

From the Principal

Join us tonight for the SJB Speaker Series event: Mental Health 101. Joe Morcomb, Licensed School Counselor, will give parents a basic understanding of depression and anxiety in children and the signs, steps for prevention, and resources and support for parents. The event will be held in St. Joseph's Hall from 6:30-7:30pm.

Parent-Teacher Conferences for our K-8 families will be held from 3:30-7:30pm on March 10-11 and then during the day on Thursday, March 12 for kindergarten families only (kindergarten students only are off on this day). We ask all kindergarten families to meet with your child's teacher, but grades 1-8 are by request only (parent or teacher request). Letters with the specifics on the conference sign-up process will be sent home early next week with each student.

A quick reminder to complete the re-enrollment for your children for the 2020-2021 school year as soon as possible so that we can continue our planning for next year. Also, tuition assistance applications need to be completed by March 15th. Go to www.mytads.com to find the application.

Each Lent, we come together as a community with a service project. This year, our Lenten Service Project will be Baskets of Cheer. We will be collecting items to create Easter baskets for the parish homebound, the elderly and children in need. We will be collecting these items in conjunction with the Families Helping Families (FHF) event. Items will be collected beginning next week through March 11th. The items will then be used to pack the baskets at the FHF event on Sunday, March 22nd following the 10:30am Mass. The FHF event will also have other small service projects to help those in need. Look for more details on which items we are looking to be donated below.

I know many families are planning and looking forward to spring break in a few short weeks. Students will be off from Friday, March 13th through Friday, March 20th. We know that some families may be taking slightly different days off and students will miss school. Please be sure to let both your child's teacher and the school office know if your child(ren) will be absent from school due to a family vacation.

Finally, we begin the season of Lent next week. Please join us for 8:30am Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 26th.

Ann Laird, Principal

Upcoming Events

February 21

School Spirit Day

February 26 - Ash Wednesday

All school Mass, 8:30am

February 28

End of 2nd Trimester

School Spirit Day

Stations of the Cross, 1:45pm

March 6

School Spirit Day

Stations of the Cross 12:40pm

March 10-11

Conferences 3:30-7:30pm

March 12

KG ONLY - No School-conferences

Stations of the Cross, 9:30am

March 13 - 20

Spring Break

No School Preschool - 8

March 23

School resumes

Stations of the Cross, 9:30am

Graphic Design Volunteer Help Needed

The 8th Grade Graduation Committee is looking for graphic design help! The 8th Grade does a class picture every year featuring each student wearing/posed with something representing their sports and/or hobbies. Tina Bobnick has agreed to take the pictures again this year and we are in need of a person to help photoshop all of the pictures together to make one class picture. We have someone with experience from last year who can guide you through the process. Please let us know if you can help!

*This volunteer opportunity may be used towards your 20 hour family commitment.

Summer J-Care

Summer is fast approaching and we are thrilled with all the activities and events planned for our summer J-Care program. We are off to a great start booking field trips, swimming trips and service learning projects.

We are now accepting summer 2020 registrations. If forms are submitted before Friday, May 22nd you will receive \$10.00 off each child's registration fee. Feel free to put registration forms in your child's take home folder and return it to school with Attn: Alison Wacek on it or drop it off in the school office.

New to the program this year All students attending J-Care the week of June 15-19 will be joining the Totus Tuus program from 9:00-2:30pm each day. J-Care staff will be attending Totus Tuus with J-Care participants. No additional fees for this - it will be included in the regular J-Care daily fees.

We are looking forward to another wonderful summer with you and your child/children!

For registration materials and the summer handbook, see the J-Care section on the SJB website:

[Summer J-Care](#)

Questions? Contact Alison Wacek waceka@stjohnnyb.org



Wines to Wishes Time to Party

If you were unable to attend Wines to Wishes this year or missed the *Time to Party* section, below are parties with open spots. Please contact [Michelle Barsness](#) if interested in attending any of the events below:

ICE FISHING WITH FATHER PAUL: Saturday, February 29th, 2020, 10:00am – 2:00pm

Join Fr. Paul and other school families for a day out ice fishing on a local lake. Bring your child, any fishing gear you have, and get in on the fun! Lunch, snacks, and bait will be provided. We'll have ice fishing gear if you don't have any of your own and a volunteer to help guide those learning the sport. Children must have an adult accompany them. The lake will be within 45 minutes from SJB depending on ice conditions.

