

From the Principal

NO BUSING TOMORROW, Friday, January 17th

We have two upcoming non-busing days this month - tomorrow, January 17th and next Friday, January 24th. On these days, the Mounds View District schools are not in session so the district buses will not run and parents will need to transport their children to and from school on both of these days. Morning drop off will be at the gym door (door #7) and afternoon pick up will be from the main Church parking lot. For those families that utilize the SJB charter bus to the Blaine area, this route will run normally on these two days.

As most have heard on the news, the Influenza has arrived in Minnesota. We have several confirmed cases in our school and while not an school-wide outbreak, we want to let our families know that we do have some cases showing up at St. John's. Whether influenza-like symptoms, stomach bug, or other illness, please follow the guidelines for whether your child is well enough to be at school so that we all do our best to keep the entire student body and staff healthy. A copy of these guidelines was sent home with each student today. It is also attached to the bulletin email. Below are a couple of the general guidelines that we ask that our families follow:

1. Keep your child home if their fever is 100° F or higher without fever reducing medications. They should stay home for 24 hours after their temperature has returned to normal WITHOUT fever reducing medication.
2. Keep your child home if he/she has vomited or has had diarrhea. The student should remain home until 24 hours after the last episode.
3. If your child has a rash that may be disease related or is unknown, check with a health care provider before sending him/her to school
4. Call the attendance line daily to report any illnesses - please include symptoms or diagnosis, if available so that we can track illness outbreaks and report necessary information to the MN Dept of Health if warranted.

Thank you for adhering to these policies. We understand they may be inconvenient due to parent schedules, but we appreciate everyone working together to keep our students and staff healthy.

Next week, on Thursday, January 23rd, we will hold our SJB Information & Enrollment Night for Preschool and Kindergartners. If you know of anyone who is looking to send their child to a great school, encourage them to come to St. Joseph Hall from 6-7:30pm on this night. Our current families are our best marketers - continue to spread the good news about St. John's School and work together to fill up our Preschool and Kindergarten classrooms!

Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday, January 26th with Mass at 10:30am followed by an open house until 12:30pm. The week will include a variety of fun events for our students to celebrate our school (see below for more information). Please join us for Mass on Sunday, January 26th at 10:30am. Students (K-8) should wear their uniforms and sit with their class in the front pews of the middle sections of the Church. Pre-school students can wear their preschool shirts and sit with their parents in the front pews to the left of the altar. Come celebrate St. John's School with the parish community and thank them for all they do to help our school. As a way to kick off CSW

Upcoming Events

January 17

NO BUSING
School spirit day

January 20

No School - MLK Day, No J-Care

January 23

SJB Info & Registration Night

January 24

NO BUSING
School spirit day

January 26

CSW Mass, 10:30am
Open house until 12:30pm
Used uniform Sale

January 27-31

Catholic Schools Week

February 1

Wines to Wishes

Online Spirit Wear Store NOW OPEN

The final spirit wear store for the school year is open through this Monday, January 20th. The link and access code for the online store are below.

LINK: www.bsnteamssports.com

ACCESS CODE: sjb2020

NOTE: THIS IS THE FINAL SPIRIT WEAR ORDERING OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR!!



Faith Fair January 24th -26th

St. George Books & Gifts is excited to partner with St. John the Baptist to kick off Catholic Schools Week!



Students will be able to shop for faith filled items on Friday, January 24th during the school day. We will have a variety of items including books, activities, rosaries, sacramental gifts, youth jewelry and more! Children's items will range from \$1.00- \$20.00 - cash, credit and check will be accepted.

Parents can also shop online at stgeorgefaithfair.com from January 16th – February 11th and after the January 25th and 26th Masses.

A portion of the sales will go back to support the school. Thank You!

Tuition Assistance for 2020-2021

The application for tuition assistance for the 2020-2021 school year is NOW AVAILABLE through [TADS](#). Please complete this application as soon as possible - applications are due by March 15th. Along with SJB assistance, there are two other scholarships that you can apply for through TADS. One is the Aim Higher Scholarship and the other is the CSAF scholarship. Although the same application, the **Aim Higher Scholarship application is due Tuesday, February 18th**. I would encourage anyone applying for SJB tuition assistance to also apply for those scholarships as well (you will have the option to be considered for these scholarships during the tuition assistance application process). Finally, do not forget that the [Pioneer Foundation](#) is another way assist you with tuition payments.

