

# Principal's Bulletin

## From the Principal



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](#)

Happy Fall! This week fall officially started and I hope everyone has the opportunity to enjoy this great time of year. Thank you for your flexibility with the changes in morning drop off this week due to the addition of district busing. The posters our students made for the funeral of Fridley Fire Chief brought joy and comfort to his family as well as comfort to many fire fighters and first responders. We keep rolling along here at school and working on the virtue of Hope!

FallFest for our parish community is this weekend. There will be a pig roast, "Grill the Priest", online auction, and Booya. Click [here](#) or see below for more information. We hope many of you are able to enjoy and participate in the activities.

The Non-public School Marathon is one of our major fundraising events of the school year. All money raised goes to offset the school operating expenses. This year our school goal is \$45,000.00. Students are asked to collect \$165.00 in pledges for walking, biking, running, etc. from family, friends, or neighbors. There are incentives for students who turn in the \$165.00 as well as those who bring the most money. This year our Marathon will look different due to the current pandemic. We will be holding a kick off on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at school with our students and having a virtual Marathon with your family during the weekend – October 10-11. We ask that you post pictures of your family or students participating by walking, biking, or running a mile or more in your neighborhood on our SJB's Facebook and Instagram (please only post pictures where you are social distancing or wearing masks as needed). The collection dates are the following October 2<sup>nd</sup>, October 9<sup>th</sup>, and October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please note that some employers may match your donation to SJB - it is an easy way to double your donation to St. John's. More information will be coming out next week regarding the Marathon.

Calling all 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Parents – First Sacraments Parent Meeting is September 29<sup>th</sup>. Click [here](#) for more information or to register your child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion.

Picture Day is coming! Lifetouch will be here next Tuesday, September 29th and Wednesday, September 30th for school pictures. Photographers have undergone training in new safety protocols following CDC and OSHA guidelines. We will be photographing students over 2 days according to the following schedule:

- ⇒ Tuesday, 9/29: Students in grades K-3, T/Th Preschool and both the M-F preschool and preK classes
- ⇒ Wednesday, 9/30: Students in grades 4-8, MWF preschool class and distance learners (those families have already been contacted by Dr. Howard for a time slot)

Picture orders will only be done online this year. All students will bring home a flyer with information on ordering or go to

[www.mylifetouch.com](http://www.mylifetouch.com) and use picture ID EVTJGTKV7

Middle School Youth Group is held each Thursday after school from 2:30-4:00pm in the Youth Room. Students in grades 6-8 are invited to attend - masks are required. MSYG is

hosted by the NET Team. NET is a group of young people from around the country who have given a year to St. John's to evangelize and walk with our Middle School students as they encounter Jesus.

MEA is right around the corner. There will be no school on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> or Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Staff will be working on our Accreditation self study document as well as some other items during their staff in service on Thursday. J-care will be open on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> only. The school building will be closed Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> for deep cleaning.

As mentioned previously, our school is preparing for our Accreditation Visit by reviewing and documenting what we do here at St. John's to provide a great education and school experience for your children. This review and visit takes place every seven years and is conducted by other educators. As a part of this we are writing our self study document and reviewing our policies, mission and philosophies, and our curriculum. Last year staff and SAC reviewed and revised our mission statement to better align with our school's broad vision and the parish. Here is our revised mission statement:

***St. John the Baptist Catholic School educates each child in a faith-filled environment by teaching academics, virtues, compassion, discipleship, and the Catholic faith in a JOY-filled community so each child reaches their full potential academically and spiritually. Teach-Make-Go***

If you have any feedback on this new mission statement, please let us know.

We are looking for 2 school parents to join SAC and the Parish Finance Commission.

- ◇ SAC: SAC is a commission made up of school parents with a variety of knowledge/skills that meet once per month as part of the parish commission meetings. During these meetings SAC discusses and advises the principal and pastor on a variety of issues from finance, marketing/enrollment, policy, Catholic identity, and more
- ◇ Parish Finance Commission: The mission of the Parish Finance Commission is to serve as a consultative body. Duties include advising the Pastor in the prudent planning and administration of all parish financial matters and providing guidance when forming policies and procedures. Applicants should have a strong financial background.

Both groups are part of the Parish Commissions and Pastoral Leadership Council. Commission nights are one Tuesday per month and begin with a common meal at 5:30p followed by a worship experience and then the committee meeting. We try to be finished by 7:45/8pm. If you are interested in either of the above opportunities or would like further information, please send an email to me at [lairda@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:lairda@stjohnnyb.org) indicating your interest and qualifications.

Over the next month, our students will be learning about Fr. Michael J. McGivney. Fr. McGivney was an American-born priest who founded the Knights of Columbus and will be beatified on October 31, 2020. You can learn more about Fr. McGivney and this historic Catholic event by clicking [here](#).

COVID Update: Again thank you for all you are doing to help keep us in school by monitoring your child's symptoms and being cautious by keeping them home if they have COVID-like symptoms. This goes a long way in helping mitigate the spread of COVID. Here are a couple of other reminders to assist us in our efforts:

- 1) If someone in your family has been exposed to a positive COVID case and is getting tested, please keep your students home until the test results are known. Contact the school and we will be in touch with next steps for your students. Also, please allow our staff 24 hours (or one full school day) to get books and materials organized for your children so that we continue their learning.
- 2) Masks help mitigate the spread of COVID and they are mandatory for students and staff. Please help us by reviewing the proper way to wear masks – the mask needs to cover both your nose and your mouth.
- 3) Each school COVID positive case is reviewed by the school office, district nurse, and the MDH. The school will contact the school community or classroom parents if there is an exposure risk to our students in the school. If there is no communication from the school, there is no increased risk to your student and they should be in school. If you have concerns about this please contact the school office.

Blessings on your weekend and know that we are a people of hope and strength. Thank you for all your support. Without your cooperation, we would not be in school and we would miss seeing, hearing and being with the students each day.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

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## Fall Art Classes at SJB

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.



**Note: Paint-Poured Coaster Class is FULL**

[Fall Art Class List](#)

[Registration Form](#)

## SJB Parish News

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Wednesday, September 30 will be our next devoted. We warmly welcome you in person and Livestream on our Facebook page. Abbey Martin, a catholic mom and leader of a women's ministry at her parish, will share with us about Being Real in Relationships. Remember with Livestream and being in person, it's easy to invite the women from your life to connect in and be inspired, encouraged, and renewed through devoted.

### CIRCLE OF WOMEN IS BACK! THIS THURSDAY, October 1, ROOM 206, 9:15am

We are SO excited to welcome women of all ages, back together for fellowship, formation and prayer. This year, we will do a weekly video study on the Holy Spirit from the [formed.org](http://formed.org) site called The Wild Goose, to align with the Parish theme of the year, "United in the Holy Spirit". We will practice current protocol from the SJB preparedness plan. Childcare will be offered at limited capacity. There will be a virtual option for women who are unable to be onsite, check your email from Flocknote for details. Any questions? Call Michelle (763.442.4936) or Carrie (612.275.2236). Bring a friend and check it out this Thursday!





## *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****