Hosted by: Father Paul Shovelain, Cost: \$20 per person, 6 spaces available

LADIES EVENING OF PAINTING AND WINE: Friday, March 6th, 2020, 6:30pm

Join us for a creative evening of paint pouring. Acrylic paint pouring is a fun, easy way for anyone to make beautiful, mesmerizing works of art. While you pour paint, let us pour wine! Enjoy wine and light snacks while socializing and creating works of art.

Hosted by: Autumn Higgins, Cost: \$40 per person, 18 spaces available

URBAN AIR: Thursday, April 2nd, 2020, 4:00pm – 6:00pm

It's time to run wild at Urban Air! Students, siblings, and parents can join us for an afternoon of fun. Enjoy the Ultimate Package at Urban Air, which includes all the attractions they have to offer. A slice of pizza, dessert, and a bottle of water will also be provided!

Hosted by: Friends of SJB, Cost: \$30 per person, 130 spaces available

4TH ANNUAL MEN'S EVENING: Friday, April 24th, 2020, 7:00pm – 10:00pm

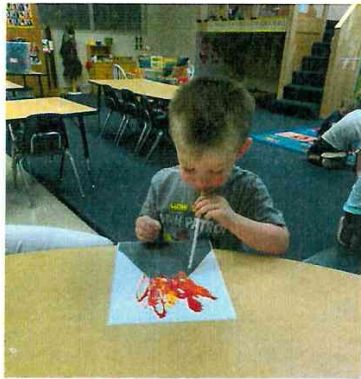
Do you like tasting different bourbon and/or cigars? Come enjoy an evening sampling various bourbon with other SJB men. Enjoy a cigar as well if you choose. Light snacks will be served. Party will take place at the Barsness household in Fridley.

Hosted by: Scott Barsness, Cost: \$40 per person, 18 spaces available

SUNSET PONTOON PARTY ON SUNRISE LAKE: Friday, June 5TH, 2020, 5:00pm– 10:00pm

Join your friends on Sunrise Lake for a sunset party on the lake. The traveling party will start at 5:00 pm with happy hour and appetizers and continue around the lake with a stop at a different location with themed drinks and food. Price per person includes all food, drinks, and lake transportation. Adults only.

Hosted by: Pitzl, Collins, Young, and Gulan Families, Cost: \$75 per person, 41 spaces available



St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

Summer Preschool

10 Weeks of Preschool for ages 3-5, which includes weekly educational themes, outdoor activities, field trips, and making new friends. Preschoolers are encouraged to learn through play and exploration.

St. John's Summer Preschool will operate much like the school year program with morning circle time, Bible stories and prayers, center play, and art and science activities. There will be an emphasis on outdoor activities including parks, picnics, water play days, and nature exploration. Registration and tuition include a program t-shirt, field trips, snacks, and a fun themed curriculum taught by St. John the Baptist teachers.

Full Day and Half Day Options

Full Day Hours: 7am - 5:30pm

Half Day Hours: 8am - 1pm

Rates Per Day

Full Day: \$40 per day

Half Day: \$20 per day

Week 1: June 8-12 (Dinosaurs)

Week 2: June 15-19 (Sports and Health)

Week 3: June 22-26 (Science and STEM)

Week 4: July 6-10 (Wild about Animals)

Week 5: July 13-17 (Transportation)

Week 6: July 20-24 (Cooking)

Week 7: July 27-31 (Under the Sea)

Week 8: August 3-7 (Bugs and Insects)

Week 9: August 10-14 (Down on the Farm)

Week 10: August 17-21 (Community Helpers)

No Preschool June 29 - July 3

**845 2nd Ave NW
New Brighton, MN 55112
651-633-1522
www.stjohnnyb.org**

To register: Send the registration packet in to Andrea Schroeder along with the \$35 registration fee.

Register before March 1st and save \$10!

Questions: Email Andrea Schroeder at schroedera@stjohnnyb.org



Devoted

Devoted begins Feb. 19th

Join us for the first gathering of 2020 and bring your own mug for our specialty hot drink for this cold winter!

Jessica Balzarini will start our year off with an inspiring talk and peaceful prayer time. Social time begins at 7:30 pm with our Intro beginning at 8:10 pm.

Come take a breath, do something for yourself, and be filled.

**Bring someone new and get your name in a drawing for our door prizes!



Camp Registration is Open!

