

From the Principal

We had a wonderful speaker this past Monday night from the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center. She gave attendees important information about keeping children safe, including online safety. If you missed the event or just want to read more about it, you can find educational resources from the JWRC website by clicking [HERE](#). Thank you to the SJB PTO and especially, Mrs. Jen Blake, for coordinating this event for our families.

Yesterday, we celebrated Unity Day at St. John's. All students and staff wore their orange shirts - "Kindness is Key to being Bully-free at SJB." Some of our students decorated our sidewalks with their feelings on Unity and all helped to create our Bully-Free Banner - pledging to do whatever they can to stop bullying. We are all made in God's image and have unique gifts. Please help us to encourage our students to respect each other and the uniqueness of each of God's children. Click to view the [Unity Day Video](#).

Next Wednesday, October 30th will be the 5th annual parish All Saints Party. Dinner will be available beginning at 5:00pm in St. Joseph Hall (net proceeds will benefit the 8th grade Washington DC trip). Join us for prayer at 6:05pm in the school gym parking lot followed by trick-or-treating in the school gym. Games and crafts in the media center and St. Paul Plaza. Come dressed as your favorite Saint - all those who do will be entered into a drawing (family-friendly costumes are also okay). See below for more information.

Next Thursday, our students will celebrate with their classmates the first class parties of the school year (of three) for Halloween. A reminder that all volunteers MUST complete all Virtus requirements in order to attend and help with the parties. If you have questions about how to complete these requirements or want to check on your status, please contact [Alison Wacek](#). We appreciate our parents' cooperation with this requirement.

Please join us for Mass next Friday, November 1st for All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation. The all-school Mass will be at 8:30am. If unable to join us at that time, St. John's will also have a 6:30am and a 7:00pm Mass. We ask our students to wear their regular school uniforms and not spirit wear on this Friday since we will be celebrating Mass.

St. John's School will host an Information Night/Open House on Tuesday, November 12th from 5:30-7:00pm. This open house is for families interested in learning more about St. John's School - tours will be available. Our current families are our best marketers - sharing your positive experiences about our school is the best way to encourage others to consider St. John's and fill our school. Please invite friends, family and neighbors to learn about the wonderful opportunities for their children at St. John the Baptist!

An SJB school alumnus (from the very first SJB class) and current parishioner of St. John's parish, Larry Gillespie, is a generous supporter of our school and church. Please watch the following video on his love for St. John's and his faith

Upcoming Events

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.

Volunteers Needed

We have an office work project to assist with putting together mass music booklets. The work will involve copying and binding the books (training provided) and would need to be done at school during school hours - hopefully during the next week or two. We are looking for one or 2 individuals to assist. If you are available to help, please email [Joy Thienes](mailto:Joy.Thienes@stjohnnyb.org) in the school office. Thank you.

SJB 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 Vandermyle](mailto:Dan.Vandermyle@stjohnnyb.org)

journey: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sVMomT0I3xs&feature=youtu.be>

I spent Wednesday - Friday this week at Faithful Shepherd Catholic School in Eagan as part of their accreditation team. As much as it is helpful for them to have staff from other schools help with this process, it is also beneficial to St. John's by giving us ideas as we go through our self study process this year and prepare for our upcoming accreditation visit next year.

Ann Laird, Principal

SJB Parish & School ALL SAINTS PARTY October 30th



Come dressed as
your favorite
saint or friendly
character!

Raffle entry for
anyone in a saint
costume

MEET IN THE GYM PARKING LOT AT 6:05PM FOR PRAYER.
TRICK OR TREATING IN THE SCHOOL GYM: 6:15-7:30PM
GAMES AND CRAFTS: 6:15-7:30PM

Food available for purchase in
St. Joseph Hall starting at 5pm
Pizza \$2
Beverages \$1

SCARETRAIL

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**



Devoted "loved" T-Shirts or Sweatshirts for Sale

Devoted is selling "loved" t-shirts and sweatshirts. Orders will be taken directly online using the following link: [LOVED SHIRT ORDER](#)

Prices:

- Super soft tri-blend t-shirts: \$12 (\$15 for xxl)
- Super soft sweatshirt: \$25 (all sizes)
- Package deal of 1 t-shirt & 1 sweatshirt: \$35
- Youth medium or large t-shirt: \$10



Join us for Turkey Dinner

Sunday, November 3 from 11am - 2pm

Turkey, stuffing, and all the trimmings with pie for dessert!

Takeout available starting at 10:30am

Adults \$12

Children 10 & under \$5

Family maximum cost \$40



DAD'S

Belgian Waffles

ALL YOU CAN EAT

Sunday, October 27 from 8:30am - 12:30pm

\$8 per person Children under 5 eat free

Sponsored by St. John's Knights of Columbus



A Day-Long Retreat

Known By God:

*A Day of Reflection for Mothers of
a Miscarried or Stillborn Child*

Saturday, November 9

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Register online by Monday, November 4 for \$40 or \$50 at the door.

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