

## From the Principal

Happy last day of school 8th graders!

Today is the last academic day for our eighth grade students. We are so proud of all of you for how you have accepted and embraced the distance learning and have finished your final year here at St. John's strong. We know that this has been a difficult time for you and there have been some disappointments and frustrations along the way. We hope as you leave St. John's School, you leave with wonderful memories and knowing that all of us support you and are proud of your accomplishments during your time here. We will miss you being a part of our everyday community and hope that you will stop by and visit sometime. We look forward to celebrating with you next week at the Recognition Program and Graduation.

Due to us ending the school year with distance learning and students not on campus, we will be allowing our students to use their unused non-uniform passes (Wines to Wishes, Birthday passes) from this school year during the 2020-2021 school year.

As we wrap up the current school year and look ahead to next year, we want to announce a few staffing updates:

- \* Mrs. Theresa Harris, 7th grade homeroom and MS Science teacher is retiring at the end of this school year. Her husband, Bob, has been retired for 3 years and it is time for her to join him and spend some time traveling. We will miss Mrs. Harris and are so grateful to her for bringing her love of Science and creativity in lessons to our students for the last 6 years. We wish her many happy and fun travels in the coming years!
- \* Mrs. Samantha Johnston, Music and Band teacher, is also leaving us at the end of this school year. Her husband has taken a job in Madison and so her family will be moving this summer. We thank Mrs. Johnston for her dedication to our students and instilling in them a love and appreciation for music for the past four years. We wish the Johnston family the best as they embark on this new endeavor.
- \* Sr. Ermelinda, 2nd grade teacher, joined us just this past fall. She will be not be leaving the area, but will be going back to working with the elderly and vulnerable. We are so thankful for her bringing her love for God and all of His children to St. John's and especially our second graders. We are hopeful that she will be back to volunteer when she is able.

The last academic day for students in grades K-7 will be Friday, May 29th. The following Tuesday and Wednesday (June 2-3) we have times scheduled for families to pick up any student belongings that were left at school and to return any supplies that were used during distance learning or that you still have at home - Chromebooks, iPads, textbooks, athletic uniforms, and library books are some of the items. The procedure will be similar to the pickup day earlier this spring, however, this time we are asking families to sign up for a time slot to hopefully expedite the process for you. Please use the following link to sign up for a slot:

[Drop off and pick up supply sign up](#)

## Upcoming Events

### May 22

No School - Memorial Day weekend

### May 25

No School - Memorial Day

### May 27

Family Rosary via Zoom 6:30pm

### May 28

8th grade graduation

### May 29

Last academic day - grades K-7

### June 1 - 4

Teacher workdays

### June 2 - 3

Supply drop-off/pickup - [Sign Up Required](#)

St. John's Church has many opportunities to join with others in the parish to pray - virtually or via parking lot prayer. See the parish website for dates/times of these opportunities.

[SJB Parish website](#)



# SJB Athletics

## Soccer and Cross Country

Registration for SJB fall sports will look a little different this year (just like most other things). If your child is interested in participating in soccer or cross country this fall, please complete the appropriate forms and mail them to school (845 2nd Ave NW, New Brighton 55112) or send them electronically to



[Mr. Kevin Miley](#)

**Soccer: Boys/Girls grades 5-8**

**Cross Country: Boys/Girls grades 4-8**

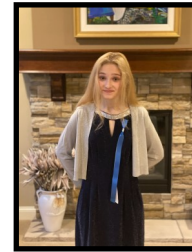
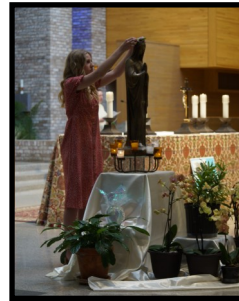
Registration information may be found on the [Athletic page of the SJB website](#).

## Mountain Bike Team

An athletic opportunity is open to SJB students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The Roseville Area High Schools Mountain Bike Team includes most of the high schools in the north suburban area, including TG, Mounds View, Irondale and Fridley. Two TG parents (one also an SJB parent) currently serve as assistant coaches with the program. An informational webinar will take place on May 12. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.



We celebrated our annual May Crowning Mass yesterday where we honor Mary, Mother of Jesus and also as our Heavenly Mother. Three 8th grade students were invited to participate in the Mass in person - these students were chosen by their classmates and staff as exhibiting Mary-like qualities. We also recognized our 8th grade students with the tradition of handing out ribbons. These ribbons are a symbol of celebration and are ties of blue and white that bind them to St. John's School, to our Mother Mary, to each other, and to the Lord.



This weekend we celebrate Memorial Day and remember all those who died while serving our country. We thank them for their ultimate sacrifice in protecting the freedoms we enjoy in the United States today. Please note, the entire St. John's campus will be closed Friday, May 22nd through Monday, May 25th. There will be an Ascension of the Lord vigil Mass 4:30pm on Saturday, May 23rd and a Memorial Day Mass, Monday, May 25th at 9:00am both on YouTube and Facebook. Go to the [St. John's Church Website](#) for links to the Masses along with links to the Mass leaflets.

Have a wonderful holiday weekend!

Ann Laird, Principal



*God of power and mercy,  
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.  
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away  
our tears, that we may all deserve to be called  
your sons and daughters.  
Keep in your mercy those men and women  
who have died in the cause of freedom  
and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice  
and peace.*

*We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

—from [Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers](#)

## Summer Tutoring Options

Would you like your child to receive extra help in reading or math over the summer?

Would you like your child to maintain the academic growth they achieved during the school year?

Would you like your child to learn some new skills over the summer to advance learning?

Would you like your child to have a connection to St. John's School over the summer?



### **SUMMER TUTORING DETAILS:**

In person and remote tutoring will be offered

Teachers will follow safety protocols, including wearing masks and sanitizing, for in person tutoring



Individualized plan for student; student meets with the teacher one-on-one

Number of sessions per week, days and times are determined between the parent and the teacher

Cost-\$40 per hour

Location for tutoring listed below or is determined with teacher

The teachers listed below are available for tutoring. If you are interested in this oppor-

#### **Mrs. Cruz**

PreK-1 Math & Reading  
In person (SJB) or remote tutoring  
[cruzj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:cruzj@stjohnnyb.org)

#### **Mrs. Koskie**

K-4 Math  
In person (preferred) at SJB or remote  
[koskiem@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:koskiem@stjohnnyb.org)

#### **Miss Ptak**

K-5 Reading  
Hour and ½ hour sessions available  
In person (St. John's) or Remote  
[ptakd@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:ptakd@stjohnnyb.org)

#### **Mrs. Lenz**

K-4 Math & Reading  
½ hour sessions (K-3)  
In person (SJB) or remote  
[lenze@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:lenze@stjohnnyb.org)

#### **Mrs. Peterson**

K-5 Math and Reading  
Remote (preferred) or in person at SJB  
[petersonj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:petersonj@stjohnnyb.org)

#### **Mrs. Dompierre**

6-8 Math  
In person (off-site) or remote  
[dompierrej@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:dompierrej@stjohnnyb.org)



devoted will be Live Streamed this month on Wednesday, May 27 at 8pm

Bring your own chocolate and wine and we will provide the inspiring speaker and prayer time! All women are invited to join our live stream.

This month we welcome speaker and musician Sarah Kalonick. She will encourage us and inspire us with her insights about the Holy Spirit, our need for him and how to be more open to receive more from Him. She will share her gift of music and Worship as she leads us in our time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The devoted Core Team continues to hold each of you in prayer and we hope to see you online!