

Principal's Bulletin

From the Principal

Happy Thanksgiving!

As we enter our THANKSGIVING BREAK we are so grateful for all of you. We have had eleven weeks of in-person learning except for a couple of classes. This is due to the collaboration of staff who are teaching in person while also providing online learning and students and parents who are being flexible and supportive so that we can continue in-person learning. Next Monday and Tuesday we will have our practice distance learning days for students in grades K-8. Our goal for these two days is to make sure both our students and staff are able to use distance learning tools effectively in the event we need to do so in the future. We then will return to in-person learning on Monday, November 30th for three weeks before we break for Christmas.

In order for us to have three weeks of successful in-person learning we ask that our families follow the guidelines recently outlined by Governor Walz in his executive order to help slow down the rapidly increasing spread of COVID-19 throughout our state. This executive order includes pausing entertainment venues and youth sports. It also prohibits in-person social gatherings with individuals outside your household. With Thanksgiving next week, please be aware of these guidelines and if you are traveling or spending time with extended family and friends, please consider choosing distance learning for your children the week following the holiday to isolate any potential exposure. At the very least, please be vigilant about any symptoms that you or your children may develop and keep your children home if any develop. We appreciate your help with this so that we can continue to offer in-person learning for our students.

Yesterday was Give to the Max Day! Thank you to all who donated - we are so grateful for your support of St. John's School. This year, all money raised will go towards the cost of new iPads for grades K-2 and technology needs throughout our building. If you missed yesterday's donation window, it's not too late. You may still visit our site through the end of November. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

<https://www.givemn.org/organization/Stjohnnyb>

A reminder that Monday, November 23 and Tuesday, November 24 are Distance Learning half days for grades K-8. Parent-Teacher conferences will also take place those days in the afternoon.

Advent begins Sunday, November 29th. During this time, we try to slow down and spend time preparing for the coming of Jesus. Consider doing something to prepare your heart for Him and celebrate His birth. This year for our Advent service project, we are partnering with Sharing and Caring Hands and Mary's Place, focusing on living out a generous spirit. We are asking students to bring in a new, unwrapped toy or gift. Please see below for more details. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Troxel at troxelb@stjohnnyb.org.

From all of us at St. John the Baptist, we wish all our families a wonderful Thanksgiving. It is truly a blessing to be a part of this wonderful faith and school community.

Gratefully,

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal



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

[SJB COVID INFORMATION](#)



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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

651-633-1522 x1118

Attendance line/School

Nurse - Sara Frankson

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SJB Parish News



Core Commitment at SJB

Committed to being a NEW BRIGHT light in 2021!

We are NEW BRIGHTon. When we commit to Jesus Christ and follow him by relying on prayer, being willing to grow, and living out of a generous spirit, we reflect a NEW BRIGHT light in 2021! This weekend is Core Commitment weekend and we invite you to commit to living in union with Christ. Together, "United in the Holy Spirit," we reflect the light of Christ in our dark and confusing world. We ask the Holy Spirit to conform our hearts, enlighten our minds, and align our wills with Christ's. He is the Light of the World, and we are invited to participate in reflecting that light to others. Thank you for your commitment to Jesus Christ and our wonderful parish! Please fill out the commitment form online by clicking [here](#) or return your completed form in the collection basket this weekend. Check out the below video highlighting the Anosike family who have 4 children in our school. They live out the Core Values and are a BRIGHT light to those around them!

Week 4: [The Anosike Family](#)

If you've missed any of the previous week's videos:

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

Sock and Underwear Drive

Dignity Starts with the basics.

We are collecting
 white socks
 boxer shorts
 t-shirts
 women's underwear
 thermal underwear (lg. size)

Place your items in the BLUE BINS located in the PLAZA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
 1:00-2:00PM

O COME LET US ADORE HIM

FAMILY ADVENT MUSIC AND REFLECTION

PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR JESUS

Advent gift for all families.



SJB Advent Service Project

This year St. John's is working with Sharing and Caring Hands and Mary's Place. We are holding a Toy/Gift Drive throughout Advent, focusing on living out a generous spirit.

We ask students to bring in a new, unwrapped gift valued at no more than \$20. The toy/gift should be something your child would enjoy receiving for Christmas.

Please avoid gifts that require batteries, video games or contain many pieces.

Cash donations will also be accepted in lieu of toy/gift.

All gifts should be turned in to the students' homeroom teachers by Thursday, December 17th.

Thank you and God Bless

Any questions— contact Mrs. Troxel at troxelb@stjohnnyb.org

