

## From the Principal

### **NO BUSING TOMORROW, Friday, January 24th**

A reminder that there is no busing tomorrow, Friday, January 24th. 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. 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.

Next week we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week here at St. John's. The week will begin with the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, January 26th followed by a school open house until 12:30pm. The week will include a variety of fun events for our students to celebrate not only our school, but the community and volunteers as well. A list of the dress day themes and other activities throughout the week can be found later in this bulletin. Below is a brief list of the highlights of the week that we want to draw your attention to:

- Sunday, January 26th - Mass 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 (parents, please take your child's coat). Preschool 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 this year, we will hold a Faith Fair hosted by St. George Books and Gifts. Students and parents will have an opportunity to purchase items from an on-site store on Friday, January 24th or after all weekend Masses on January 25-26. Parents may also purchase items at [www.stgeorgefaithfair.com](http://www.stgeorgefaithfair.com) through February 11th. A portion of the sales will come back to St. John's.
- The SJB Showcase will be on Thursday, January 30 at 1:00pm in the school gym. We welcome all our parents to come spend the afternoon with us and enjoy our students' grade performances.
- Friday, we will celebrate students at SJB with a fun-filled day - staff raffle in the morning and bowling (grades K-3) or roller skating (grades 4-8) in the afternoon.
- Saturday, February 1st will wrap up the festivities with our Wines to Wishes event. We hope many of our parents can join us at this fun event! See below for more information including volunteering opportunities and donations that are still needed to make this event a success.

As you might have seen in Father Paul's weekly email earlier today, the Trivia Question of the week was SJB School-themed: How many St. John the Baptist Catholic School alumni have current students in our school? The answer is 27! Additionally, there are 13 staff members who are alumni of our school and 24 staff members whose children are alumni or currently attend our school. What a great testament to the excellent educational and faith environment that St. John's provides to our students.

See you on Sunday!

Ann Laird, Principal

## Upcoming Events

### 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

### February 4

Vision/Hearing Screening



**ST. GEORGE**  
BOOKS & GIFTS

### Faith Fair - January 24-26th

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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 (payable to St. George) will be accepted.

Parents can shop the on-site sale after the weekend Masses on January 25th and 26th. There is also an online shopping option at [www.stgeorgefaithfair.com](http://www.stgeorgefaithfair.com). The online store will be available for purchases through February 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

## Wines to Wishes 2020

We need **VOLUNTEERS** to make this event happen! Please consider signing up to help with set-up or during the event:: [Wines to Wishes Volunteer Signup](#)

- ⇒ We are almost finished with grade baskets. If you would still like to donate items, we will take them. Thank you so much to everyone who has already donated! These are baskets made up of items that have been generously donated by our SJB families. Suggestions for items can be found on the [Grade Basket Letter](#). Other items are welcome, too! **Not interested in shopping? We will accept cash, checks (made out to St. John's), and/or gift cards! We would be happy to shop for you!**
- ⇒ We are continuing our tradition of a separate 8th grade donation, which will be used for the Live Auction. We are still looking for **beer donations**. If you didn't receive the letter, please check it out! [8th Grade Donation](#).
- ⇒ We are still looking for other items for our silent auction and our 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 as well as gift cards for the gift card game.
- ⇒ We are still accepting event sponsors. Please check out our [website](#) for more information.
- ⇒ Have you bought tickets to the event yet? If not, please visit the [ticket website](#) or send your response card in to the office! We would love to have your name tag and bid number printed for you before the night of the event.



**\*ALL STUDENTS WHO BRING IN ITEMS FOR OUR EVENT WILL RECEIVE A NON-UNIFORM PASS\***

Questions? Contact [Michelle Barsness](#), W2W Chair 651-633-1522 x1114

## Vision and Hearing Screening

### \*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED\*

Each year, we test the vision and/or hearing for students in grades K, 1, 3 and 5 as well as new students to SJB. This is an important event since each year we find several students that are having difficulty seeing or hearing.

We are still in need of volunteers to help with vision and hearing screening (there will be training before the screening starts).

**Tuesday, February 4th  
8:00-11:00 am.**

If you are able to help on Feb. 4th, contact Beth Roberson:  
[usrobertsonm@yahoo.com](mailto:usrobertsonm@yahoo.com)

\*All volunteers must have completed and be up-to-date with their Virtus training. Not sure? Check with Alison Wacek at [waceka@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:waceka@stjohnnyb.org).

## Merry Minstrels Perform

The Merry Minstrels will be performing at "Sing for Our Neighbors", a Community Support Center fundraiser at 2:00pm on Sunday, January 26th. The concert will feature choirs and musicians from nine community churches including SJB. 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). Admission is free but donations support the mission of CSC 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!

## SJB Used Uniform Winter Sale

Sunday, January 26th  
11:30 am– 1:00 pm (after Catholic Schools 10:30 am Mass)  
in the School Cafeteria



The Used Uniform Sale is an opportunity to purchase gently used uniforms at greatly discounted prices. The uniforms are donated by the families of St. John the Baptist School. Cash or check only. Families may donate gently used uniform pants, shorts, shirts, skirts, jumpers and spirit wear to the school office anytime during the school year. Please no clothing with ripped hems, tears, holes, multiple stains or missing buttons.

If you are interested in volunteering at this event, please contact:

Barb Lieser - [barblieser@lieserinsurance.com](mailto:barblieser@lieserinsurance.com)

Brooke Holterhaus at [bholterhaus@gmail.com](mailto:bholterhaus@gmail.com)

## 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.

## Catholic Schools Week 2020



There's No Place Like SJB

### 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. Below is the list of baskets:

- \* Frozen Basket
- \* Zero Gravity
- \* Chuck E. Cheese
- \* Minnesota Gopher Basket
- \* Eagle's Nest Gift Card
- \* Class Pizza and Pop Party
- \* Burrito Basket
- \* Over the Rainbow
- \* Everything Chocolate
- \* Movie Basket
- \* \$50 cash
- \* Sparkle Your Space
- \* Legos
- \* Art Basket
- \* Sports Variety Pack
- \* Instax Camera & Accessories
- \* World of Color
- \* Ice Cream Sundae Class Party



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

### *There's No Place Like SJB!*

#### **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 preschool 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 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 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

