

# Principal's Bulletin

## From the Principal

January seems to be flying by! We have many fun activities and important items coming up that we want to highlight here:



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

**SJB COVID  
INFORMATION**

**W2W:** Wines to Wishes, our annual fundraising event, is officially 16 days away. While we will not be able to meet in person on February 6<sup>th</sup>, we will still hold a livestreamed event and virtual auction to raise money for our school. All families should have received an email outlining registration, bidding and donations this week. Please see this email and visit our website, [www.winestowishes.com](http://www.winestowishes.com), to learn more about our event, sponsorships, event registration, donations, and this year's Fund-A-Need. We hope to have answered most questions on the various pages. If you have any questions or want to help, please contact our W2W Chairperson, Michelle Barsness at [barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org). It's not too late and we are still accepting donations for our silent auction. Thank you to all who have already donated auction items - there are going to be some great things to bid on!

**CSW:** Catholic Schools Week is a national celebration recognizing the efforts of our students, staff, parents, and community to make Catholic schools great. It is also just a time to have some fun! Our theme this year is the Olympics. Every class chose a country to represent and there will be a number of activities/dress days around it. Although there are some things we cannot do right now, we still hope we can make the week fun for all. Please see the activities and dress days below.

**Teacher Raffle:** A traditional part of CSW is the Teacher Raffle. Teachers and other school staff donate prizes/baskets for a raffle opportunity for students to purchase chances for. The cost for a ticket is 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.00. Tickets sales will begin next week - look for an order form to come home with your child. All completed raffle tickets need to be returned by February 4<sup>th</sup>. The raffle will take place during school on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Baskets will be delivered to the students or available for pick up in the office. Please see below for the basket offerings.

**Registration for Next Year:** Registration for next year is now open. Please note that current families will have priority until January 31<sup>st</sup> and then new students in grades 1-8 will be accepted. This is especially important for the grades that are full. So please register as soon as possible. All families should have received an email from TADS with instructions and a link to register.

**Tuition Assistance Applications:** Applications for tuition assistance for the 2020-2021 school year are now being accepted. Go to [www.mytads.com](http://www.mytads.com) to complete the application. All forms should be completed by March 15<sup>th</sup> for SJB assistance, however, there are also scholarships available from AIM Higher with a completion deadline of February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**NWEA Testing:** We are finishing up winter NWEA testing next week which includes test make up days for those who were gone during their regularly scheduled test date. Results will be sent out mid-February.

## Kindergarten Information Night

Join us for a Kindergarten Information Night via Zoom TONIGHT, Thursday, January 21st from 6:30p-7:30p for families interested in learning about Kindergarten at St. John's for the 2021-2022 school year.

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking [here](#)  
Meeting ID: 260 965 2601  
Passcode: 416940

We are also excited to announce a Kindergarten Enrollment Incentive! Register for kindergarten by January 31st and receive a \$200 tuition discount on your 2021-2022 tuition.



**Accreditation Update:** We have completed our accreditation visit by the MNSAA team. They were here this past Monday and Tuesday reviewing our self study documents, visiting classrooms, and speaking with staff and some parents. The visit went very well and the team was extremely complimentary of our community, staff, academics and instruction, and environment. We will receive a full report later this spring and so look for more information on the results then.

**COVID Reminders:** Just a reminder to continue to monitor your child's health and keep them home if they exhibit any symptoms or are not feeling well. As was communicated this week, we had a positive staff case and moved the entire grade to distance learning for a time. We do not make these decisions to switch to distance learning lightly and we know the difficulty it poses our families. We are grateful to all of you for being so supportive with these decisions.

Finally, this week the Catholic Church celebrates Respect Life. It is a time to focus on respecting the dignity of each human person from conception to death no matter their race, creed, or socio-economic background. We are all called to hold up the sacredness of all life - treating all people with respect and dignity (especially those you find difficult) and to work for justice. In a special way this week, we also remember Roe v Wade and pray for the unborn and the protection of their lives.

Thank you again for all your diligence and sacrifice to us to be able to keep our school in person. Despite a couple of blips, we continue to provide in person learning for the majority of our community. Continued blessings to you and your family.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

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## JOY Winners

Congratulations to our Joy students. These students were recognized for living out the virtue of the month.

