

Principal's Bulletin

From the Principal

HAPPY OCTOBER!

During October, we honor Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Heavenly Mother. Each morning during this month, we will pray a decade of the Rosary during morning announcements. We begin each school day with prayer along with the Pledge of Allegiance. It is a wonderful way to start each morning - joining together in thanking God and asking Him to be with us and guide us each day.

As we begin a new month, we also begin learning and practicing a new virtue. During the month of October, our virtue is Studiousness. Studiousness is developing the habit of seeking knowledge to grow closer to TRUTH. We ask our students to practice this virtue every day in school, but we also want to practice this virtue in non-academic areas as well. There are many great thinkers in the Church. Check some of them out. Our students will be learning about St. Albert the Great, St Thomas Aquinas, and St. Edith Stein.

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 9th 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). We are moving the start of the collection dates out one week to the following Wednesdays: October 7th, October 14th, and October 21st. 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 going home with your students tomorrow.

There will be no school for all students in preschool through grade 8 on Thursday, October 15th or Friday, October 16th for MEA break. 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 15th only. The entire school building will be closed Friday, October 16th for deep cleaning.

COVID UPDATE: 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 or if someone in your family has been exposed. This goes a long way in helping mitigate the spread of COVID and we are appreciative of your efforts to help keep our students physically in school. Here are a couple of other reminders to



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

[SJB COVID INFORMATION](#)

IMPORTANT LINKS

[October Lunch Menu](#)

J-CARE

Thursday, Oct. 15th

TRICK - OR - TREAT DAY

Hours of Operation:

7:00AM – 6:00PM

Pre-registration required by Friday, Oct. 9th

Contact [Alison Wacek](#)



J-CARE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

assist us in our efforts:

- * Masks should be worn over your nose and mouth. Our students have been doing a great job of this and we thank you for reinforcing this at home.
- * St. John's will notify you if there is a risk of exposure or positive case that directly impacts our students. We will do this after confirming the risk with MDH. If we do not notify you, then there is no greater risk than normal.

A reminder that tomorrow is school spirit day!

Blessings on you and your family this weekend.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal



**Would you like to reduce YOUR cost for tuition?
Support SJB financially without spending more cash out of your pocket?**

Experience the right way to fundraise

Gift card fundraising is the best way to raise money for our organization. Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to earn on your daily purchases. It's never been easier to create opportunities for what matters most to you. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted.

How it works:

Raise money by purchasing gift cards at face value

Shop 750+ top brands and immediately earn up to 20% on every gift card you buy. You can easily raise \$1,000 or more every year. Buy the gift card at face value, and the brand rebates a percentage to SJB. 75% of your rebate is credited to your tuition for next year (All purchases through May 31, 2021 will be credited to 2021-22 tuition prior to billing for that year). The remaining 25% fund SJB school.

Use gift cards at full value for your daily purchases

Earnings come from brands, not from your pocket, so gift cards are worth every penny. Raise money simply by doing everyday things—like grabbing your morning coffee or ordering dinner for the family. Groceries and gas are great ways to drive your savings.

How to get started

Create an account on the RaiseRight app or at [ShopWithScrip.com](https://www.shopwithscrip.com) using our organization's enrollment code: **16LD-CL34399L9**

New payment options have been added

Seamlessly check out and receive eGift cards faster by securely paying online with a linked bank account (\$ 0.15 per order) or use a credit card (2.6% additional fee per order) to double dip on CC rewards PLUS rebates. Our program does not accept any direct payment for SCRIP.

E-gift cards are great, but what about physical gift cards?

While E-gift cards are available almost instantly, and most merchants will scan them on your phone and do not require a paper printout, sometimes you just need a physical card in hand. Physical cards are ordered in the same way as e-cards. Due to shipping costs, delivery of physical cards is limited to approximately once per month, unless volume requires additional deliveries. Once received, your order will be distributed from SJB. **We will close the first batch of physical cards at midnight, Sunday October 18 for pick-up/delivery on Friday October 23.**

Families have saved hundreds of dollars and contributed hundreds more over the years. I hope you can join in.

Have questions? Contact: Christine Reynolds – HeyStine@comcast.net