

## From the Principal

Happy May Day!

Traditionally, the last week of school is filled with some fun activities for the students like the class picnics and track and field day along with a bit of cleaning before leaving for the summer. Due to the change to distance learning, the last day of instruction for our K-7 students will be Friday, May 29th. The last day of instruction for our 8th grade students will be Thursday, May 21st. The week of June 1-5, we will have days and times for families to drop off textbooks, computers, etc. that have been used during this time and also to pick up any student belongings that remain at school. Watch for information in the next couple weeks. We have tentative alternative plans to celebrate the accomplishments of our 8th grade students as they leave St. John's and move on. We are also looking at ways to "send off" our younger students.

One of the first celebrations for our 8th graders coordinates with our May Crowning Mass. During this Mass, we honor Mary, the Mother of Jesus. This year with social distancing guidelines in place, we will celebrate this Mass virtually on Wednesday, May 13th at the 8:30am school Mass. Students have been voted on by their classmates and staff who exhibit Mary-like qualities to participate in the Mass and the crowning of Mary. Please be sure to join us that morning as we honor Mary and celebrate our 8th grade students.

In looking ahead to summer, we anticipate being able to offer J-Care and Summer Preschool in some capacity. Registration is now open.

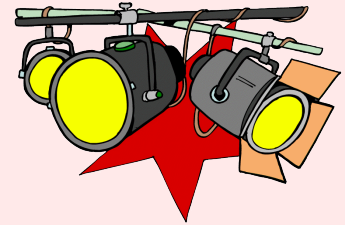
- ⇒ J-Care (grades K-8): Information and registration materials may be found on the SJB Website: [Summer J-Care](#). Contact [Alison Wacek](#) with questions.
- ⇒ Summer Preschool: Contact [Andrea Schroeder](#) with questions or to register

St. John's Church has many opportunities to join with others to prayer - virtually or parking lot prayer. See the parish website for dates/times of these opportunities. [SJB Parish website](#).

St. John's PTO is planning a week of appreciation for the staff at St. John's. I know you join with me in thanking our teachers and other staff for all they are doing to keep students engaged and connected during this distance learning. Information on the plans for the week may be found below.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Ann Laird, Principal

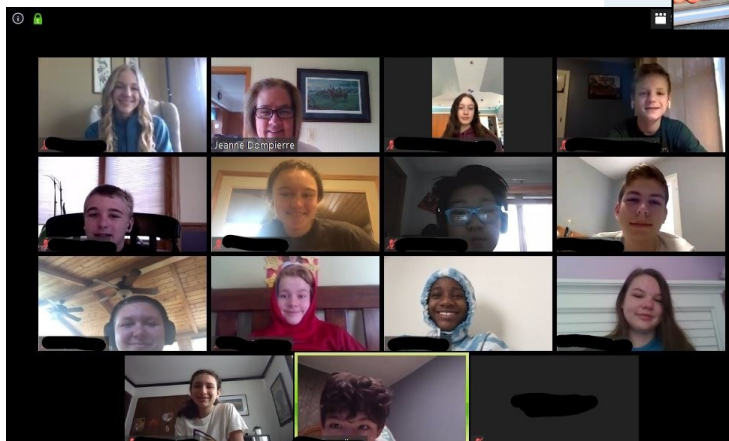


## LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION!

We are in need of a SJB Drama Director or Co-Directors to take on our annual drama performance for the 2020-21 school year. This person would oversee the production in its entirety with assistance from other parent volunteers. If interested, please contact the school office.



Olivia and Regan stopping by to say "Hello" to Mrs. Wraneschetz!



8th grade—room 5 class Zoom meeting

## Art to Remember

It's time for the **Art To Remember** Fundraiser. St. John's is once again participating in the creative fundraiser with Art to Remember that allows you to



purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art. There are over 50 products, and many are less than \$15.

These items make great gifts for parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and any other important person in your child's life. A percentage of every purchase goes right back to our school – last year the SJB art program earned approximately \$1200.

This year instead of sending paper order forms home, we have switched to an all online/paperless ordering system. Click on the link below and search for your child's artwork to see what fun keepsakes you can purchase and fun shopping! <https://arttoremember.com/school/n5wu5j>

Deadline to order is May 8<sup>th</sup> (for ship to school) but you can have the orders shipped directly to your home as well!

