

Principal's Bulletin



For the latest information, please see the COVID section of the St. John's School website:

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IMPORTANT LINKS

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SJB J-Care

Before and after school care is available. Go to the J-Care page of the school website for information and registration materials. Questions? Contact [Alison Wacek](#) or 651-633-1522 x 1127



[SJB J-Care](#)

From the Principal

We have made it through week one of the 2020-2021 school year. There have been many positives and a few challenges over the last few days, but overall, it has been a great week! It has been wonderful to have the halls filled with students again! Thank you to all the parents who have been patient with us as we work through adjusting to our new protocols. We will be evaluating our processes and making adjustments, as necessary. Our students have done a great job of wearing their masks this week and washing and/or sanitizing their hands. We continue to teach them of the importance of masks and social distancing. We ask that you also remind them of this importance too.

For those families who have chosen distance learning, we appreciate your patience during this week. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Alison Howard at howarda@stjohnnyb.org. Classroom materials/books are available for pickup on Fridays from 9:00am - 3:00pm outside the school office.

Below is a repeat of the information from last week regarding school items:

- ⇒ **School Hours:** 7:55am - 2:30pm
- ⇒ **Extended AM Drop Off Time:** 7:20 to 7:50am to allow for temperature checks and ease congestion. Students will have their temperature checked before entering. Upon entering they will go directly to their classroom.
- ⇒ **Designated Drop Off Areas:** To ease congesting and control flow of traffic please drop students off at the following doors:
 - DOOR 4: Grades 1 & 2** - located on 2nd Ave. south of the SJB playground
 - DOOR 6 (flagpole): Grades 3-5** - located on 2nd Ave. north of the SJB playground
 - Door 7 (Gym Entrance): Kindergarten and MS students** - north parking lot

We ask parents to drop students off at the designated areas. To keep the number of people inside the school down, **parents will not be allowed to walk their students to their classrooms.** Staff will be on hand to walk students to their rooms, if necessary

- ⇒ **Afternoon car pick up:** All students should be picked up at 2:30pm from the main Church parking lot. Please park facing out to give better sight lines when leaving the lot to help keep everyone safe. If you have not arrived by 2:40pm, students will be brought to the school office area, parents will be called and students will be sent to J-Care to wait for parent arrival (fees will be assessed).
- ⇒ **Uniforms:** We know some of our families may not receive their uniform items from Donald's prior to school starting. If that is the case, those students may wear their navy blue shorts, pants or skirts/jumpers with a plain white or light blue polo or t-shirt until these items arrive.

⇒ **Absences:** If your child will be absent or late for ANY reason (illness, vacation, appointment, etc.) please let the school office know by 8:30am. This needs to be done for **each** day the student is absent. For a known multiple day absence (for a vacation, for example) one call with all dates of the absence is sufficient. You may call the attendance line (651-633-2211 x 1119) or the main office. (651-633-1522 x 1118) You may also email Joy in the office (thienesj@stjohnnyb.org).

We are looking for up to 6 parent volunteers to assist us in the mornings before school each day to help with temperature and symptom checking as students arrive. The time needed would be from 7:15-7:55am. If you are interested in assisting us with this, please contact Joy Thienes at thienesj@stjohnnyb.org and let her know which days you are available.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

School Spirit Online Store - NOW OPEN!

Each Friday during the school year, students are encouraged to wear SJB spirit wear on Spirit Wear Fridays. Students may wear a SJB spirit wear shirt with their uniform bottoms (skirt, shorts or pants) or spirit wear bottoms. These spirit items are available online only. The first ordering window is open NOW through Sunday, September 14th. Orders will arrive approximately mid-October. This will be the only opportunity until Christmas time to order spirit wear.



To order go to: <https://www.bsnteamssports.com/>
Access Code: SJBSPRIT

**Please be sure to double check sizes (youth vs adult) and logo options as items are non-returnable.

COVID-19 Update

As of today, we have not been notified of any confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 within the St. John's school community. We ask our parents to monitor your children for symptoms and please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19 that we should be watching for?

Symptoms of COVID-19 Include:

New onset cough or shortness of breath by themselves OR at least 2 of the following:

- Fever (100.4°F or higher)
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Gastrointestinal symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, or nausea.

If a person has a new symptom (for example, new loss of smell only) with no other diagnosis to explain it, they should stay home and talk to their health care provider about testing for COVID19, even if it is the only symptom they are experiencing.

MDH Decision Tree: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/exguide.pdf>

SJB Parish News



The SJB FallFest will look a little different this year, but there are still plenty of opportunities for fun during the weekend of September 25-27, 2020.

Go to the Parish Website for a list of events and registration information:

[SJB FallFest](#)

Blessing of the Catechists and Families: September 19/20

Attention all families with children ages 3 through 18! We are doing a blessing of all families with children involved in any Faith Formation programming during all Masses the weekend of September 19/20. Attend whatever Mass you would like that weekend, sit anywhere and just stand as a family to receive your blessing when it is announced. It's that easy! We would also like to acknowledge and bless all the volunteers and catechists associated with these programs. **If your child is in Sunday School, Family Formation, First Communion Prep, St. John's school student, RCIC, Confirmation Prep, or Youth Group then this applies to you!** If you have a child in that age range and they aren't involved in one of our programs, please email

Jen Livermont: livermontj@stjohnnyb.org for kids 3 years through 6th grade

Mikayla Anderson: andersonm@stjohnnyb.org for youth in 7th – 12th grade.

We will also be celebrating the kickoff with a bonfire at 7pm on Saturday, September 19. Everyone is invited to meet the new NET team and get connected!

First Sacraments

If you haven't registered your second grade student for their first sacraments, please click on the link below to do so:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/7ddb51ab-cae7-41d2-a293-ccf11a624boa>

1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion preparation is for those students currently in 2nd grade and is primarily done in the home with parents. There are two large on-site gatherings for each sacrament where we bring children and parents together for orientation, kick offs, and retreat days. **All children registered in 1st Sacraments preparations must be registered for this program and also be enrolled in our Family Formation program or enrolled in St. John's Catholic School.**

Parents, please note this date for FIRST SACRAMENTS ORIENTATION:

Tuesday, September 29, 6:30-8:00 PM, St. Joseph's Hall - Parents only