

From the Principal

Thank you to all families who donated items for our Lenten Service Project - Baskets of Cheer. The Generous Spirit is very abundant here at SJB! The total items donated by our families for the baskets is 2,870! The next step for these items is assembling them into Easter baskets for the parish homebound, the elderly and children in need at the Families Helping Families (FHF) event. Join other families on Sunday, March 22nd in St. Joseph's Hall following the 10:30am Mass for the FHF event. Come with your family and help assemble baskets as well as completing other small projects to help those in need in the community. The assembled baskets will be blessed at our all school Mass on Wednesday, March 25th and then the St. John's PTO will assist with distributing the baskets to the recipients.

Thank you to all those who purchased items from St. George Books & Gifts during the Faith Fair at St. John's in January. As a result of your purchases, we received a wonderful donation from the St. George in the amount of \$725.00. We are grateful for their support of our school. As First Eucharist and Confirmation approach this spring and you are looking for gifts, please consider purchasing from them as a thanks for their support. They have a store location at 10904 Baltimore St. NE in Blaine, MN as well as online ordering at stgeorgebooks.com.

Back again this year, Father Paul is offering a prize to those students who bring back a bulletin from the Church they went to for Mass over break. Go to masstimes.org to find a Catholic Church where you are vacationing. Not traveling? Bring in a bulletin from St. John's if you come to Sunday Mass here or bring one from any other local parish that you attend Mass at. Given the health concerns currently, if the student prays the rosary TWICE over spring break and brings a signed note to school, he/she will also earn a prize. Email Fr. Paul with any questions.

A reminder that if you want or need to apply for tuition assistance for the 2020-2021 school year, the deadline to complete this application is Sunday, March 15th. This application may be found online at www.mytads.com.

Coronavirus update:

As you are all aware, multiple public locations are taking preventative measures regarding COVID-19. St. John's is no exception. Teachers and other staff are reminding students to wash their hands, cover their coughs/sneezes and are wiping down desks, tables, door handles, computers etc. as often as possible. The school will be thoroughly cleaned over break. We continue to monitor the situation, working closely with the Mounds View District, and will follow all guidelines recommended by the MDH and CDC. At this point, our intention is to resume school on March 23rd following spring break, however, as you all know this situation changes daily (often hourly) and if that changes, we will communicate to our families as soon as possible. Our teachers have been asked to put together a preliminary plan to accommodate an online school option if that becomes necessary. We ask that all our families also think about and have a plan in place in the event that a temporary school closing becomes a reality.

We know that many of our families are traveling this week. We are not aware of any

Upcoming Events

March 13 - 20

Spring Break
No School, Preschool - gr. 8

March 22

Families Helping Families 11:30

March 23

School resumes
Stations of the Cross, 9:30am

March 24

Reconciliation, 9:30-11:30

March 25

Grade 5 - ELC
All School Mass, 8:30

March 26

Grade 5 - ELC

March 27

Grade 5 - ELC
School Spirit Day
Grade 3 - Bell Museum

2019-2020 Yearbook

There is still time to order a 2019-2020 yearbook. Those students who have not yet ordered should have brought home a reminder flyer with information on how to order. All orders will be done online this year using the following link and ID:

ybpay.lifetouch.com

yearbook ID: **11264920**

Camp Invention

Camp Invention is coming back to St. John's this summer!

Camp Invention is a STEM program for students entering grades K-6th. It will be held at SJB from June 22-26 from 9:00am-3:30pm.

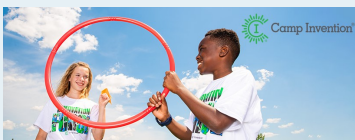
Cost is \$235 per student.

Register early for discounts:

- Save \$25 when you sign up by 3/31/20 using promo code **ELEVATE25**
- Save \$15 when you sign up between 4/1/20 - 5/12/20 with code **ELEVATE15**
- Save \$25 per child when you register 2 or more siblings with code **SIBLOVE25**

Register at invent.org/camp or call 800-968-4332

Questions? Contact the camp director, Mrs. Bridget Troxel at troxelb@stjohnnyb.org



students or staff traveling to any of the areas currently under a travel advisories - China, Italy, Japan and South Korea - however, if any of our families or staff are traveling to any of these locations, we ask that you self-quarantine for 14 days upon your return to the US and before you return to St. John's.

