

From the Principal

NO BUSING TOMORROW, FRIDAY, OCT 11TH

A reminder that the MV district buses will NOT be running tomorrow. Parents will need to drop off and pick up students. Morning drop off will be at the GYM door and staff will be outside to assist. The charter bus to Blaine will run the regular schedule.

Our SJB Drama program will perform 2 shows of *Twain's Tales* this weekend, October 11th and 12th at 7:00pm. Tickets for the shows will be available for purchase for \$5 each at the door each night. Make it a "night out" for the family on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Come to Mass at 4:30pm, stay for a Chicago Dog dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus in St. Joseph Hall, and then head down to the school gym for the performance.



Cast and crew of *Twain's Tales*

There will be no school for students Wednesday, Oct. 16th through Friday, Oct. 18th for staff training and MEA. Staff will be attending the Catholic Schools Summit on Wednesday. This is a day coordinated by the Catholic Schools Center of Excellence (CSCOE) for staff of all Catholic Elementary Schools in the Archdiocese and will include Mass with Archbishop Hebda, keynote speakers, and breakout sessions on various relevant topics for staff. It looks to be a wonderful day for staff to learn, celebrate and connect with colleagues from other schools. Back at St. John's, J-Care will be available all three days for students in K-8. See below for further details on the fun activities planned for the J-Care attendees on those days and information on how to register.

With the extra days off next week, we know some families might be taking vacations. If your child will miss any days of school surrounding the days off, please let both the school office (thienesj@stjohnnyb.org) and your child's teacher know.

Save the Date! St. John's PTO is hosting 2 events in the month of October

1. October 21 at 6:30pm, there will be a speaker at SJB from the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center to talk to parents about keeping our children safe. See below for more information.
2. October 23 - Chipotle fundraising night from 5-9:00pm at the Chipotle at 2701

Upcoming Events

October 11

NO BUSING
School Spirit Day
Gr. 1-2 at Stages Theatre
Twain's Tales, 7pm

October 12

KC Chicago Dogs, 5:30pm
Twain's Tales, 7pm

October 16-18

No School, J-Care available

October 22

Hallograms for sale

October 23

Unity Day - Wear ORANGE
Hallograms for sale
All School Mass, 8:30am

October 24

Hallograms for sale
Gr. 5 Parent Lunch, 10:45am

October 25

School Spirit Day
Hallograms for sale

October 28

All Hallograms due today



The SJB Drama Club will be performing *Twain's Tales*, a charming presentation of several of Twain's tallest of tall tales.

Join us on

Friday, October 11 at 7:00pm
Saturday, October 12 at 7:00 pm

Where: School gym
Tickets \$5 each (available at the door)



Star Sales tomorrow during lunch and at the performances on Friday and Saturday nights.

Stars are \$1 each and you can write a message to your "star" in the play.

Volunteer Hours Tracking

As you know, all families with students in grades K-8 are required to support the school by volunteering 20 hours each school year. Please keep track of hours that you volunteer. You can do this by tracking the hours on the [Volunteer Tracking Form](#) or a form or spreadsheet of your own. We will ask you to turn in these hours the end of April, but once you reach the 20 hours, you may send them to the school office any time. You may send a hard copy or via email to [Joy Thienes](mailto:Joy.Thienes).



Hallograms

The SJB Student Ambassadors will once again be selling Hallograms this year. Hallograms are notes that students can purchase and the note along with a piece of

candy will be delivered to a student or staff member in the school to celebrate Halloween. Hallograms may be purchased for 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.00. Ambassadors will visit the classrooms to sell them Oct. 22-25. Students can take them home, fill them out and bring them back to school. All are due by Monday, Oct. 28th.



39th Avenue NE. The flyer needed to show the cashier is below. Thank you for supporting SJB and the PTO.

We will celebrate Unity Day on Wednesday, October 23. This year, SJB will be providing a FREE t-shirt to every student and staff member (preschool through 8th grade) to wear to school on Unity Day with their uniform bottoms. All families should have received an email requesting you to complete the simple google form for shirt sizes for your child. If you have not completed the form, please do so by tomorrow, Friday, October 11th at 9am. Click [HERE](#) for the form. As part of Unity Day, a donation will be made to PeaceMaker Minnesota, a local non-profit organization that provides resources for schools to become bully free and teach students positive relational skills. If you are interested in donating, please send the money to school in a marked envelope by October 23rd.

