

# Principal's Bulletin

## From the Principal

HAPPY HALLOWEEN AND ALL SAINTS' DAY! As we come to the end of October and begin November, I want to express my gratitude to all our parents, students, and staff for their commitment to making this school year the best it can be during this time. THANK YOU! I will continue to keep all of you in my prayers.

Halloween/All Saints' class parties will be held tomorrow, Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all the families who have sent in treats, crafts or activities for the parties. Tomorrow will also be a non-uniform day. Students should wear Halloween colors (orange, black) or in appropriate Halloween-themed clothes. Jeans or sweatpants are okay to wear.

Join other parish families on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:00-2:30pm for our St. John's Parish and School's ALL SAINTS' DAY Celebration. Students should come dressed as their favorite Saint and there will be a parade through the west parking lot followed by Saint Bingo and a craft. See below for more information.

The virtue for the month of November is HUMILITY. Humility is accepting your limitations and appreciating your gifts and those of others. This is an extremely important virtue and one we can all work on. Some saints we are studying in connection with this virtue are St. John the Baptist (our patron saint), St. Pio of Pietrelcina, and St. Therese of Lisieux.

As we have seen in recent days, the weather in Minnesota is unpredictable at best! Please note that students will go out to recess unless it is raining or the temperature including the wind chill is below zero. Make sure your children are dressed for the weather - including boots and snow pants when necessary.

As previously communicated, Monday, November 23 and Tuesday, November 24 will be Distance Learning Days for students in grades K-8 (Preschool students will have normal classes these two days). Distance Learning will take place in the morning and then teachers will be available in the afternoon, from 1:00 - 8:00pm for conferences. For our K-8 conferences, you will have option to meet in person with your child's teacher or online via Zoom. We will send out a sign-up document tomorrow and will allow families with 3 or more students in grades K-8 to sign up first - watch your emails for sign-up information. Conferences are a great time to check in with your child's teachers to see how he/she is doing and we ask all parents to meet with your child's teacher during this time, however please reach out to your child's teacher at anytime if you have any questions or concerns.

As you may be aware, some metro school districts are preparing to move schooling online due to the rising numbers of COVID cases in the state. St. John's is committed to in-person learning as long as we are safely able to do so. We will only move to distance learning if our confirmed COVID case numbers within the school rise significantly, consultation with medical professionals and the MDH advise us to make that move, or a Governor mandate is issued.

Finally, grab your favorite beverage and snack for an evening Zoom session with other parents from St. John's! The first portion of the session will be for questions with the principal or other administrative staff, and the rest of the evening will be a time to get



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

[SJB COVID INFORMATION](#)

### SJB Spirit Wear Store Now Open Online

Our next online spirit wear store is **OPEN NOW** through November 9th. The link and access code for the store are below.

Link: <https://www.bsnteamsports.com/>

Access Code: SJBSPRIT2

Deliveries should arrive around mid-December.

Questions?

Contact [Mr. Kevin Miley](#)

to know other parents from your child's class. Pop in for an opportunity to meet new families and see each other without masks on! A zoom link will be sent within 24 hours of each event. We hope you can join us!

Grade	Day	Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Wednesday, November 4 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Wednesday, November 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Thursday, November 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Thursday, November 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:00pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Monday, November 9 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm
6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Monday, November 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:00pm

As always, thank you for all your support. We appreciate all you do to make sure we can continue in-person learning at St. John's. Have a wonderful weekend!

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

## J-Care Notification - IMPORTANT change to morning procedures

Due to the earlier drop-off this year, the need for morning J-Care from our families has essentially been non-existent. From a budgeting and staffing standpoint, we will now be going to a **sign-up based** morning registration starting Monday, November 2nd.

In order to utilize morning J-Care, you **MUST** sign-up using the [Morning J-Care form](#) by **NOON** the day before care is needed. This will allow us to staff more efficiently. This form may also be found on the J-Care section of the school website.



If you sign-up and do not attend, you will be charged the session fee. Please contact Alison Wacek with any questions or concerns at [waceka@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:waceka@stjohnnyb.org).

## All Saints Day - Coloring Contest Winners

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
KG	Molly C.	Matthew P.	Litzzy B.
Grade 1	Emma P.	Lea W.	Norah C.
Grade 2	Isabella E.	Quinn F.	Stella G.
Grade 3	Elliana R.	Aliana S.	Morgan W.
Grade 4	Anthony M.	Jacob A.	Addison P.
Grade 5	Gabriella E.	Riana S.	Theo L.
Grade 6	Amelia W.	Sarah Y.	Jessica K.
Grade 7	Ayla P.	Maria R.	Zaley S.
Grade 8	Clara M.	Abby S.	Maddie P.