<b>September - HOPE</b>	<b>October - STUDIOUSNESS</b>	<b>November - HUMILITY</b>	<b>December - PATIENCE</b>
<b>KG</b> Vadnais S.	<b>KG</b> Mackenzie M.	<b>KG</b> Joseph B.	<b>KG</b> Harper T.
<b>Gr. 1:</b> Ceci T.	<b>Gr. 1:</b> Abby P.	<b>Gr. 1:</b> Brooklyn H.	<b>Gr. 1:</b> Landry G.
<b>Gr. 2:</b> Isabella E	<b>Gr. 2:</b> Gunnar N.	<b>Gr. 2:</b> Addyson H.	<b>Gr. 2:</b> Clara C.
<b>Gr. 3:</b> Maeve S.	<b>Gr. 3:</b> Elliana R.	<b>Gr. 3:</b> Patrick P.	<b>Gr. 3:</b> Elizabeth C.
<b>Gr. 4:</b> Addison P.	<b>Gr. 4:</b> Isaac J.	<b>Gr. 4:</b> Nolan P.	<b>Gr. 4:</b> Kenley B.
<b>Gr. 5:</b> Taylor H.	<b>Gr. 5:</b> Stephanie B.	<b>Gr. 5:</b> Max K.	<b>Gr. 5:</b> Morgan B.
<b>Gr. 6:</b> Rosie S.	<b>Gr. 6:</b> Amelia W.	<b>Gr. 6:</b> Sarah Y.	<b>Gr. 6:</b> Jessica K.
<b>Gr. 7:</b> Annaleigh C.	<b>Gr. 7:</b> Veronica W.	<b>Gr. 7:</b> Cece L.	<b>Gr. 7:</b> Brady P.
<b>Gr. 8:</b> Samantha Y.	<b>Gr. 8:</b> Genevieve A.	<b>Gr. 8:</b> Clara M.	<b>Gr. 8:</b> Reese W.
<b>Art:</b> Evelyn A.	<b>Art:</b> Jake O.	<b>Art:</b> Abby K.	<b>Art:</b> *****
<b>Gym:</b> Jackson S.	<b>Gym:</b> Kate W.	<b>Gym:</b> Maddie P.	<b>Gym:</b> Gianni M.
<b>J-Care:</b> Alaina S.	<b>J-Care:</b> Dimir R.	<b>J-Care:</b> Kate N.	<b>J-Care:</b> Lincoln G.
<b>Library:</b> Abby S.	<b>Library:</b> Duncan S.	<b>Library:</b> Mia V.	<b>Library:</b> UD A.
<b>Music:</b> Nate A.	<b>Music:</b> Samantha Y.	<b>Music:</b> Breonna H.	<b>Music:</b> Molly V.

# Celebrating our Catholic School CSW 2021



## CSW Teacher Raffle

During Catholic Schools Week each year, SJB staff put together baskets for a student raffle. Students may purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win one of these baskets. Each student will get an order form (sample below) the week of Jan 25<sup>th</sup> to complete and return with money to purchase raffle tickets. Ticket orders will be filled and returned to the students. No tickets will be sold after Feb 4<sup>th</sup> and all tickets are due back Feb 5<sup>th</sup>.



**Tickets are \$.25/each or 5 for \$1.**

Pictures of the raffle items will be displayed outside the Media Center and by 6th grade. Buckets will be by 6th grade for the completed raffle tickets.

**Baskets will be raffled off on Friday, February 5th.**

### Catholic School Teacher Raffle

#### Order Form

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

Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

# of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_

## RAFFLE ITEMS

Kindergarten (Mrs. Benson & Mrs. Cruz)

**BABY YODA**

Grade 1 (Mrs. Koskie & Miss Ptak)

**SCOOTER AND HELMET**

Grade 2 (Mrs. Paige & Mrs. Lenz)

**LEGO KITS**

Grade 3 (Miss Armstrong & Mrs. Reina)

**CLASS PIZZA AND POP PARTY**

Grade 4 (Mrs. Ressler & Mr. Kiwus)

**TROLLHAUGEN GIFT CARD, BLANKET & COCOA**

Grade 5 (Mrs. Wraneschetz & Mrs. Peterson)

**JUNK FOOD EXTRAVAGANZA**

Middle School (Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Troxel, Mr. Steffl, Mrs. Dompierre & Ms. Sundstrom)

**AIR PODS & ICE CREAM PARTY FOR CLASS**

Media (Mrs. Moore)

**\$50 CASH**

Music (Mr. Case)

**MARIO KART PARTY**

GYM (Mr. Miley)

**SPORTS VARIETY PACK**

School Office (Ms. Laird, Mrs. Barsness, Mrs. Thienes & Mrs. Wacek)

**HOVERBOARD**

Lunchroom (Mrs. Szymanski, Mrs. Walker & Mrs. Chan)

**KARAOKE MACHINE**

SJB Preschool

**ICE CREAM SUNDAE CLASS PARTY**

**Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> – Cele-**

**brating our Community**



Island Dress Day – Wear something beachy (shorts, t-shirts, tropical themed shirts, sunglasses, beach hats, jeans are ok)

We will thank our bus drivers, police officers, fire fighters and delivery people

**Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Celebrating Vocations and the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**



Flannel Day (wear your best flannel shirt, jeans are ok)

Vocation presentation TBD

**Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Celebrating our World**



Countries of the World Dress Day – Wear the colors of the flag for your homeroom. Jeans are ok.

All School Read-in Day

**Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> – Celebrating our Volunteers**



Couch Potato Day – Wear clothes to relax and lay around in (sweatpants, sweatshirt, etc. NO pajamas)

Students will be thanking their parents and volunteers – it's a surprise!

Movie and popcorn for students

**Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> – Celebrating our Students**



School Spirit and crazy socks.

All School Bingo, Teacher Raffle Drawing, Trivia Contest Medals announced

Outside activities for students – students should have winter gear – snow-pants, boots, mittens/gloves, hats, etc.

**Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> – Wines to Wishes**