

From the Principal

HAPPY FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL!

I hope the 1st week of school is going well for everyone. Things are busy here and we are in full swing. It is wonderful to have the halls and classrooms once again filled with activity.

As we wrap up our first week of school, I want to take a moment to thank all our parents and students for their patience as the routines, bus routes, etc. get established. It always takes a few days for things to settle and we appreciate your flexibility. Please note the following:

- Please do not park along the playground side of the street at morning drop-off. This side of the street is reserved for families to pull up and drop off only. If you would like to walk your child in to school, please park on the west side of the street or in the church parking lot.
- Please be sure to communicate with the appropriate people as to how your student(s) are getting home at the end of the day or if they are going to J-Care or another after-school activity. Your first and primary notification is your child's teacher. Let Alison Wacek know if your child will be at J-Care. Any changes during the school day should be communicated to your child's teacher and/or the school office.

Thank you for your assistance with this. We want to make sure all our students are getting home correctly and safely each day!

Monday, September 9th will be a our K-8 Parent Information Night beginning at 6:30pm in the Church. We begin with prayer, welcome, staff introductions, and a short preview of this year's school focus and goals. Then at 6:45pm you will go to your child's classroom to get an overview of important classroom procedures and policies as well as a short overview of the curriculum. We will run two 25 minute classroom sessions so that you will be able to attend more than one session if needed. Look for a more detailed agenda to be emailed on Monday morning.

Praying is one way we invite Jesus into our lives and day and an important way we develop a relationship with God. Beginning next week, we will have 2 minutes of daily silent prayer in our school each afternoon so our students and staff can take an additional moment each day to invite God in.

Below are a couple of upcoming events:

- ◆ Next Friday, September 13th is our 1st school spirit wear day. Please remember to bring a non-perishable food item for the St. John's Food Shelf.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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 games. Volunteering for the Fall-

Upcoming Events

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:

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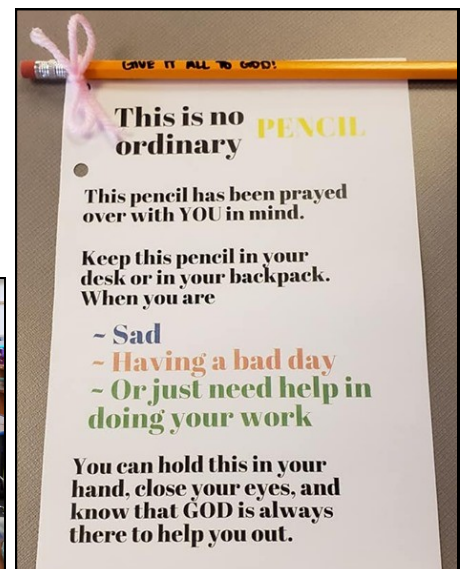
Fest is a great way to get some volunteer hours in early. The three games are Ring-A-Pop Game (2 students with 1 adult for each shift), Minnow Race (2 students with 1 adult for each shift), and 52 Deck (one or two students). Click [HERE](#) to sign up for a shift at one of these games or at another spot for the FallFest.

As most of you know, each Wednesday at 8:30am during the school year, we come together and celebrate an all school Mass. Each week, one grade takes an active role in planning and participating in the Mass as lectors and gift bearers. We invite you to join us each week at Mass as we come together to celebrate our Catholic Faith.

Yesterday, Father Paul and Father Magner blessed each classroom and each student received a pencil blessed at Mass with the reminder to "give it all to God!" A few photos from this blessing are below.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ann Laird, Principal



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](#)



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):

- * 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

Fall Art Classes

Miss Higgins is once again offering after-school art classes. All students should have brought home a paper copy of the class listings. You can also find the classes on the school website. To register, please complete a registration form and return it with payment (checks to St. John's) to the school office.

[Art Class Options](#)

[Registration Form](#)



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

2 part series on the *Human Person*



Back by popular demand, Professor Philip Rolnick will be offering a 2 part series on the Human Person. Join us from 1:30-3:30pm on the following Sundays:

- October 6 - Neuroscience and the Soul
- October 13 - Image and Likeness of God

Open to all and free! Be sure to check in by 1:15 pm in the Plaza!

Life is better CONNECTED. Join a Small Group this Fall.

Life is all about relationships. Small groups deepen our relationships with Jesus and one another. Eighteen parishioners are completing their small group training to facilitate lively group conversations. These small groups are perfect to meet other like-minded people, reflect on God's Word, apply the Sunday readings to daily life, seek God together and pray for and with one another.



Becoming Catholic

Are you sitting in the pew each Sunday and intrigued by the Catholic Faith? Have you been coming with your family for years and need a safe place to ask questions? Are you one of the many Catholics who didn't finish their initiation sacraments and still need to receive Eucharist or be Confirmed? Is your child getting ready to receive a sacrament this year in 2nd or 9th grade and you would like to be able to receive communion with them at those important moments of faith?

Becoming Catholic sessions are the place for you.

These sessions begin the week of September 9th and are a place to ask the difficult questions you may have about the Catholic Church. These gatherings are for everyone (those unbaptized, those who were baptized Christian from other denominations and Catholics in need of Eucharist and/or Confirmation). Contact Jessica today to begin the process at balzarini@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-1540 x1228.

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.