

From the Principal

We have two upcoming non-busing days this month - January 17th and 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.

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.

We will be having our SJB Information & Enrollment Night for Preschool and Kindergartners on Thursday, January 23rd. 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 goal is to fill up our Preschool and Kindergarten classrooms so help us spread the good news!

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 and thank all those that help make it possible - watch for more information in the coming weeks. Just a reminder that the annual Talent Show has been changed to a SJB Showcase (more information to the right - this was previously shared in the bulletin at the end of October). The week ends with our annual Wines to Wishes fundraising event on Saturday, February 1st. This is a wonderful adult-only event to have some fun and raise money for St. John's. Invite a friend and join us for this fun evening. You may register by returning the RSVP card to school or online at www.winestowishes.com.

Finally, we are extremely happy to let you know that Mrs. Dompierre, MS Math/8th grade homeroom teacher, was able to go home Wednesday to continue her recovery. She is in good spirits and would like us to convey her thanks for all the prayers. We will continue to update you on her progress as available. During her recovery time, Miss Armstrong will be our long-term substitute and will join us beginning on Tuesday, January 21st. Miss Armstrong is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire with a dual degree and licensure in K-8 Education and K-12 Special Education. She is excited to come to St. John's and teach math to our students. Please join me in welcoming Miss Armstrong and keeping Mrs. Dompierre in your prayers.

Ann Laird, Principal

Upcoming Events

January 10

School spirit day
MS @ Second Harvest

January 16

Gr. 6 Parent Lunch, 10:45am

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

SJB Student Showcase 2020

We would like to announce a change to the 2020 Talent Show. This year, we are going to showcase the talents of ALL our students. Rather than have individuals or small groups audition and perform, each grade or class will put together a skit, song, etc. and present it at the 2020 SJB Student Showcase. If any parents are interested in coordinating their students' grade performance, please contact your child's teacher. We hope this will be a positive change and encourage all our students to be involved and celebrate their talents.

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

**Tuesday, February 5th
8:00-11:00 am.**

If you are able to help on Feb. 5th, contact Beth Roberson:

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.**

Online Spirit Wear Store - NOW OPEN!

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

LINK: www.bsnteamssports.com

ACCESS CODE: sjb2020

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



Please join us for the SJB Used Uniform



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, please contact:

Barb Lieser - barblieser@lieserinsurance.com

Brooke Holterhaus at bholterhaus@gmail.com

Wines to Wishes 2020

Wines to Wishes 2020 is only 3 weeks away! Reserve your tickets (or become an event sponsor) now - either online via the [W2W website](#) or by sending in the response card that came with your invitation.

We are still looking for items for our **Grade Baskets**. These are baskets made up of items that have been generously donated by our SJB families. See the [Grade Basket Letter](#) for ideas for our Preschool - grade 7 items or the [8th Grade Donation](#) letter for the 8th grade donation items.

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.

If you know someone who might be interested in donating an item for the auction or sponsoring, **please share** our [website](#) with them!

Look for volunteer opportunities to come out soon!

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



Catholic Schools Week 2020

SJB Youth Wrestling

Boys in grades K - 8 are invited to join wrestling. Practices are most Mondays and Wednesdays Jan 6-Feb 26 from 5:30-6:30pm at the Totino-Grace High School wrestling room. Cost is \$50 for the whole season or it can be split into two sessions for \$25 each.



No experience is necessary. Individual instruction will be geared to age and experience level, with a focus on the fundamentals of wrestling. No equipment needed – can wrestle in shorts, t-shirt and wrestling or tennis shoes.

Find more information and the registration link on the [SJB Athletics Page](#) on our website.

Chess Club

The second half of the school year also brings Part 2 of Chess Season!

Part 2 of the chess season begins tomorrow, Friday, January 10th and runs through May 8th. Class is held on Fridays when school is in session in the Media Center from 2:30-3:15pm.

Part 2 of chess season includes the regional tournament on 4/25 at Highview Middle School and we will have an in-club tournament too!

It's always a great time to start playing chess, even if you were not with us in the fall!

Registration here:

[Chess Club Registration](#)



Catholic Schools Week is coming up! We will celebrate this year the week of Jan. 26 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

*School Open House following Mass until 12:30pm

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

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

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



Tuesday: Celebrating Vocations on Twister Tuesday

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

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



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?

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.