Merry Minstrels

Following Catholic Schools Week Mass and Open House on Sunday January 26th, everyone is invited to continue the celebrations at "Sing for Our Neighbors", a Community Support Center fundraiser at 2:00 p.m. The concert will feature choirs and musicians from nine community churches including St. John the Baptist. Representing our parish will be the Merry Minstrels who will perform three English folk dances on the program. The concert will be held at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 8211 Red Oak Drive, Mounds View MN. Admission is free but donations support the mission of CSC, a network of faith partners, community organizations, and businesses working together to prevent homelessness by connecting neighbors to resources and providing long-term support. Come enjoy an afternoon of good music while you support a great cause!



December JOY Students

Congratulations to our December Joy students. These students were recognized for the virtue of generosity - giving without counting the cost.

KG Minah N.

Gr. 1: Mia K.

Gr. 2: Patrick P.

Gr. 3: Isaac J.

Gr. 4: Paul V.

Gr. 5: Taylor Y.

Gr. 6: Charbel K.

Gr. 7: Laila H.

Gr. 8: Ava E.

Art: Max K.

Gym: Matthew B.

J-Care: Saffra K.

Library: Syl B.

Music: Nate A.

Spanish: Genevieve A.



Staff Raffle 2020

As is tradition at St. John's, during Catholic Schools Week (CSW) our staff put together baskets for a raffle for the students. Students may purchase raffle tickets in the school cafeteria during the Open House on Sunday, January 26th. Students will also be bringing home next week an order form and envelope to purchase tickets. These orders will be filled by the Student Ambassadors and brought to your child's classroom. Students may then fill them out at home and bring them back to place in the baskets of their choosing. All tickets should be placed in the respective buckets Friday morning, January 31st. Tickets will be sold for 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.00

Baskets will be on display beginning Sunday, January 26th and a full list will be in the Principal's Bulletin next week.

As a sneak peak...below are a few of the raffle baskets or raffle items:

- * Lego Basket
- * Everything Chocolate
- * Class Pizza & Pop Party
- * Instant Camera Basket
- * Ice Cream Sundae Basket
- * Frozen Basket
- * Zero Gravity
- * Chuck 'E Cheese
- * Eagles Nest



Catholic Schools Week 2020

Catholic Schools Week is coming up - January 26-31! We will celebrate this year with a Wizard of Oz theme.



Sunday: Catholic Schools Week Mass at 10:30am

Students should wear their school uniforms and sit with their class during Mass. New this year, K-8 students will sit in the middle section of the Church - the front pews will be reserved. The front pews to the left of the altar will be reserved for pre-school students and their parents/families.

**School Open House following Mass until 12:30pm

**Used Uniform Sale in the school cafeteria following Mass until 1:00pm

**Raffle baskets will be on display and raffle tickets will be sold in the school cafeteria

Monday: Celebrating the SJB Community with a Day at the Ranch

Students may wear country attire (overalls, jeans, plaid shirts, boots, cowboy hats, etc.)

**All school Read-In (8:05am)

**Middle School - Green Acres Tubing trip

**Raffle tickets sold



Tuesday: Celebrating Vocations on Twister Tuesday



Dress like you have been in a twister! Mismatched clothes, crazy hair, crazy patterns, etc.

**Giant Twister activity

**Vocations speakers - Fr. Paul and the NET team

Gr. 6-8 9:30-9:50, Gr. 3-5 9:50-10:10 & K-2 10:10-10:30

**Raffle tickets sold

Wednesday: Celebrating Our Nation: Which Witch is Which?

Classes will dress in the colors of the rainbow.

Red: Preschool/1st Grade

Orange: 2nd grade

Yellow: 4th grade

Green: 3rd grade / 5th grade

Purple: 6th grade/7th grade

Blue: Kindergarten/8th grade



**Following Mass, we will create a student rainbow in the school gym

**Raffle tickets will be sold

Thursday: We're Not in Kansas anymore Toto! Celebrating our Volunteers

Today is dress as your favorite animal day! Is it a cat? A dog? Or???

** Owl /Pollinator Animal Show (9:00 gr. 5-8 and 10:00 gr. K-4)

** SJB Showcase at 1:00pm in the school gym

Raffle tickets will be sold - **LAST DAY to purchase tickets!



Friday: There's No Place Like SJB!

Students will wear SJB Spirit clothes and wear green to represent the Emerald City. Students may accessorize with green hair, green nail polish, green socks, etc.

****ALL RAFFLE TICKETS DUE FIRST THING IN THE MORNING! NO sales today**

**Teacher Raffle Assembly - 8:00am

**Wizard of Oz Movies

**Grades K-3: Bowling, Grade 4-8: Roller Skating

