

From the Principal

Students began NWEA testing this week and will continue through February 13th. The students will test on math and reading only. Please check with your child's teacher about specific days/times that he/she will be testing.

February's virtue is Honesty - being trustworthy and true. We encourage students to practice this not only at school, but at home.

The JOY award is given each year to a SJB staff member or volunteer during Catholic Schools Week in recognition of their commitment to St. John's Catholic School and living witness to our values and JOY philosophy. This year we are honored to recognize Alison Wacek and Beth Robertson as our JOY Award Winners.

Alison Wacek: As a St. John's alumna, former parent, and school employee since 2007, Alison Wacek's dedication to Catholic education at St. John's is undeniable. It is her love for the school and SJB students that motivates her. During her time at St. John's, Alison has always approached her work with a positive, upbeat attitude and a smile. She views herself as a "mom" to the students and strives to make sure they and their teachers have what they need to be successful. Her willingness to take on new roles (preschool, J-Care, SJB office administrative staff) and problem solve make her invaluable to our school.



Beth Robertson: Beth has been a part of SJB school for over 15 years. Whether she is advocating for the school on finance council, being a room parent, or coordinating our vision and hearing screening each year, she is always Joy-ful! She lives out her generous spirit and willingness to grow by always stepping up to volunteer in many ways (even if she did not know much about it, she was always

willing to learn). From chairing Wines to Wishes for several years, coaching athletic teams or helping with our school play, Beth is always one to be the first to volunteer. As an active member of our parish and Eucharistic minister, Beth is an integral part of life at St. John's – both in the school and in the parish.

We thank both Alison and Beth for their commitment to St. John's.

Thank you to all who attended, volunteered at or donated to our 2020 Wines to Wishes event. It was wonderful to see so many families on Saturday night. We want to especially thank Mrs. Michelle Barsness for her work to coordinate and put on this event. It is a huge task, but she does an amazing job and we are grateful for all her work!

We have a few upcoming events in the next week that we would like to draw your

Upcoming Events

February 7

School Spirit Day

February 13

Gr. 3 Parent Lunch, 10:45am

Class parties

February 14

No School, No J-Care

Marathon Reward Day

Teacher Workday

February 17

No School, No J-Care

President's Day

Congratulations Johnston Family!

Lois Marie Johnston
February 1, 2020 at 4:21am
20 inches 7lbs 15 oz



Tuition Assistance for 2020-2021

Reminder: Please complete your application for tuition assistance for the 2020-2021 school year through [TADS](#) as soon as possible. Applications are due by March 15th, however, in order to be considered for two other scholarships - Aim Higher Scholarship and the CSAF scholarship - your application needs to be completed by **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.

attention to:

- We will celebrate Valentines Day on Thursday, Feb. 13th. Students may be out of uniform in valentines colors - red, pink, or white or an appropriate valentine-themed shirt. Class parties will also take place that day.
- We will celebrate with our 3 grade families on Thursday, February 13th at the parent lunch. The program begins at 10:45am with lunch following.
- There will be no school on Friday, February 14th for the Marathon reward day and a staff workday and also NO SCHOOL on Monday, February 17th for Presidents Day. There is no J-Care or Care Crew on either day.

As most of you probably know, we have confirmed cases of influenza in several grades here at St. John's. As a general guideline with illnesses, we ask that students remain out of school for a full 24 hours without a fever and without fever-reducing medications. We also ask that students remain out of school following any vomiting or diarrhea episodes for a full 24 hours without any episodes. However, please follow any doctor recommendations for a longer length of time absent from school as many suggest longer time periods with the influenza virus. Thank you for helping us to keep all our students and staff healthy.

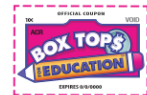
Fr. Paul will be celebrating a teaching mass this Friday afternoon, February 7th, with his elective class and the 5th grade. We welcome parents to join them in the Chapel at 1:35pm.

Finally, please keep our second grade students in your prayers this weekend as they celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this Saturday, February 8th. May the forgiveness and love of God be with them and bring them peace.

Ann Laird, Principal

Box Tops Contest

Our next Box Tops Contest is coming up! Gather your traditional "Clip" style Box Tops and have your student turn them in February 7-18 to their homeroom teacher. At the end of this period, all valid (non-expired, traditional) pink Box Tops will be counted and the grade with the most Box Tops turned in will earn a special treat brought to their classroom!



Many products have transitioned to the NEW Box Tops logo, which does NOT need to be clipped or turned in. Have you downloaded the new Box Tops app? With it, you can scan your receipts showing the purchase of any Box Tops products (within 14 days) and the school will automatically be credited \$.10 each! Thank you for your support of our school!



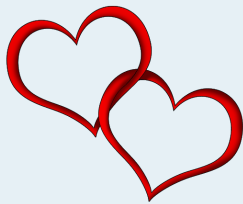
Cana Dinner 2020

Take time to enrich your marriage with a date night for Valentine's day. Enjoy a great dinner, wine, and inspiring speakers. This year's Cana Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 15th and we are bringing in Kathleen and Troy Billings from a rural suburb of Chicago. Kathleen and Troy started from the ground up and currently direct a vibrant, parish-based marriage ministry called BAM – Building Amazing Marriages. They are frequent guest speakers locally and nationally and they are coming to MN to share their wisdom on how to *Stay Engaged in Your Marriage – Date Your Spouse*. Cost for the dinner is \$50 per couple/\$180 for a table of 8 (4 couples)

To register click on one of the following links:

[Registration for couples](#)

[Registration for a table](#)



All Parish Retreat

Encounter Christ

Walk WITH HIM into Lent

Jesus comes to meet us where we are and draws us more deeply into a relationship with him

Retreat includes opportunities to:

- ◊ Be moved by his mercy
- ◊ Experience love, peace, and joy
- ◊ Variety of ways to approach God in prayer
- ◊ Confession and Adoration



February 21 7-9:30pm and February 22 9-4:30pm here at St. John's

Free will offering of a suggested donation of \$20 to cover expenses of food and materials.

[Lenten Parish Retreat Registration](#)



COME

HOLY SPIRIT

Charismata Friday, February 14 at 7:30pm



Calling all Men!

Catholic Watchmen Night

Thursday, February 13 from 6:30-9:00 pm.