

Principal's Bulletin

From the Principal

Blessings on this wonderful Friday in November! November is a month to think about all the wonderful blessings in our lives. Here at St. John's we are so grateful for our wonderful students, supportive parents, and awesome staff. It is truly a blessing to be a part of this wonderful faith and school community.

Here are some things going on at SJB next week:

- Middle School NET Retreat: Our middle school students will be having an in-school retreat with our NET TEAM on Tuesday, November 10th. The purpose of this retreat is to help them develop a deeper relationship with Christ.
- Veteran's Day - November 11th: We are so grateful for all those who serve or have served our country. We appreciate their sacrifices and commitment to helping to continue the freedoms we experience in this country. On this day we thank all Veterans, but especially those within our St. John's community - parents, grandparents, alumni and extended family and friends. Thank you!
- Poinsettia Sales: Our 8th graders take a Spring trip to Washington DC to enhance their understanding of our history and government as well as to see some cool places and have some fun. This year, their trip is scheduled for mid-May and they are having a number of fundraising events to help fund their trip. The 1st one this month is the Poinsettia Sale beginning Monday, November 9th until Thursday, November 19th. These Poinsettias are well worth the money and help out our students. See below for more information and the order form.
- Scholastic Book Fair: 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, but the online sale begins next week on Thursday, November 12th. Go to [SJB Book Fair 2020](#).

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!

A reminder to families that the morning drop-off time for students is from 7:20am - 7:50am. At 7:50am, the outside doors are closed and anyone arriving after this time should drive to the office door side of the building. Students will need to stop in at the school office to have their temperature checked and to sign up for lunch. Thank you for ensuring your students get to school on time and are ready to begin their day!

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. If you have not signed up for a conference time with your child's teacher, please do so now by clicking [HERE](#). Please note on the sign up if you would like to meet in-person at St. John's or virtually via Zoom.



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](#)

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, as the number of COVID cases rise throughout the Twin Cities and elsewhere, we need everyone to continue to be cautious and diligent. Continue to follow the guidelines given by the [Minnesota Department of Health Decision Tree](#). We understand the frustration with the protocols, but we are at a critical point and **need everyone's help** to ensure we can continue in-person learning. Keep your children home when they are ill. If there is a known exposure or a test pending for a family member or close contact, keep your child home until the results are known. **Do NOT give your child medications in the morning to mask their symptoms (cough medicines, fever reducers, etc.).** If you have any questions about whether a symptom or scenario warrants keeping your child home, please reach out to the school office or our school nurse, Sara Frankson. **If in doubt, keep your child home and contact us.** If you have an exposure, potential exposure or an ill child, please let us know. Notify the school office (thienesj@stjohnnyb.org 651-633-1522 x1118) or attendance line/School Nurse (franksons@stjohnnyb.org 651-633-1522 x 1119). Thank you for your help in allowing us to continue in-person learning at SJB.

Enjoy this lovely long weekend.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Feed My Neighbor

We are happy to announce Feed My Neighbor is Back! Starting next Friday, November 13th students are encouraged to bring in a donation for the St. John's Food Shelf on School Spirit days. All non-perishable food items, personal hygiene items and cleaning and paper products are accepted. Some items that are in greater need right now are canned fruit, helper meals, sweetened breakfast cereals and spaghetti sauce, but all donations will be welcomed and appreciated!



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!

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

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.

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 16th & 17th

Save your gently used clothing for our St. John's 8th Grade Class Trip Fundraiser. Students will be collecting any clean, gently used clothing, shoes, towels and linens you may have on Monday & Tuesday, November 16th & 17th. 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 or 651-402-4377)



Poinsettia Sale

Are you looking to add a little Christmas color to your home? The 8th 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 4th – or you may order directly from a student and coordinate delivery from them! Orders and payment will be accepted through Thursday, November 19th 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 4th from 2:30 pm-4:00pm, Saturday, December 5th after the 4:30 pm mass or Sunday, December 6th 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 or 763-439-4640).



8th 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 19th.
Checks payable to St. John the Baptist

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



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](#)

Catholic Watchmen - an Invitation to our Dads

Attention all men! Here's an opportunity to get to know other school dad's. All men are invited to join us for the next Watchmen gathering at 6:30 pm next Thursday, November 12th in St. Joseph's Hall. Join us for a delicious chili feed, a presentation by Father Paul on how we are called to live empowered by the Holy Spirit and then we will close with an opportunity for prayer and confession. Contact Fr. Paul with any questions: frshovelain@stjohnnyb.org



Annual Turkey Dinner TO GO



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 or

Rita Arndorfer at 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.