Congratulations to the winners of our All Saints' Day Coloring Contest!

All our students did a wonderful job on their pictures - it was difficult to choose just 3 per grade!

See below for pictures of some of our winning entries.



## Shop with SCRIP

Want to Reduce Your Student's SJB Tuition Cost? Learn how SCRIP can help! Join in on a PTO Zoom Talk that will explain the SCRIP program at St. John's

When: November 11, 2020

Time: 7:30-8:30 pm



Please join our Scrip coordinators to learn about how to reduce tuition costs while earning money for St. John the Baptist School - all at no cost to you!

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 260 965 2601

Passcode: 416940

## Used Clothing Drive November 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

Save your gently used clothing for our St. John's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip Fundraiser. Students will be collecting any clean, gently used clothing, shoes, towels and linens you may have on Monday & Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. As you transition those closets from summer to winter – bring in those donations for our students to use in the clothing drive as they work to raise funds for their Washington D.C. Trip! (If you have any questions, contact Rita Arndorfer at [arndorferr@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:arndorferr@stjohnnyb.org) or 651-402-4377)



## Poinsettia Sale

Are you looking to add a little Christmas color to your home? The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is selling poinsettia plants to raise money for their upcoming trip to Washington D.C.



Plants are available in pink, white, or red in sizes 4.5" (\$10), 6.5" (\$15), and 8.5" (\$25). Order forms may be found on the Harvest Table in the church plaza or at the school office beginning on November 4<sup>th</sup> – or you may order directly from a student and coordinate delivery from them! Orders and payment will be accepted through Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at either the school office (Monday-Friday 7:30am-3:30pm) or the welcome desk in the church plaza.

If you do not order directly from a student, plants will be available for pick-up on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 pm-4:00pm, Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> after the 4:30 pm mass or Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30am and 10:30am masses in St. Joe's hall. If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Dowell ([mjdowell05@gmail.com](mailto:mjdowell05@gmail.com) or 763-439-4640).

# SJB Parish News

JOIN SJB FOR A NEW

# ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY

COME DRESSED UP AS YOUR FAVORITE SAINT

## All Saints' Day Parade

Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> on All Saints Day we will host an All Saints' Day Parade of saints! We invite children of all ages to dress up as a saint and gather in the West Parking Lot at 1:00pm. We will get lined up and parade around the parking lot led by one of the NET team playing the guitar to "Oh When the Saints Go Marching In". (Start practicing the song now so you are ready to go!) Kids dressed up as a saint can enter into a raffle by age group. All children will receive a goody bag created with safety protocols. We will have an area decorated for photos. Unless weather permits, we will be outside for this portion of the event so you should have a costume that can be worn on the outside of your coat if needed.

After that, join us inside for saint bingo and a craft. Inside activities will be limited in size to follow COVID protocols and only one family will sit together at a table to provide social distancing. Costumes and jackets may be taken off for this portion of the event. The entire event will run from 1-2:30pm but families can choose to do only the outside portion of the event. Warm beverages and light snacks will be available for purchase from our SJB 8<sup>th</sup>

grade class to raise money for their Washington, D.C. trip Questions? Email [livermontj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:livermontj@stjohnnyb.org)

## devoted - Join us November 18th

Thank you to all the ladies that joined us for devoted last Wednesday both in person and via the Facebook livestream. Save the date for our next gathering on Wednesday, November 18th. Chris Kostelc will present on Getting Ready for Advent.





Molly - Kindergarten



Emma - Grade 1



Isabella - Grade 2

ALL SAINTS



# Saints Day Coloring Contest

ALL SAINTS



Elliana - Grade 3



Anthony - Grade 4



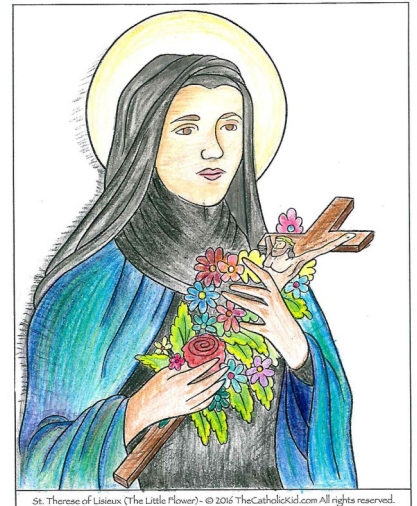
Gabriella - Grade 5



Amelia - Grade 6



Ayla - Grade 7



Clara - Grade 8

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