

# Principal's Bulletin

## From the Principal

### HAPPY 2<sup>ND</sup> WEEK OF ADVENT!



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

As we wrap up the second week of Advent and enter the third, we are again reminded to "make straight the way of the Lord" (Jn1) and prepare for His coming. So let us be patient and spend time with the Lord.

We have one week of school left before Christmas break for our K-8 grade students. The last day of school for students in grade K-8 is Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Preschool will be open for regular classes on Monday, December 21 and Tuesday, December 22. Students in grades K-8 will return for distance learning the week of January 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and then we plan to be back for in-person learning on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. More information will be sent home early next week so you will know what expect during that distance learning week in January and can request devices if necessary.

Here are some items we want you to be aware of:

- \* Grades 3-8 will have an opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation next week in preparation for Christmas.
- \* Our students have been busy recording their Christmas songs over the last two weeks since we are unable to host our annual Christmas Program in person. Look for their audio recording coming to you before Christmas.
- \* A reminder that we are still collecting new, unwrapped toy or gift for Sharing and Caring Hands and Mary's Place for our Advent Service Project. All donations should be in by Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Please see below for more details. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Troxel at [troxelb@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:troxelb@stjohnnyb.org).
- \* December 18<sup>th</sup> will be an out of uniform day for our students. Students should come dressed in Christmas colors (red or green) or an appropriate Christmas-themed shirt. Jeans are okay for students to wear.

First trimester report cards are now available on [Educate](#). Usernames and passwords were sent at the beginning of the school year – if you need the information resent, please email Michelle Barsness at [barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org). Please note: World Languages (K-8) and middle school electives (6-8) are not currently part of the schedule so there will be no grades noted for those areas. If these courses return, grades will be shown for subsequent trimesters. If we are unable to bring these back for the year, the areas will be taken off the final report card. Below are directions for accessing your child's report card:

- **From a mobile device:** Log on to Educate, and click on the "Menu" at the top. Click on "School" and then click on "Students." Each of your child(ren) attending SJB should be listed. Click on your child's name, and then click on "Report Cards."
- **From a computer:** Log on to Educate, and click on "School" in the top left corner. Click on "Students," and each of your child(ren) attending SJB should be listed. Click on your child's name, and then click on "Report Cards."

We are finishing up our MNSAA accreditation self study document and preparing for

our visit in January. Look for more information on this accreditation in future bulletins.

### COVID Update:

This week, we had a confirmed case of COVID-19 in one of our first grade classrooms. After contact tracing and in consultation with our team, we have moved the class and those determined to be close-contacts on the district bus to distance learning through the end of next week.

We are aware of the updates from the CDC and the MDH to the COVID quarantine timeline. We are researching and working with the Mounds View Health team to determine what this might mean for St. John's. At this time, MDH still strongly recommends the full 14-day quarantine for an exposure to a positive case, therefore, we are continuing with that approach at St. John's for now. We will continue to review the new guidelines over the next several weeks and any potential changes to that decision will be made and communicated after Christmas break.

As we look to Christmas break, please review the information regarding travel that we had in our last Principal's Bulletin: Currently, MDH recommends individuals quarantine for 14 days upon returning from any travel out of state or out of country, so we ask that any students who travel during the next several weeks choose distance learning when they return until they complete the 14 days. Please communicate this with your child's teacher and the school office. Click [here](#) for the MDH travel information.

Thank you again for all your diligence and sacrifice to us to be able to keep our students in school for in-person learning. Despite a couple of blips, we have been fortunate to have had most our students in school for thirteen weeks. That is thanks to all of you for adhering to the current guidelines and protocols.

Continued blessings to you and your family.

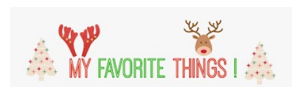
Ms. Ann Laird, Principal


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## J-CARE SCHOOL RELEASE DAYS: DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 22<sup>ND</sup> AND 23<sup>RD</sup>

HOURS OF OPERATION: 7:30-4:30PM PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>

**Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> – ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS** – Come celebrate Christmas with J-Care. We'll be listening to Christmas music, making ornaments/decorations, and enjoying a Christmas snack.



 **Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> – GINGERBREAD HOUSE DAY** – Gingerbread houses are a holiday favorite. J-Care will be trimming gingerbread houses with piped icing, chocolate, candy canes, and gumdrops.

**Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> – HOLIDAY MOVIE DAY** – Wear your comfy clothes and bring your blanket and pillows cuz we're chillin' at J-Care. We'll be watching our favorite holiday movies and enjoying treats.



Register ONLINE by Wednesday, December 16th: [J-Care December Release Days Registration](#)

**J-CARE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH FRIDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

Contact Alison Wacek at [waceka@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:waceka@stjohnnyb.org) or 651-633-1522 x 1127 for questions

# SJB Parish News



## Advent Adoration in the North Parking Lot Thursday's leading up to Christmas

**December 17**

5:00-8:00pm

5:00pm Rosary with Benediction

6:00pm Evening Prayer with Benediction

7:00pm Praise and Worship

Music with Benediction

Stay for a 1/2 hour or an hour

Park facing south where Jesus will be on the altar of the manger

Sound will be broadcast on

91.7 FM so you can participate from your vehicle



[ADVENT ADORATION ROSARY GUIDE](#)

[ADVENT ADORATION EVENING PRAYER GUIDE](#)

[ADVENT ADORATION PRAISE AND WORSHIP GUIDE](#)

## Going Deeper with the 1%

Four groups will be meeting throughout Advent online via Zoom to

- ◇ Discover Jesus
- ◇ Connect with other parishioners during this time of additional restrictions.
- ◇ Learn from others while learning how to pray with Scripture.
- ◇ Find encouragement to make it through Advent, keeping your commitment to pray.

## How you spend your Advent will determine how you begin the new year!

Tues. Mornings 9:30-11 am  
Going Deeper with the 1%  
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[us02web.zoom.us/j/8741...](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8741...)

Meeting ID: 874 1211 8720

Passcode: cfpj5

Wed. Mornings 9:30-10:30 am  
Going Deeper with the 1%  
Variety of Leaders

[us02web.zoom.us/j/8627...](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8627...)

Meeting ID: 862 7294 9793

Passcode: wEteF2

Tues Evenings 7:30-9 pm  
Going Deeper with the 1%  
Sue Jensen

[us04web.zoom.us/j/7661...](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7661...)

Meeting ID: 766 1317 5320

Passcode: nVN3VV

Wed Evenings 7-8:30 pm  
Going Deeper with the 1%  
Rob Jensen

[us02web.zoom.us/j/8170...](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8170...)

Meeting ID: 817 0298 3999

Passcode: SGG4JJ

## Community News



### SPRING LAKE PARK YOUTH LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Come play the fastest sport on two feet!

Join us in learning how to **PASS, CATCH, CRADLE** and have a **BLAST PLAYING LACROSSE**. SLPYLA has joined the Great Northern Lacrosse League's (GNLL) 2021 Spring Field Season which provides a fun, safe and supportive environment where youth associations and their teams compete, learn and grow.

2021 **SPRING SEASON REGISTRATION INFORMATION** available at [www.springlakeparklacrosse.org](http://www.springlakeparklacrosse.org)

# 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](mailto:troxelb@stjohnnyb.org)

