

Principal's Bulletin

From the Principal

We hope this last week of January is treating you well. A reminder that there is NO BUSING again tomorrow due to the MV district scheduled days off. Our two charter buses to the Blaine area will run normally, however. Students may begin arriving at 7:20am and should be dropped off at either door 5 (grades 1-4) or door 6 (grades K and 5-8). Pick up is at 2:30pm from the main Church lot.



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

[SJB COVID INFORMATION](#)

February is a busy month. It starts with our celebration of our Catholic school (CSW) and Wines to Wishes. We will be practicing the virtue of Cheerfulness or looking on the bright side of things. The uncertainty and struggles of the past year have been a test of this virtue for many of us. Along with the virtue, students will be learning about St. John Bosco, St. Philip Neri and Blessed Miguel Pro. February also includes the celebration of Valentine's Day, President's Day and the achievements of African Americans and recognizing their role in U.S. history (Black History Month). Finally, we will begin to prepare for the suffering, death and, ultimately, the resurrection of the Lord as Lent begins on Ash Wednesday on February 17th.

Wines to Wishes, our annual fundraising event, is just 9 days away. While we will not be able to meet in person on February 6th, we will still hold a livestreamed event and virtual auction to raise money for our school. There is still time to register - you MUST be registered in order to bid on any of the fun auction items! Visit our website, 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 additional questions, please contact our W2W Chairperson, Michelle Barsness at barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org. We are also 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!

Next week begins our annual Catholic Schools Week (CSW) celebration. CSW is a national celebration recognizing the efforts of our students, staff, parents, and community to make Catholic schools great. Our theme this year is the Olympics and each classroom has chosen a country to learn about and to represent in the SJB Olympics friendly competition. 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 have begun - look for the order form that should have come home with your child. All completed raffle tickets need to be returned by February 4th. The raffle will take place during school on Friday, February 5th 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 and information on the dress days for CSW.

Registration for next year is now open! **Please note that there are three more days for our current families to have priority.** After January 31st new students in grades 1-8 will be accepted. This is especially important for the grades that are full and we have waiting lists. So please register before your child's spot is gone. January 31st is also the last day of the kindergarten incentive. Any kindergarten students enrolled by this date will receive a \$200 tuition credit.

Applications for tuition assistance for the 2020-2021 school year are now being accept-

ed. Go to www.mytads.com to complete the online application. All forms should be completed by March 15th for SJB assistance, however, there are also scholarships available from AIM Higher with a completion deadline of February 20th.

COVID Reminders: Just a reminder to continue to monitor your child's symptoms and keep them home if they exhibit any symptoms or are not feeling well. As we look ahead to the upcoming spring break, we know many families may be traveling. We will be sending out a survey to all our families about their travel plans for Spring Break. This information will assist us in determining how we approach the week after Spring Break. Thank you in advance for your participation. Please see our [December 16 COVID update](#) on the website regarding travel. This was written in anticipation of Christmas break, however, we continue to follow those guidelines on travel. **Note that any international travel will require students to quarantine/distance learn upon their return and the CDC and State Department have specific requirements for travelers returning from international locations.** If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Finally, our teachers/staff in both our preschool and school received the opportunity to take part in the state's vaccine pilot for educators. There are a limited number of vaccines available so there is no guarantee our teachers or staff will receive the vaccine. This is optional for educators, however, a number of our teachers and staff have already registered.

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 blessing to you and your family.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

CANA DINNER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2021

Married and engaged couples are invited to an afternoon with a fantastic speaker, Mass and delicious charcuterie to go.

\$30 per couple
Reservations online at
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/3dccc957-b09d-46ad-a857-0c0a74b36252>



SCAN ME



3:30-4:30 Talk by Joe Rouche in St. Joseph Hall
4:30 Mass with married and engaged blessing
5:30 Delicious take-out dinner for pickup from St. Joseph Hall provided by Exchange Food and Drink

Joe Rouche
Because of YOU

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 25th 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 4th and all tickets are due back Feb 5th.



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) - 2 baskets

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)

BLUETOOTH MICROPHONE

SJB Preschool

ICE CREAM SUNDAE CLASS PARTY

Sister Leonarda

SNACK BASKET

Monday, February 1st – Celebrating 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 2nd – 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 3rd – 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 4th – 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 5th – 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 6th – Wines to Wishes

Register at www.winestowishes.com