

From the Principal

Christmas Break is upon us and we wish you all a wonderful and restful break! Just a reminder that we do not have school, J-Care, or Care Crew during our break. School and all programs begin again on Thursday, January 2nd.

Christmas is a wonderful time to rejoice and celebrate the birth of our Savior. This Christmas we invite you in to celebrate this Christmas Season with us at St. John's. Join us for Mass on Christmas Eve at 4:00pm, 6:00pm or 10:30pm and Christmas Day at 8:30am or 10:30am. See below for information on Mass times for other feast days over the break as well as reconciliation opportunities.

Thank you for the generosity shown by all our students and parents for our BAGS of JOY project. The students assembled over 230 bags to hand out to the homeless and those in need. If you would like your students to bring any bags home to pass out over the break, please contact your child's teacher.

Thank you as well for all your prayers for Mrs. Dompierre. She is getting better, but remains in the hospital so please continue to pray for her recovery and her family. We are in the process of looking for a long term sub to fill her position until she is able to return.

As you know, Mrs. Szymanski replaced Mrs. Champion in our kitchen. Her new email is szymanskis@stjohnnyb.org. If you accidentally send something to Mrs. Champion's email address, it will automatically be forwarded to Mrs. Szymanski.

Congratulations to our 8th grade students who participated in the Quiz Bowl at the University of St. Thomas this past week. The team consisted of 4, 8th grader students - Abby McNeil, Sean Peterson, Bridget Robertson and Selia Shaefer and they placed in the top 10 teams out of 40+ that participated. Great job representing St. John's!



Remember that tomorrow our students may be out of uniform wearing Christmas colors or Christmas-themed attire - jeans are okay. While not an official spirit day, please consider bringing in a non-perishable item for our food shelf. Thank you.

We are all grateful your presence here at St. John's and wish you a wonderful Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Ann Laird, Principal

Upcoming Events

December 20

Out of Uniform Day - wear Christmas colors

December 23-January 1

Christmas Break - No School

January 2

School resumes

January 4

Journey to the Inn

SJB Athletics

Join the SJB Swim Team!

The St. John the Baptist Swim Team is open to all students in grades K-8. To participate, each swimmer must be able to swim one length of the pool (25 yards) unassisted and without stopping. We have a few parent volunteer coaches that will work with swimmers to improve their skills, gain confidence, and have fun!

Registration Deadline: Friday, January 10th. Send registration form, Parental Authorization form, and Christian Ethics to the School Office or Mr. Miley. Forms can be found on the [SJB website](#) or you can get them from Mr. Miley.



Pizza Fundraiser - 8th Grade Washington DC trip

Help Support the 8th Graders Washington DC trip by ordering some pizzas!

Orders can be placed online at [PIZZA FUNDRAISER](#).

You may also send the order form and a check to the school office (see below for the order form with pizza options/prices or pick one up in the school office).

Orders (including payment) are due by January 6, 2020

Order Pick-up:

Date: Thursday, January 23, 2020

Time: 2:30-4:00pm

Location: School Cafeteria



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Wines to Wishes 2020

Invitations to Wines to Wishes 2020 went home with students this week. Tickets for the event may be purchased through the [website](#) or by sending in the response card.

- ◇ Interested in **volunteering**? Our next planning meeting will be TONIGHT, Thursday, December 19th at 7pm. It will be held on the Parish side in room 204.
- ◇ **Are you new** to St. John's and not quite sure what Wines to Wishes is? Check out our [New Parent Letter](#)!
- ◇ One section of our Silent Auction is called **Grade Baskets**. These are baskets made up of items that have been generously donated by our SJB families. Hopefully you received the handout that was sent home prior to Thanksgiving. If you did not, please check it out! [Grade Basket Letter](#)
- ◇ We are continuing our tradition of a separate **8th grade donation**, which will be used for the Live Auction. If you didn't receive the letter, please check it out! [8th Grade Donation](#)
- ◇ Interested in donating other items for our **silent auction or live auction**? Please visit our [website](#) for more information. In addition to what is listed, we are also collecting bottles of wine with a value of at least \$20 for our wine pull.
- ◇ Interested in being an **event sponsor**? Information is available on our [website](#).
- ◇ If you work for a business or know someone who might be interested in donating an item for the auction or sponsoring, **please share** our [website](#) with them!



