

Principal's Bulletin



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

[SJB COVID INFORMATION](#)

IMPORTANT LINKS

[September Lunch Menu](#)

[Application for Educational Benefits \(Free Lunch form\)](#)

[2020-2021 Calendar](#)

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

As we come to the close of our second week of school, we want to thank you for all your support and diligence. We have been so impressed and grateful for the precaution parents have taken with their family when illnesses have occurred. We appreciate you keeping everyone home until the school has had the opportunity to better understand your child's symptoms and give guidance. We do encourage you to continue to be diligent and keep your children home if they have an illness, COVID like symptoms, or if someone in your household is awaiting COVID test results. This helps us keep our entire community healthy. In all cases, please contact the school office.

Each year we work with our students to live virtuously by practicing virtues. Virtues are good habits which help us to be the best we can be. Every month we teach about and practice a new virtue to our students. This month, we are practicing the virtue of HOPE. Hope is trusting in God's loving plan and all will be well. This virtue is extremely fitting given our current COVID climate. We must live in the HOPE that all will be well and trust in God. Some examples of Hope that the students will be learning about are St. Joseph, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and Blessed Louis and Zelig Martin. Please find ways to practice this virtue with your children.

We will soon be gearing up for the Non-public School Marathon. The Marathon is a fundraising event that supports our schools' operating budget. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will not be the traditional gathering and Marathon at Central Park in October this year, however, we will still look to have students commit to walking or biking and ask family members and friends to pledge and donate money to our school. There are prizes for reaching various pledge levels and top pledge earners. This year, each student needs to raise \$165.00. Look for more information to come in the next weeks.

This weekend, St. John's parish will welcome the new NET Team for this year. Come meet the new team on Saturday, September 19th at 7pm in the west parking lot and enjoy a bonfire, prayer and some snacks!

All parents, grandparent, aunts, and uncles are invited to receive a Catechist blessings during our Masses this upcoming weekend, September 19-20. We are all catechists in the lives of our children and family. Please join us!

NWEA MAP testing will begin next week and run through October 2nd. Check with your child or his/her teacher to find out when they will be testing. This standardized assessment is given to our students three times during the school year to measure student growth. As a school, we use this information to set academic goals in Math

and ELA for our school, improve instruction, and to establish student individual goals. On testing days, please help your children be prepared by getting a good night's sleep and eating a healthy breakfast.

The annual Parish FallFest is next weekend September 26th and 27th. While things may look a little different this year, there are many fun activities planned and opportunities to participate virtually in our silent auction. See below for more information about the FallFest activities or check out the [FallFest page](#) on the parish website.

This school year, St. John's will be finishing their renewal for Accreditation which is done every 7 years. We are finishing our self study this fall and will be hosting an accreditation team in January 2021. We are accredited by MNSAA (Minnesota Non-Public School Accrediting Association). Look for opportunities to provide feedback and learn more about self study later this fall.

A reminder that district busing will begin for our families starting Monday, September 21st. Students who are registered for this busing should have received a bus pass in the mail or students brought them home this week. Any late registrations or bus stop changes will not be processed until October 1st.

Finally, tomorrow, Friday, September 18th will be our first Spirit Day of this school year. Students may wear a SJB spirit shirt with spirit wear bottoms or uniform bottoms. Tennis shoes (of any color) may also be worn. Usually, we combine our spirit wear Fridays with collections for our St. John's Food Shelf. Due to COVID, the food shelf is unable to be open for normal distribution so we will not be collecting these items this week. We hope to be able to continue this collection soon. If you would like to make a monetary contribution to the food shelf to help with the need when they are able to reopen, you may do so online at <https://stjohnnb.com/give-online/>. Click on the blue DONATE ONLINE button and then choose Food Shelf from the drop-down fund menu. Thank you.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Fall Art Classes are Coming!

Miss Higgins is once again offering after-school art classes. To allow students to space out appropriately, classes are limited to 10 students. To find a list of class options go to the ART section of the school website and print and complete the registration form and return it to the school office with payment (checks may be made to St. John's). Parents will be contacted if the class is full.

[Fall Art Class List](#)

[Registration Form](#)



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SJB Parish News

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-ccf11a624b0a>

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

Youth Group News

Meet the NET team Bonfire!

Saturday, September 19th, 2020 - 7pm in the West Parking Lot

Come meet our NET team, pray the rosary and have some snacks!

Youth Group Kick-off!

Wednesday, September 23rd, 2020 in the Youth Room (if the weather is nice we will try to be outside!)

Middle school - 6:30-8pm

High school - 8-9:30pm

Open Youth Room is BACK!

Thursdays 2:30-4pm starting September 24th

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Please contact Mikayla Anderson, Coordinator of Discipleship for Youth, with any questions!

andersonm@stjohnnyb.org



FallFest Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 24

Noon [Silent Auction](#) opens online

Saturday, September 26, 2020

8:00 AM First Tee Time for the [FallFest Golf Tournament](#), Brightwood Hills, New Brighton.

Click [here](#) to register

4:30 PM Mass in the church

5:30-7:00 PM Pig Roast, takeout only

7:00 PM "Grill the Priest" West Parking Lot and live-streaming on Facebook

Sunday, September 27, 2020

8:30 AM Mass in the church

9:30 AM BOOYA, takeout only

10:30 AM Mass with Polka music in the church

1:00 PM [Silent Auction](#) closes online

1:00 PM Grand Raffle drawing with over \$10,000 in prizes

5:30 PM Mass in the church

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP, CLICK [HERE](#)