Questions? Contact Miss Higgins at [higginsa@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:higginsa@stjohnnyb.org)



It's a fundraiser you'll be proud of.

Every purchase supports your school.



## Support Our School at the Virtual Book Fair!



St. Johns is hosting a Virtual Scholastic Book Fair from **May 4-18**

The Virtual Fair is a fantastic way to get books in the hands of your students now to keep them reading at home.

- All purchases **benefit our school** and earn rewards
- Shop **Book Fair exclusives**, best-sellers, skill-builders and more
- Orders ship **direct to home**
- Book-only orders over \$25\* receive **FREE shipping**  
**Over 6,000 items** to choose from through the Scholastic Store Online

Visit our Book Fair Homepage and click "Shop Now" to get started: (*you can not SHOP until May 4 but you may visit the site to look at the virtual flyer prior to Monday*).

[ONLINE BOOK FAIR](#)

[Book Fair Commercials and Author Videos](#)

# HAPPY READING!

If you have any questions, contact [Mrs. Shawna Moore](#)

*\*Free Standard Shipping is available on book-only orders of \$25 or more, after all discounts are applied. Free Standard Shipping (books) must be selected during Checkout. Orders containing products other than books are not eligible for this shipping promotion.*

## From a Distance: Teacher Appreciation Week 2020

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is May 4–8 this year. Since our students are not physically at school, we will be showing our teachers and staff how amazing they are from a distance!!

We have outlined our plans for the week. Please participate as much as you feel able!

**SUNDAY (5/3): Get your video in! (See Thursday's information below about this.)**

**MONDAY (5/4): Good Morning Monday!**

PTO will be placing "Thank You/ #SJB Strong" yard signs in the yards of teachers and staff Sunday night so they can wake to a nice surprise Monday morning.



**TUESDAY (5/5): Taco Tuesday!**

Teachers and staff will be emailed a Chipotle gift card so they can enjoy Taco Tuesday *and* Cinco de Mayo on us!

**WEDNESDAY (5/6): Wacky Wednesday!**

Have your kids wear their teachers' favorite colors for school. Get creative! Your kids will have to be crafty to find out teacher's favorite colors!



**THURSDAY (5/7): Thankful Thursday!**

Mrs. Barsness will be putting together a compilation of videos and photos that we can send in of our families and/or students thanking our amazing SJB teachers and staff. You can either send in a photo of your family/students holding a sign or you have 10 seconds of video time, so get creative!! Please send the 10 second clip of your family thanking our teachers and staff **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, 5/3** to [barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org).



You and your students are also encouraged to send an email of thanks to both their homeroom teachers, but also to our fantastic specialists *and* support staff! I will include a list of all staff and their emails, so please thank as many as you feel able to!!

**FRIDAY (5/8): Festival Friday and WISH day!**

Who is ready to be in a parade?! Please come to St. John's parking lot on Friday, 5/8, between 3:30–5:00 pm to drive the parade route. Our SJB teachers and staff will be there for you to honk at and wave to! Please decorate your cars as you see fit for this festive occasion! The parade is weather permitting, but will be rescheduled if rain happens. We will send out a map of the route including where each staff will be sitting and where you can drop off any cards or gifts you may bring by 5/6. \*Note: We are working with New Brighton Public Safety to ensure we can proceed with the Parade within the Stay-At-Home order. More detailed information will be coming out regarding the process and any restrictions early in the week if we are given approval.\*

Show your SJB staff how grateful we are for them by bringing them a card, homemade gift or something from their WISH list! The teachers and staff have created WISH lists. The Wish List is attached to the PB email. Specialist Teachers/Staff have been assigned to each grade to include everyone. There will be an assigned location to drop off the cards/gifts at the parade. Look for an email next week for more specifics.



Not able to come to the parade but would like to send something for your teacher? Most gift cards can be sent electronically. Email addresses are included on the WISH list. Or you can drop items off at Amy Saylor's house and she will bring them to the parade on Friday. There is a Rubbermaid tote on the front step. Items can be left in the tote or someone is typically home all day.

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