Questions? Contact [Michelle Barsness](#), Wines to Wishes Chair



SJB Parish News

Join us during the Advent & Christmas Season

Advent Reconciliation

Communal Service (with Individual Confession and Absolution)
Sunday, December 22, 2019 3:30pm

Private Confessions

Tuesday, December 17 3:00-5:00pm
Friday, December 20 7:00-8:30am
Saturday, December 21 3:00-4:15pm

Our regular scheduled times:

Monday-Friday 8:00- 8:20am
Wednesday 5:00-5:20pm
Saturday 3:30- 4:15pm

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm No incense. Children's Choirs
6:00 pm No incense. Contemporary Group
10:30 pm Incense. Choir, brass quintet and Organ

Christmas Day

8:30 am No incense. Brass quintet and Organ
10:30 am Incense. Brass quintet and Organ

Feast of the Holy Family

December 28-29 Regular Sunday Schedule

Feast of Mary, Mother of God- Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 31 4:30pm
Wednesday, January 1 10:00am

Epiphany of the Lord

January 4-5 Regular Sunday Schedule

All Parish Family Event

Journey to the Inn to celebrate Epiphany Saturday, January 4th

Journey with the Wise Men in an outdoor candlelight procession as they "Journey to the Inn". Visit the stable with live animals! After 4:30 Mass, dinner will be served in St. Joseph Hall. The program and procession begins at 6:15pm. We will have cookies and hot cocoa to end the night.

Epiphany Vespers- Sunday, January 5, 4:00 pm

Join us for *Vespers* to celebrate Epiphany, followed by a Eucharistic Procession and festive hospitality

Families Moving Forward is coming: January 12-19, 2020

Mark your calendars - Once again St John's will be hosting up to four families in need of safe shelter at our facility. Volunteers will share kindness and compassion with our guests along with hot meals, activities for the children, and fellowship.

Questions? Call or email:

Sharon Bowen at 651-644-8347
sbowen49@gmail.com

Alicia Bowen at 651-644-8347,
bowen.alicia4@gmail.com

Confirmation Students: Sign up to earn service hours. There are many ways for all to volunteer! Please be a part of this wonderful ministry!

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE
FOR YOUR HELP!**



All Parish Epiphany Event JOURNEY TO THE INN



WHAT: Journey to the inn with the Wise Men to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

WHERE: St. Joseph's Hall

WHEN: Saturday, January 4th

DETAILS:

4:30-5:30pm Mass (Nursery, Sunday school and Children's Liturgy will be available during this Mass).

5:30-6:15pm Dinner: Sloppy Joes, pasta salad, chips, pickles & beverages catered by Knights of Columbus (vegetarian, GF, and macaroni & cheese alternate meal available).

COST: \$5 - ages 8 and up
\$3 - ages 3 to 7, under 2 free
** \$20 max per family**

6:15-7:15pm Journey: We begin our journey with Bible stories that tell the story of Christmas and send the Wisemen on their journey to Bethlehem. We will have a candlelight procession through the neighborhood singing Christmas carols, accompanied by the Wisemen and ending at the manger with **live animals in the stable.**

We will return to St. Joseph's Hall where we will have hot cocoa and cookies.

Not able to walk around the neighborhood? That's okay! Join us for a delicious meal and Bible readings.

Not interested in dinner? Just join us for the Bible readings and singing in the neighborhood.

RSVP if you plan to join us for dinner:

[Journey to the Inn Registration](#)

Extreme Faith Camp 2020

Extreme Faith Camp includes a week of community, daily Mass, wacky Olympics, small groups, camp activities, confession and powerful adoration.

June 22-26, 2020

Big Sandy Camp in McGregor, MN

Cost is \$400

OPEN TO ALL CURRENT MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS!

[Extreme Faith Camp Registration](#)



Community News

STA Neighborhood Dinner – 8th grade Families

Parents of 8th graders are invited to meet Saint Thomas Academy faculty, coaches and staff at a Neighborhood Dinner at the Town & Country Club on January 8. For more information or to RSVP, please visit cadets.com/neighborhood



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SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY
WE ARE EXPERTS IN EDUCATING BOYS!

8th Grade Families!
YOU'RE INVITED!

ST. PAUL NEIGHBORHOOD DINNER
Town & Country Club
Wednesday, January 8
6:30PM

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