We know that the risk to many of us continues to be relatively low, however, we want all of you to be aware that there are some students, staff and members of all of our families that do have significant health concerns and thus are more susceptible to a possible severe reaction to this virus. All public health agencies recommend and we want to reiterate that if your child is sick, **please keep them home.** Any student that shows ANY signs of respiratory illness or influenza-like symptoms should be kept home to help prevent the spread of this or any other illness. The following are the recommendations of public health officials to both prevent illness and to slow/stop its spread:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Use hand sanitizer (containing at least 60% alcohol) if soap is not available
- Avoid touching your face, especially eyes, nose or mouth
- Cough or sneeze into elbows or cover mouth and nose with tissue; throw it away immediately and wash hands
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces
- Avoid close contact with individuals who are sick
- Stay home if you are sick
- Do not return to school or work until you have been **fever free (without fever-reducing medication) and vomit/diarrhea free for at least 24 hours**

Any temporary school closures due to COVID-19 would be communicated to our families in the same way as weather closures:

- ⇒ Email to all households
- ⇒ Information would be posted on our school website: www.stjohnnyb.org
- ⇒ Local news outlets: WCCO - 4, KSTP - 5, KMSP - 9 and KARE - 11
- ⇒ Facebook posts

You can find the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 at the following links:

Minnesota Department of Health
Centers for Disease Control

As always, please communicate all student illnesses and absences to us via either the school office (651-633-1522 x 1118, thienesj@stjohnnyb.org) or attendance line (651-633-1522 x 1119). Please include student symptoms or a diagnosis (if available). At this time we have not been notified of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 with students, staff or family at St. John's.

Thank you for your cooperation, patience and consideration to this as we continue to strive to keep all our students, staff and families healthy.

We wish all our families a wonderful spring break and we hope that you are able to take some time over the week to relax a bit.

Ann Laird, Principal

Wines to Wishes Time to Party

There are still some open spots in the *Time to Party* options from Wines to Wishes. Please contact [Michelle Barsness](#) if interested in attending any of the events below:

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

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

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

Community News



TOTINO-GRACE'S 2020
**SPRING
OPEN
HOUSE**
MONDAY, APRIL 27

Registration here: www.totinograce.org/admissions/visit

5:45 PM

Doors Open

6:00 PM

Optional Engineering
Institute Presentation

6:30 PM

Program

7:00-8:15 PM

Academic Breakout Sessions

7:00-8:30 PM

Academic Fair & Co-curricular Fair

8:30 PM

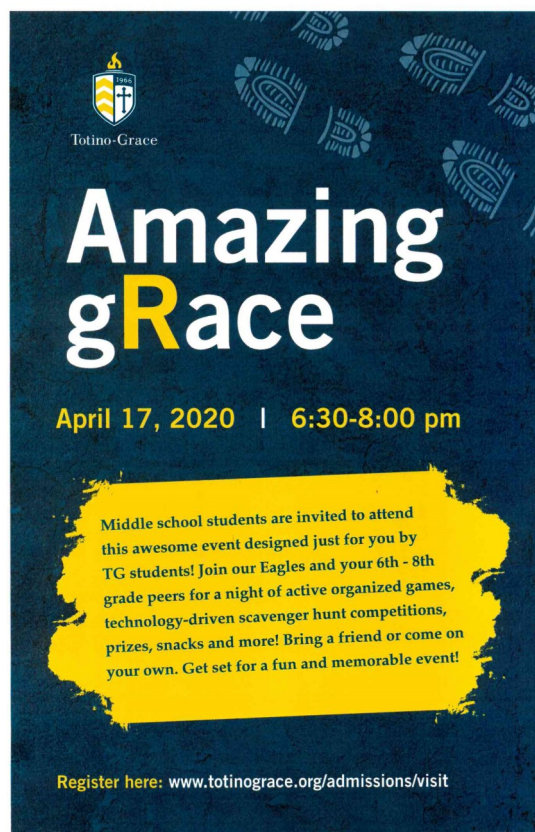
Drawing for door prize

6:00 / 7:00 / 8:00 PM

Optional Tours

THE OPEN HOUSE OFFERS YOUR
FAMILY THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Meet TG Faculty and explore our academic programs
- Interact with our students and hear from current parents
- Meet our coaches and moderators and learn about our co-curricular programs
- Tour the school
- Talk with other prospective families



Totino-Grace
**Amazing
gRace**
April 17, 2020 | 6:30-8:00 pm

Middle school students are invited to attend this awesome event designed just for you by TG students! Join our Eagles and your 6th - 8th grade peers for a night of active organized games, technology-driven scavenger hunt competitions, prizes, snacks and more! Bring a friend or come on your own. Get set for a fun and memorable event!

Register here: www.totinograce.org/admissions/visit

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
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