

Principal's Bulletin

From the Principal

HAPPY ADVENT! PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD AND MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATH

We loved welcoming our students back after Thanksgiving Break. We hope you all had a wonderful break and enjoyed your time together. We have about two more weeks left before Christmas break and we hope everyone continues to stay healthy.

Advent, meaning to come to or to arrive, is the season of preparation for the coming of Jesus. We use this time to prepare our minds, souls, and hearts for His birth. It is also a time for us to grow in our relationship with Him. Some ways our students will be preparing for Him is through Mass, Advent Service Project, practicing the virtue of PATIENCE (waiting or enduring without complaint), sacrament of reconciliation, and prayer. Here are some ways you can join in:

- * Advent Adoration from 5-8pm on Thursdays during December (12/3,12/10, 12/17) in the Gym parking lot. Come for ½ hour or the whole time. See below for more information.
- * Family Adoration, Advent music and reflection on Sunday, December 6th from 1:00-2:00pm. This is an Advent gift for all families to help prepare your hearts for Jesus!
- * Practice the virtue of PATIENCE as a family. It is something we can all work towards and as we prepare for Christmas. This is a wonderful time to live it out.

Next week, December 7-11, we will host the SJB CHRISTMAS SHOPPE. This is a fun, but optional, opportunity for our students to buy gifts for loved ones. There are a variety of items ranging from \$1 - \$10 with most items between \$5-\$8. We will have classes come in small groups throughout the week to quickly shop. Please contact your child's teacher or the school office if you have any questions. If any of our distance learning students would like to participate and shop, volunteers will be available Monday through Thursday from 4:30-5:30pm to help your child shop. Please contact Joy Thienes in the school office at thienesj@stjohnnyb.org to schedule a time for your student to come in.

Tuesday, December 8th is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Due to our COVID health and safety protocols, our students will be attending Mass at two different times. Middle School students will attend at the regular 8:30am Mass time and our K-5 students will attend a school only Mass at 10:00am.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGE: After consulting with other Catholic schools, our pastor, and other groups, we have decided that our last day before Christmas Break will be Friday, December 18th. Thus, we will not have school (online or in-person) on December 21st or 22nd. Instead those days will be used by staff to prepare for distance learning during the week of January 4th. We will have J-Care available for those who need it. See below for details on registering your child for J-Care over break.

COVID INFORMATION: Thank you for all your diligence and flexibility during this time that is allowing us to continue to in-person learning for our students. As you may have heard in the news lately, the CDC is has given new guidelines for quarantine times,



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
651-633-1522 x1118

Attendance line/School Nurse - Sara Frankson
franksons@stjohnnyb.org
651-633-1522 x 1119

however, we will continue to follow the recommendations of MDH which as of this bulletin has NOT made any quarantine timeline changes. Additionally, we know some of you may be planning to travel during the Christmas break. Please follow any MDH recommendations when returning. 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.

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. All donations should be in by Thursday, December 17th. Please see below for more details. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Troxel at troxelb@stjohnnyb.org.

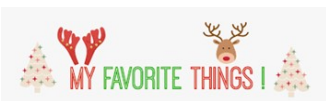
Finally, we wanted you to know that two staff members, Mrs. Troxel (MS teacher) and Mrs. Walker (school kitchen) lost a parent over the weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. *"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."*

Blessings upon you and your families during this Advent season.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

J-CARE SCHOOL RELEASE DAYS: DECEMBER 21ST, 22ND AND 23RD

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



Monday, December 21st – 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 22nd – 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 23rd – 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.

J-CARE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH THROUGH FRIDAY, JANUARY 1ST

Contact Alison Wacek at waceka@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-1522 x 1127 for questions or to register.

8th grade Washington DC **Pizza Fundraiser**

Our 8th grade will be hosting a Luige's frozen pizza sale from December 14th through January 15th. Help our 8th graders get to DC while helping yourself and your family to a delicious and easy dinner! To order, look for a link either on Facebook or in the 12/17 principal's bulletin-or ask your favorite 8th grader for their link!



SJB Parish News



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

December 3, 10 and 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%
Steffl

us02web.zoom.us/j/8741...
Meeting ID: 874 1211 8720
Passcode: cofpj5

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

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...
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...
Meeting ID: 817 0298 3999
Passcode: SGG4JJ

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

