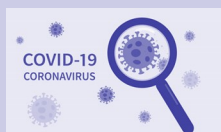


Principal's Bulletin



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 are excited to welcome our students back to school next week! Preschool students will begin their year on Tuesday, September 8th and K-8 students will begin on Wednesday, September 9th.

Tuesday we will welcome K-8 students and families to school to meet your child's teacher. All families should have received an email to sign up for a time slot sometime during the day on Tuesday, September 8th. If you did not receive a sign-up email, please let Joy Thienes in the office know (thienesj@stjohnnyb.org).

Couple things to note about Meet My Teacher Day:

- * We would like all families to enter the school through Door # 7 (Gym entrance)
- * We ask all parents and students to wear masks and practice social distancing.
- * Please check in with office staff in the school gym
 - ◆ Pick up/pay for pencil pouches if you ordered them
 - ◆ Drop off any medications, paperwork, etc.
 - ◆ Purchase a new accordion folder if needed - \$15 each (new students and all 3rd grade students are provided an accordion folder)
 - ◆ Information on parish youth activities and sacraments
- * Proceed to classroom
- * Please be aware of time. Each meet & greet is 10 minutes in length.

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 pleased to announce that Mr. Adam Kiwus has joined us at SJB and will be a 4th grade teacher. Mr. Kiwus will be teaching 4th grade math and social studies. Our previous 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Gillard, will be taking a leave of absence for this school year. We are also happy to have Mrs. Sara Frankson, our Mounds View nurse, at St. John's for 3 hours per day. We are looking to hire an additional person for the remaining 3-4 hours per day to have a consistent presence in the health office each day.

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.

Due to the recent announcement from the Mounds View School District regarding their decision to begin the school year with distance learning, there will be no district busing available to our families to begin the school year. When MV begins in-person learning, the district busing will then be available for our families. Parents of students within the district will need to provide transportation to/from school until this happens. For those in the Blaine area, we are checking on the options for our charter bus and will let you know next week if this decision affects that option.

Please remember to visit our [COVID page](#) on the St. John's website for the latest information about school reopening, procedures, and other important details.

Have a wonderful long holiday weekend! We look forward to seeing you next week to begin the 2020-2021 school year!

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 13th. 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.