

From the Principal

Give to the Max Day is today! All money raised will help offset the cost of upgrading the WiFi in our building. To watch the video clips of some of our students singing about Give to the Max Day, click [HERE](#). To donate, click [HERE](#). Thank you for your generosity!

Each school year, we practice a number of safety drills with our students - fire, lock-down, and tornado drills. Next week, we will practice the first of several lockdown drills. These drills can bring up questions and concerns for our students so we wanted to give our parents a bit of advanced notice that they may get some questions next week. For lockdowns, students are instructed to head to the closest classroom and position themselves so that they are not visible from the doorway. Classroom doors are locked. If outside (for recess or gym class), students will walk to an alternate location with staff assistance.

Please make sure you have signed up for parent-teacher conferences which will take place on Monday and Tuesday, November 25 and 26. Online signups will be open until next Friday, Nov. 22nd. Any changes to your time slot or any new signups after that date need to be communicated directly with your child's teacher and/or the school office.

Our annual Wines to Wishes Event is just a few short months away. The first planning meeting was held last night. We have a great start to the planning process including a new fun theme that coordinates with the student theme during Catholic Schools Week - watch for details in the coming weeks. There are many pieces of this event that need volunteers, so if you were unable to attend the planning meeting but want to help, please contact [Michelle Barsness](#).

As was communicated last week, students will go outside for recess in the winter months. The temperature guidelines we follow to determine if it is too cold to be outside are as follows:

- * Preschoolers - "feels-like" temperature must be greater than 10°F
- * K-8 students - "feels-like" temperature must be greater than 0°F

Please remember to send students with appropriate winter gear - coats, boots, hats, mittens, and snow pants.

Each year, the entire school participates in an Advent Service Project. This Advent, we are again going to collect items for the "Bags of Joy" - homeless outreach bags for people in need in our community. Students will be focusing on the Core Values: Generous Spirit, Willingness to Grow, and Reliance on Prayer throughout collection, assembly, and distribution of the bags. Then, to help strengthen our core values, each family is asked to take bags and deliver them to people in need this season. We have given each grade items to bring in and are asking all grades to consider donating gallon-sized Ziploc-type bags to the project. Please see below for the list of items requested. Thank you.

Ann Laird, Principal

Upcoming Events

November 15

School Spirit Day

November 17

Advent Family Retreat

November 18

Book Fair during class time

November 19

Book Fair during class time

Climb Theatre

November 20

All School Mass, 8:30am

November 21

Book Fair during class time

Poinsettia Orders due today

November 22

End of first trimester

School Spirit Day

Gr. 6-8 NET Retreat

Give to the MAX!

Give to the Max Day is TODAY!
Our link is now live for our fund-raising efforts - to complete our Wi-Fi upgrade to provide technology access for all.

[SJB Give to the Max Link](#)



**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

Scholastic Book Fair at SJB

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at St. John's

November 18, 19 and 21 during class times

November 25-26 during 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 is now available for families - click on the Book Fair link below.

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.

[Book Fair Volunteer SignUp](#)

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



J-Care - Thanksgiving Week

Monday, November 25: Cooking with Mrs. B. Wacek
Make your own homemade pizza and dessert

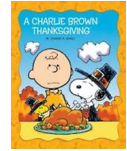


Tuesday, November 26: Grand Slam

Unlimited laser tag, mini golf, batting cages, crazy cars along with 4 game tokens & a hot dog for lunch.

Wednesday, November 27: Charlie Brown Thanksgiving

Join us for a Charlie Brown Thanksgiving "dinner" (buttered toast, pretzel sticks, popcorn, jelly beans and ice cream sundaes) and watch the movie



Any questions or to register please contact [Alison Wacek](#) at 651.633.1522 X1127

8th Grade Washington D.C. Poinsettia Fundraiser

Are you looking to add a little Christmas color to your home? The 8th 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 went home with all students this week - or use the order forms below.

Orders and payment will be accepted through Thursday, November 21st - 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 6th from 2:30pm - 4:00pm, Saturday, December 7th after 4:30 pm Mass or Sunday, December 8th after 8:30am and 10:30am Masses in St. Paul Plaza. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Carroll carrollj@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-1522 x1111.



SCRIP Ordering at SJB

St. John's offers a gift card program through Shop with Scrip to all of our current families. The concept is simple: you purchase gift cards for face value and our school then earns a percentage rebate from that gift card purchase. For every rebate earned, 75% of the cost will be applied directly to your student's tuition account and 25% will be allocated to general support of the school. Allocation of rebates uses a June 1-May 31 calendar. All rebates earned are then applied to tuition in August for the upcoming school year. If you are interested in learning more or signing up for the program, please contact the school office. Below is the tentative Scrip Order and Delivery Schedule – additional dates may be added based on volume of orders

Order deadline (noon)

November 25
December 9
January 13
February 24
March 23
April 20
May 18

Delivery Date

November 29
December 13
January 17
February 28
March 27
April 24
May 22



Devoted

Our next devoted gathering will be held on Wednesday, November 20th. This will be a special *Advent style retreat* evening with Gina Bauer (our last Women's Retreat Leader), social time will be a little longer and Gina will do a longer presentation along with reflections during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

It will be a great way for women to prepare before entering into the craziness we call Advent and Christmas.

*Christmas gift for all who attend

Note: it is the THIRD Wednesday this month

REMINDER: devoted does NOT gather in December or January



Save the date!

Save the date for an all Parish Retreat to encounter Jesus more deeply and prepare our hearts to get ready for Lent. The retreat will be held the evening of February 21st and during the day on February 22nd.

"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 17th 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!



Sock and Underwear Drive
Dignity Starts with the basics.

We are collecting
 white socks
 boxer shorts
 t-shirts
 women's underwear
 thermal underwear (lg. size)

Place your items in the
BLUE BINS located
 in the **PLAZA**

Community New and Events

TG Wrestling Clinic

TG is hosting a wrestling clinic for boys in grades K-3 in November and early December. The clinic will be held on Mondays and Thursdays at the TG wrestling room from 5:30-6:30pm. To register or for more information, see or complete the form below.

[TG Wrestling Clinic](#)



The Totino-Grace community warmly welcomes you to join us for our annual holiday event for members and friends of the Totino-Grace community.

Breakfast with Santa
 Saturday, December 7, 2019
 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
 Totino-Grace High School

Our young guests can participate in games and activities, take a photo with Santa, and enjoy breakfast treats with the whole family. Visit www.totinograce.org to learn more.





**8th 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 21st.

Checks payable to St. John the Baptist

Pick up:

Friday, December 6th 2:30-4:00pm

Saturday, December 7th after 4:30pm mass

Sunday, December 8th after 8:30 and 10:30 masses



St. John the Baptist

ADVENT SERVICE PROJECT

BAGS OF JOY



This year, St. John's will be collecting items to create homeless outreach bags for people in need in our community. We are asking for donations of the following items from each grade level:

Preschool - Hand or Foot Warmers

K – Chapstick

1st - Hand or Foot Warmers

2nd – Individually Wrapped Tooth Brushes

3rd – Toothpaste (travel size)

4th – Socks (adult sizes)

5th – Tab Open Soup

6th – Mini Hand Sanitizer

7th – Fruit Cups

8th – Granola Bars



All – Gallon Size Ziploc bags

*Our collection will run from
December 2nd through December 13th.*

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