

# Principal's Bulletin

## From the Principal

There has certainly been a flurry of activity this past week! We are grateful for everyone's understanding, support and flexibility as we moved some of our students to temporary distance learning. We are so appreciative of how our teachers have responded to the needs of all our students, however, we ask that you only utilize the distance learning option when necessary. If you would like to talk about distance learning for an extended period of time for your child, please contact me and I will get you further information on the process.

You may have heard that the Mounds View School District will be moving all their students to a distance learning format by the end of next week. **We are happy to let you know that they will still provide district busing to those families who live in the area** even though their students will be online. This is a wonderful blessing for our families.

November 23-24 will be half-day distance learning days for all our students. More information will come out next week on how this will look for our students (including a signup for devices). Parent-teacher conferences will also take place on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 23-24. Please make sure to sign up on the [school website](#) if you haven't already. If you need to change your location preference (zoom vs in-person), please email Michelle Barsness to make the change.

Each fall, we host a Scholastic Book Fair where students are able to purchase books during Media time at school. The in-person sales will take place during classes the week of November 16th along with a make-up day of November 20th for those students quarantining right now. The online sale has already begun! Go to [SJB Book Fair 2020](#). For those sending checks, please note that there is no tax added to any purchases.

There has been a slight change to the lunch menu on both Wednesday and Friday of next week. The updated main menu items have been changed to the following:

- Wednesday will be a Turkey and Cheese Sandwich
- Friday will be French Toast Sticks

As you might imagine, we go through several containers of disinfectant wipes each week at school since we are frequently wiping down surfaces. When you are out picking up items for yourselves, if the store you are at has disinfectant wipes, please consider picking up a container and sending it with your child to school to help us keep a good supply available for us. We appreciate any assistance you can give us with this endeavor! Thank you!

For those who missed the first date or who would like a retake, Lifetouch will be back to St. John's on Wednesday, December 2nd. More details will follow for those who want to participate in this picture retake day.

Finally, for our weekly COVID reminders:

- If you or an immediate family member have been exposed to COVID-19 or are ill



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

[SJB COVID INFORMATION](#)

If your child is sick or will be missing school for any reason or if you have questions as to whether they should stay home or for how long, please contact one of the following:

School Office - Joy Thienes:  
[thienesj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:thienesj@stjohnnyb.org)  
651-633-1522 x1118

Attendance line/School Nurse - Sara Frankson  
[franksons@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:franksons@stjohnnyb.org)  
651-633-1522 x 1119

with symptoms and are tested, please keep your children home until results are known.

- Students who have been exposed to a positive case need to stay home for the full 14 days whether they test negative or not. The reason is that it can take up to 14 days for symptoms to develop.

Please contact the school and we will help you navigate the COVID-19 protocols. If in doubt, keep your child home until you speak with the school.

Thank you for all you help in keeping our student in school. Enjoy your weekend!

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

## Give to the MAX Day - November 19th



Give to the Max Day is November 19th, but you can give all month long! This year, all money raised will go towards the cost of new iPads for grades K-2 and technology needs throughout our building. Visit our site for more information! Thank you in advance for your generosity!

## J-Care

Due to the earlier drop-off this year, the need for morning J-Care from our families has essentially been non-existent, therefore, we have changed to a **sign-up based** morning registration which means 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. If you sign-up and do not attend, you will be charged the session fee. This form may also be found on the J-Care section of the SJB website.



**J-Care on distance learning days:** On Monday, November 23, and Tuesday, November 24, St. John's will be holding two "practice" distance learning days. These days are meant to be spent at home helping your child and learning how online learning might work, however, J-Care will be available to those families who have essential workers in their households. Essential workers are defined as those who work in the following professions:

- Healthcare and public health
- Law enforcement, public safety and first responders
- Food and agriculture
- Judicial Branch (essential services)
- National Guard (activated under a Governor Executive Order)
- Educators in pre-K through grade 12 settings
- School staff caring for children of critical workers or child care and school-age care providers

If you fall under one of these categories and need care, please fill out the form found on the SJB website: [SJB J-Care](#)

J-Care will be closed Wednesday, November 25th for deep cleaning.

Questions or concerns? Please contact Alison Wacek at [waceka@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:waceka@stjohnnyb.org).

## 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)



### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington D.C. Poinsettia Fundraiser Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

	Red	White	Pink	Total	Amount
4.5 in \$10.00					
6.5 in \$15.00					
8.5 in \$25.00					

All orders are due November 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Checks payable to St. John the Baptist

Pick up:  
Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 2:30-4:00pm  
Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> after 4:30pm mass  
Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> after 8:30 and 10:30 masses

## 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). The order form is shown to the left or 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).



**Save the Date!**

### Breakfast with St. Nick

Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00am – Noon

St. Joe's Hall in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, New Brighton

Breakfast will include pre-packaged muffins & fruit with your choice of juice, hot cocoa, water, or coffee.

St. Nick will be available for pictures and interactions with children – while wearing his mask! Free coloring & table activities available. Reindeer food available for purchase.



# SJB Parish News



## Core Commitment at SJB

We continue to navigate through this challenging and divisive year and we ask the Holy Spirit to unite us. May the Holy Spirit unite us by confirming our hearts to be more like Christ's through our prayer. May the Holy Spirit enlighten our minds to see like Christ. May the Holy Spirit align our wills with Christ, that we may always act in union with him. Check out the videos below as we begin the **Core Commitment 2021** and pledge to live out our core values this coming year!

Week 1: [United in the Holy Spirit](#)    Week 2: [The Willmert Family](#)    Week 3: [The Neu Family](#)

## devoted - all women welcome!

Next Wednesday, November 18th will be our monthly gathering of women, called **devoted**. We will warmly welcome you in-person at 7:45pm in St. Joseph Hall and through our livestream on Facebook at 8:05pm. Join us for a little wine, a little chocolate, and some time to be restored. All women of the parish from all walks of life are welcome! The November presentation will be *Getting Ready for Advent* by Chris Kostelc.



## Annual Turkey Dinner



**NOVEMBER 15**

**9:30am - 1:30pm** or until gone  
**\$12 adult \$5 child**

### What would November be without a Turkey dinner?

Our annual turkey dinner will be held on November 15th, but due to COVID-19 restrictions, it will be **take out only**.

Click to **PREORDER YOUR DINNER**

**Volunteers are needed!** Signup after all Masses this weekend or contact

Stephanie Waite at [sjw576@gmail.com](mailto:sjw576@gmail.com) or

Rita Arndorfer at [arndorferr@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:arndorferr@stjohnnyb.org).

**Apple and Pumpkin Pies Needed** - Due to health regulations, only store-bought pies please. Drop your pie off on November 13 or 14.