The **TEAM at 4HG** is excited to announce the lineup of our 2020 Summer Camps! Returning **August 4 - 6** is our 2nd annual **FAITH AND FOOTBALL CAMP!** With an All-Pro lineup of Coaches, Clergy, and Volunteers, this year's camp will be held at St. John's Catholic School in New Brighton, Minnesota. The camp is limited to the first 100 student athletes to sign up online on the **4HG** website. Students must be entering grades 3 - 8 in the upcoming school year. Click [Here](#) to register!

Joining our hallmark camp this year are the **FAITH AND VOLLEYBALL CAMP** and the **FAITH AND ALL SPORTS CAMP**. Led by Coach Ellen Schafer, the **Faith and Volleyball Camp** will be held **July 13 - 15** at Cretin-Derham Hall High School in St. Paul. Students entering grades 4 - 8 in the upcoming school year are invited to join Coach Schafer in learning skills, practicing their faith, and having fun! Limited to 125 students, please register online on the [4HG website!](#)

Rounding out the ways your children can practice their faith, improve their skills, and enjoy an all-around fun recreational experience, we're proud to announce our **FAITH AND ALL SPORTS CAMP** being held **June 9 - July 30** at Mendakota Park in Mendota Heights. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - Noon, kids will participate in assorted physical activities and games while learning soccer, baseball, and basketball skills. The Faith and All Sports Camp is accepting 200 students who will be entering grades 3 - 8 in the upcoming school year. Register online at [4HG Camp Registration!](#)

From the Office of Discipleship & Mission

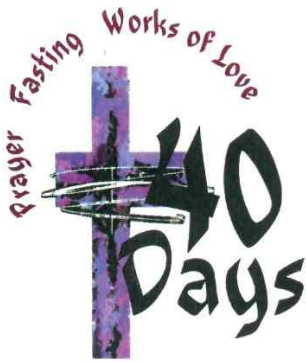
FAMILY FORMATION – ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME!

Come and join us on **Wednesday, March 4** at 6:00 PM for a soup and sandwich dinner followed by the Family Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM in the Church. You can come a bit earlier for Mass in the Chapel at 5:30 PM too. Have dinner, participate in the Stations, stay for the presentation about the Stations – where did they come from? How did they start? How can you pray them well? Bring your family and neighbors and make a whole night of it. Speakers are Mark Meuer and his daughter, Emily from Church of Saint Paul in Ham Lake. We are looking forward to what this duo can teach us about this age old prayer.

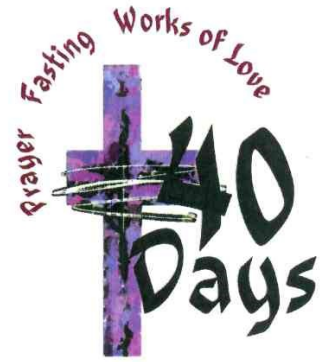
On **April 1**, no foolin' -we will be learning about our Heavenly Father and how to develop a relationship with Him, our Creator. He has a plan for each one of us and we need to discover what that is in our own life. Presenter is our seminarian, Ben Snyder, so come and hear what he has to share. The Our Father is called "The Lord's Prayer" for a reason. Come join us for Mass at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM and the Presentation at 6:30 PM in St. Joseph Hall.

And on **May 6**, we will learn more about the Holy Spirit! Now there is a broad, deep subject! It is our last Family Formation evening of the year, so be sure to get there so you are inspired by the Holy Spirit throughout the Summer! Same schedule – join us for Mass at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:00 and Presentation at 6:30 PM! We would love to host you and your family friends! JOIN US!

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St. John the Baptist LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT BASKETS OF CHEER



This year St. John's PTO and School will be collecting items to create Easter Baskets for the parish homebound, the elderly, and children in need. We are asking for donations of the following items from each grade level:

Pre-School — Pocket sized Kleenex

K — Mini/small stuffed animals

1st — Individually wrapped fun sized chocolate candy

2nd — Dollar store/aisle Easter items/trinkets

3rd — Snack size packs of cookies

4th — Easter grass/filler

5th — Fruit snacks

6th — Empty plastic Easter eggs

7th — Snack size packs of crackers

8th — Lip balm and travel size lotion



*Our collection will run from
February 24th through March 11.*



*Packing of baskets will take place on Sunday, March 22 after the 10:30am Mass
All are welcome to help pack at this time*

*Students will be focusing on the Core Values: Generous Spirit, Willingness to Grow,
and Reliance on Prayer throughout collection.*

*In addition to the items collected students will be making decade rosaries, a
card from the SJB community, and a Joyful Easter picture*