

## From the Principal

### **NO BUSING TOMORROW!**

A reminder that tomorrow, Friday, November 1st is a NO BUSING day for St. John's due to the district not in session. The SJB charter bus will run normally.

Please join us for Mass tomorrow, 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. We will, however, still collect non-perishables for our on-site food shelf to help those in need in our community. Our 4th grade students will also be having an All Saints Day Living Museum. They have been studying their saint and will present what they have learned in a unique way - come after Mass and meet our "saints."

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!

Parent-Teacher conferences will take place on Monday and Tuesday, November 25 and 26. We ask all our parents to meet with your child's teacher in the fall to discuss your child's progress so far and to look at next steps for the year. Information on signups will be coming out in the next few days. As in past years, we will allow those families with 3 or more students to sign up first to allow them to more easily coordinate the schedules. Watch for an email with information and instructions on signing up for these conferences.

Lifetouch will be out next week for preschool pictures and K-8 picture retakes according to the following schedule:

- Monday, November 4th - Preschool classes
- Tuesday, November 5th - Preschool classes and K-8 retakes

If your student wants retakes, he/she should bring their original picture packet to school and present it to the photographer on Tuesday. Students in K-8 who missed the first picture date or are having their photo retaken may be out of uniform on Tuesday. Students who were absent on the original date should have received a photo order form/envelope. If you need one, please let the office know.

We would like to announce a change to the 2020 Talent Show. This year, we are going to showcase the talents of ALL our students. Rather than have individuals or small groups audition and perform, each grade or class will put together a skit, song, etc. and present it at the 2020 SJB Student Showcase. If any parents are interested in coordinating their students' grade performance, please contact your child's teacher. We hope this will be a positive change and encourage all our students to be involved

## Upcoming Events

### November 1

All Saints Day - Mass at 8:30am

**No Spirit Day today - students wear uniforms**

### November 4

Preschool Picture Day

### November 5

Preschool Picture Day

K-8 Picture Retakes

### November 6

All School Mass, 8:30am

### November 7

Gr. 7: TG Engineering Day

### November 8

School Spirit Day

### November 12

SJB Information Night 5:30-7pm

## Give to the MAX!

Give to the Max Day is coming up on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Our link is now live for our fundraising efforts - to complete our Wi-Fi upgrade to provide technology access for all. Donate now through Nov. 14th!

[SJB Give to the Max Link](#)



**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

## SJB PTO - Box Tops

SJB PTO would like to announce that 5<sup>th</sup> grade is the winner of the Box Tops Contest for the most Box Tops submitted during the October contest! Congratulations to the students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade! The students will receive a treat on a day next week to be identified by the teachers.

If you have not already, please download the Box Tops app on your phone and scan your grocery/store receipts (within 14 days) to allow \$.10 per Box Top to continue to come to our school. As you may know, Box Tops are transitioning to a logo that will no longer need to be clipped. Thank you to everyone for participating to help raise funds for our school to be able to provide fun activities for students, families and teachers of SJB.

### THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for making the All Saints Party such a great success! It was so wonderful to see so many families come together to celebrate All Saints Day and enjoy each other's company! There were many comments about all of the amazing saint costumes. What a special opportunity for the whole school and church community to come together to *GO. MAKE. TEACH.* Thank you to all of the ministries and organizations that hosted trick or treating tables. Thanks to all of the students, parents, staff and Father Paul for running games, crafts and providing the pizza. This event would not be possible without teamwork!



and celebrate their talents.

The virtue for November is Stewardship - returning to God the first fruits of your time, talent and treasure. Stewardship fits in with St. John's core value of living out a generous spirit. Like with all virtues, we need to be taught how to live this virtue out and be able to practice it. This can be done in many ways: helping around the house, giving to others in your community, or giving to your Church. At school, we encourage our students to live this virtue out through service projects, Church collection at Holy Day Masses, our weekly spirit day food shelf donations and a general commitment to helping fellow classmates.

Happy Halloween - I hope all our students have a fun and safe night trick-or-treating. Stay warm!

Ann Laird, Principal

## 8th Grade Washington DC Poinsettia Fundraiser

Are you looking to add a little Christmas color to your home? The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class at St. John's School is selling poinsettia plants to raise money for their upcoming trip to Washington D.C.



Plants are available in pink, white or red in sizes 4.5" (\$9), 6.5" (\$15) and 8.5" (\$25). Order forms may be found below or in the school office.

Orders and payment will be accepted through Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> - bring to the school office (Monday – Friday 7:30am-3:30pm) or drop it off at the Welcome Desk in St. Paul Plaza.

Plants will be available for pick-up on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:30pm - 4:00pm, Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> after 4:30 pm Mass or Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> after 8:30am and 10:30am Masses in St. Paul Plaza. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Carroll [carrollj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:carrollj@stjohnnyb.org) or 651-633-1522 x1111.

## Scholastic Book Fair is Coming to SJB

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at St. John's  
November 18, 19 and 21 during class times  
November 25-26 during parent-teacher conferences

Students will have the opportunity during their regular library class time to browse the selection have the option to buy a book or two. You may send in cash or check (to St. John's) with your child (in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and book fair). A new option this year is eWallet. Parents may sign in, add your credit card and an amount your child may spend. Anything they DON'T spend, does NOT get charged onto your account. The eWallet option will be available for families beginning on 11/4.



Please go to the SJB Scholastic Book Fair homepage to find more information and to sign up to volunteer. Volunteers must have their Virtus training up-to-date.

[St. John's Scholastic Book Fair](#)



## 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](#) until Nov. 3rd.

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



## The Catholic Watchmen

**Calling all Catholic Men!** As we mature into the autumn season, "fall" back into a deeper devotion by growing in your faith through Watchmen. Come join the St. John's Catholic Watchmen. The next meeting is **Thursday, November 14th**, from 6:30-9:00pm in St. Joseph's Hall.

Join other St. John's men for fellowship, food, beverage, and a new presentation to help you grow in your faith.

Questions? Contact [Fr. Paul](#)



## Middle School Open Youth Room

Attention students in grades 6-8: Join us for Middle School Open Youth Room on Thursdays from 2:30-4:00pm

## "Inviting In" Family Advent Retreat

What are simple ways to invite Jesus into our homes during Advent to make the season of Advent more meaningful for your family? Please join us immediately following 10:30 Mass on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> for the Family Advent Retreat. We will have tacos for lunch, and we ask that you bring a side or dessert to share. We will do a fun group activity and then have a break-out session for kids based on age while the adults hear a talk. We will end with an easy luminary craft that will bring the Holy Family into our homes. "Invite In" a family to join us!

# 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**





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.

Jill Fink at [jfink@Epiphanymn.org](mailto:jfink@Epiphanymn.org) or 763.862.4355





**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington D.C. Poinsettia  
Fundraiser Order Form**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

	Red	White	Pink	Total	Amount
4.5 in \$9.00					
6.5 in \$15.00					
8.5 in \$25.00					

**All orders are due November 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**Checks payable to St. John the Baptist**

**Pick up:**

**Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 2:30-4:00pm**

**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> after 4:30pm mass**

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> after 8:30 and 10:30 masses**