

From the Principal

When we met as a parish staff in August, we talked about our focus for the year: Invitation. Invitation to St. John's Church and School, to prayer, to growing closer to God. We invite our students into this community of faith each day - and are grateful for the opportunity to guide them on their faith journey as they learn and build a closer relationship with God. We invite all of our families to pray, to grow and to invest in your faith. Please watch the following video from Father Paul about his invitation to St. John's: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WbGfl7sn_l4&feature=youtu.be

Our SJB school staff spent yesterday with the larger community of staff from Catholic elementary schools across our Archdiocese at the Summit of Excellence. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with colleagues across the area. We started the day celebrating Mass with Archbishop Hebda followed by break-out sessions on a variety of topics. I look forward to hearing what our staff learned and how they plan to put it into practice here at St. John's.

St. John's PTO is hosting a speaker from the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center on Monday, October 21st. Ms. Alison Feigh, M.S. has worked in the sexual abuse prevention field for more than 18 years and will be at St. John's to speak to parents, grandparents, and other caregivers about teaching safety skills to our children in a positive and empowering way. This is an adult only presentation. Limited childcare is available - RSVP for childcare by October 20th to [Jen Livermont](#). We hope many of our families will take advantage of this free event - invite your friends and neighbors. See below for further details.

SJB PTO is also hosting a Chipotle fundraising night next Wednesday, October 23rd from 5-9:00pm at the Chipotle at 2701 39th Avenue NE. The flyer needed to show the cashier is below (and was also sent home with students on Tuesday). Thank you for supporting SJB and the PTO.

We will celebrate Unity Day next 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. T-shirts will go home with students early next week. 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 (checks to PeaceMaker).

All of us at St. John's wish our families a wonderful and relaxing MEA break.

Ann Laird, Principal

Upcoming Events

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

October 30

All Saints Party

October 31

Halloween Class parties

Wear Halloween colors

November 1

All Saints Day - Mass at 8:30am

No Spirit Day today - students

wear uniforms

SJB SPIRIT WEAR ONLINE STORE NOW OPEN

The online spirit wear store is now open for purchases through Thursday, Oct. 31.

Link: <https://www.bsnteamssports.com/>

Access Code: sjb2019

Deliveries should arrive in the early part of December, so if you wish to have these be Christmas gifts, please let [Kevin Miley](#) or the [school office](#) know.

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.



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.



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

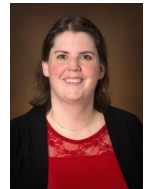
THIS CLASS IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

***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.



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](#).



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.



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.

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 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

SCARE TRAIL

Get into the Halloween spirit with a night filled with family fun and a little fright!

Saturday, October 26th

Trail opens at 7:00pm - Last group at 8:00pm
Bonfire and refreshments at the end of the trail!

\$3.00/person

Rum River Scout Camp 15659 St. Francis Blvd NW
Ramsey, MN 55303

Hosted by St. John's Boy Scout Troop 93

** A family friendly trail that is appropriate for all ages will also be available**

