

From the Principal

Thank you to all who donated last week during the Give to the Max campaign. We raised \$2500 to help offset the cost of upgrading the WiFi in our building. Thank you for your generosity!

Conferences will be held next week on Monday and Tuesday, November 25 and 26. Below are a some important items to note regarding conferences:

1. Online signups will be open until tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 22nd. If there are any changes or last minute conflicts after that date, please contact the school office by calling 651-633-1522 x 1118 or email to thienesj@stjohnnyb.org so that the changes/cancellations can be communicated to the appropriate teachers.
2. Please enter the school via the Church or doors 4 or 12 (near the school office). The door upstairs from the school office (by first grade) will be the only door unlocked for access.
3. While you are here for conferences, stop in the Book Fair upstairs in the Science Lab.
4. All items that have been misplaced and found their way to the lost and found will be on display on tables downstairs by the school gym. Any items not claimed will be donated after Thanksgiving.

Each year, the entire school participates in an Advent Service Project. This Advent, we are collecting 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 specific 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.

Planning for Wines to Wishes 2020 is underway. Information on the event, including the annual grade baskets collection, will be coming home with students today or tomorrow. Donation items may be brought in next week during conferences (especially for 8th grade families) or anytime after we return from Thanksgiving break.

During this time of Thanksgiving, I would like to take this opportunity to extend the entire staff's thanks and appreciation. We are so grateful for the many ways you support us and St. John's. Your support is invaluable to us and we are honored that you allow us to be a part of your child's life.

Join the parish for Mass on Thanksgiving morning at 9:00am to give thanks to God for the many blessings in your life. Following Mass will be a parish breakfast.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving - enjoy the week off and time with family.

Ann Laird, Principal

Upcoming Events

November 22

End of first trimester
School Spirit Day
Gr. 6-8 NET Retreat

November 25

No School
Conferences
Book Fair - Science Lab

November 26

No School
Conferences
Book Fair - Science Lab

November 27-29

No School - Happy Thanksgiving

December 3

Preschool picture retakes
BAGS OF JOY collection begins

December 4

All School Mass, 8:30am

December 5

Band Concert, 1:00 & 7:00pm

December 6

School Spirit Day
Geography Club, 2:30-3:15

Check out the Lost and Found tables by the gym during conferences! All items not claimed will

be donated after the break.



Scholastic Book Fair

Be sure to stop in at the Scholastic Book Fair next week when you are here for conferences.



WHERE: SJB Science Lab

WHEN: Monday, 12:00 - 8:00pm

Tuesday, 8:00am - 2:00pm

October JOY

Congratulations to our October Joy students. These students were recognized for the virtue of reverence - showing your deepest respect for things of God.

KG Evelyn A.

Gr. 1: Stella G.

Gr. 2: Maeve S.

Gr. 3: Jake S.

Gr. 4: Tate L.

Gr. 5: Olivia T.

Gr. 6: Ramzy A.

Gr. 7: Abigail C.

Gr. 8: Bridget R.

Art: Giada G.

Gym: Matthew C.

J-Care: Jarrett E.

Library: Sarah H.

Music: Amelia W.

Spanish: Elliana R.



News from the Health Office

A reminder that as we head into the cold, winter months, there is an increase in illnesses. When you need to call your child in sick, please include the following information: Child's name, grade and reason for their absence. If your child is sick, please be sure to let us know their symptoms, especially the following:

- fever of 100°F or higher
- Cough and/or sore throat
- If they have been diagnosed with any illness, i.e. strep, influenza, pneumonia, mono, etc.

We are required to report certain illnesses or symptoms to the state so we appreciate getting this information so we and they can track illness patterns. Thank you.



SJB Athletics - Hockey Signups open now



Hockey registration is open now until Friday, December 6th. The SJB hockey team is open to all boys and girls grades 5-8 (one team). Games are once a week in January and February. We will need a Virtus trained coach in order to have a team. Please let Mr. Miley know if you have interest in coaching. Registration materials can be found on the [SJB website Athletics Page](#) or

Shine On! CSCOE Talent Showcase

CSCOE will be holding the second annual talent showcase on March 1, 2020. This is an event that showcases the talents of students in grades 4-8 that attend the local Catholic Schools. Each Catholic elementary school in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis may submit up to five performing arts acts for the auditions. The performing talents categories include: musical theater, voice, dance, instrumental and drama. An act may consist of a solo performer, duet or group. Performers MUST audition in person on December 7 or 8 and be available for a possible callback (if selected) on Dec. 15th (2:00-6:00pm).

If we have any students who are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact the school office. The deadline for registration is December 2nd.

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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

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December 2nd through December 13th.*

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