Thank you to all our families who came out last Saturday for the Marathon. Although it was a rainy and cool day, it was wonderful that so many of our families came together to support St. John's school. Reminder that each student should turn in \$160 and if you have not gotten the funds in, please do so as soon as possible. Any families not meeting the commitment by the end of October will be charged the \$160 per student (or the balance up to \$160) to their Tads accounts. We will update totals raised in the coming weeks and let you know if we reached our goal of \$37,000 to earn a day off for students in February. Thanks also to our many volunteers on Saturday and a very special "thank you" to Christina Muellner, Marathon Chairperson, for all her work over the past several weeks making this happen for St. John's. We appreciate all her work and are grateful to her for her commitment to our school.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Ann Laird, Principal

J-Care over MEA break

J-Care will be available for students in grades K-8 on Wednesday October 16 - Friday, October 18 from 7:00am - 6:00pm each day.*

Preregistration is required - contact Alison Wacek - waceka@stjohnnyb.org

Wednesday, Oct. 16th: Build-A-Bear Day

Come "Build-A-Bear" and pick out a t-shirt for your new friend. Please be at J-Care by 9:00am and **wear a blue field trip t-shirt.**

Thursday, Oct. 17th: Twin City Harvest Festival and Corn Maze

We will find our way through the corn and straw bale mazes, play in the corn pit, go on a hayride and see the animals in the petting zoo. We will be eating at Twin City Harvest - please bring a DISPOSABLE lunch/water bottle and be at J-Care by 9:45am. **Please wear a blue field trip t-shirt and remember weather appropriate clothes.**

Friday, October 18th: Friday Fall Fun Day –

Come join the Friday Fun... fall crafts, snacks and games.

* If we do not have more than 11 children signed up any of the days, our hours of operation will be 8:00am – 4:00pm (parents will be notified).

SJB Parish and School All Saints Party

Wednesday, October 30th

Come dressed as your favorite saint or friendly character.*

Food available in St. Joseph Hall beginning at 5:00pm
Pizza (\$2) & beverages (\$1)

Trick or Treating 6:15-7:30pm
Games and crafts 6:15-7:30pm



*Raffle entry for anyone in a saint costume!

SJB Basketball Registration Now Open

SJB Basketball registration for students in grades 5-8 is running now through Tuesday, October 22nd. Registration materials can be received from Mr. Miley or found on the [Athletics page](#) on the school website



St. John's PTO - Fall Speaker: Teachable Safety Skills

Jacob Wetterling Resource Center (JWRC) has teamed up with St. John the Baptist Catholic School to host a free class for parents on Teachable Safety Skills.



Teachable Safety Skills

How do I talk to my children about personal safety without scaring them? Talks on personal and online safety do not have to be heavy or scary. This workshop provides caregivers with practical tools they can use in talking about personal safety concerns with youth of all ages in a positive and empowering way.

WHEN: Monday, October 21, 6:30-8:00pm

WHERE: St. John's Parish Center - Room 206

WHO: Parents, grandparents, and other caring adults

THIS CLASS IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

***Limited childcare available- contact Jen Livermont by Oct. 20th**

Please provide parent name, children's names and ages to livermontj@stjohnnyb.org

Jacob Wetterling Resource Center works to end all forms of child maltreatment through education, training and prevention while advocating for and serving children, adult survivors, and communities. JWRC is a program of Zero Abuse Project.

Speaker: Alison Feigh, M.S. has been working in the sexual abuse prevention field for more than 18 years and serves as the Director for the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center. Ms. Feigh trains locally and nationally on topics around child abduction and child abuse prevention. She firmly believes that personal and online safety messages can be positive, empowering and accessible.



St. John's Wrestling Clinic

Totino-Grace wrestling is sponsoring a free clinic to introduce boys in grade K-8 to the sport of wrestling. Individual instruction will be geared to age and experience level with a focus on the fundamentals. No experience or equipment needed - boys can wrestle in shorts, t-shirt and tennis shoes (or wrestling shoes).



WHEN: Monday, October 28 and Tuesday, October 29
(come one or both days)

TIME: 3:00-4:00pm

COST: FREE

WHERE: St. John's school gym

COACHES: TG wrestling coaches and wrestlers

Find the online registration and more information on the school website: <http://stjohnnyb.org/school-life/athletics/> or by contacting TG wrestling coach, Dan Vandermyde at dan.vandermyde@totinograce.org

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Saint John The Baptist School PTO. Come in to the Chipotle at **2701 39th Avenue NE Suite 128** in Minneapolis on **Wednesday, October 23rd** between **5:00pm** and **9:00pm**.

Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Saint John The Baptist School PTO.



MEXICAN GRILL

Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.