquor, or beer. Donations must be dropped off to a staff member at the parish office.

Volunteers Needed: Sign up for a shift or two to help out during the FallFest!
Sign up here: [FallFest Volunteer Signup](#)



\$45.00

Includes: T-Shirt,
pom poms, certificate
and pizza before the
performance!

"Mini" Dance Clinic

Sunday, September 29th
12:30-3:00 PM TG Main Gym
Girls and Boys 1-8th Grade

Join the State Champion E'gals for a FUN afternoon of dancing. Learn a short routine that will be performed with the E'gals at pre-game of the Homecoming football game on Friday, October 4th (arrive at 5:30PM) 2 passes will be given for families to get in to watch performance.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 22nd
<https://www.totinograce.org/admissions/visit/youth-nights>
QUESTIONS? Contact Kristen Gagnon - tgegals@gmail.com



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.

**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

Sunday FunDay

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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!

Sunday School for Preschool and Kindergarten Students

Do you want your child excited about their faith? Sunday school is a fun and exciting presentation of the Gospel message with songs, crafts, stories and prayers to help the message come alive! We will learn about the saints, discuss the different parts of the liturgical year and have a class prayer cloth. Sunday school is available during the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses for children ages 3 through Kindergarten. Classes begin October 6th and we are registering now! Registration is on the website under the Faith Formation heading, and click "Register Now". Questions? Email Jen Livermont at livermontj@stjohnnyb.org.

**Registration closes
September 29th!**

