

State of the School Annual Report

2019 - 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

The 2019-2020 school year seems like a blur this year due to the unexpected COVID-19 pandemic, which has forever changed our world and our students' educational experience. Let's take a look back at the school year and review the many things we accomplished, both planned and unplanned.

INSTRUCTION & STUDENT LEARNING:

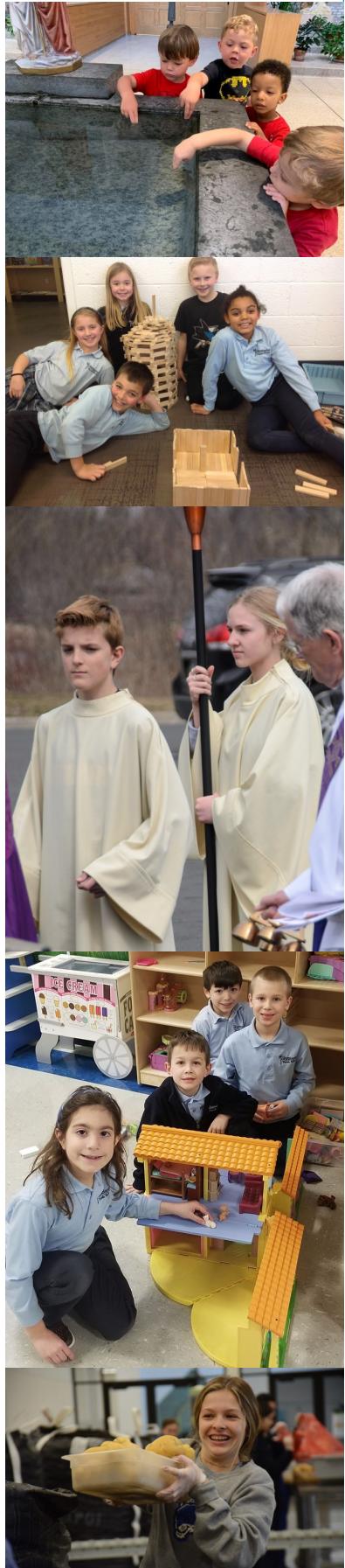
- Worked to meet the needs of students, especially those who need extra assistance by creating a program to identify needs, learning plans, and assessments. Continued to refine our RTI (Response to Intervention) process to help us better identify and assist students.
- Implemented our REACH program for identifying and providing supplemental instruction and activities for high achieving students.
- Continued to differentiate and address needs of individual learners. Added flexible seating to all classrooms to help address the various needs of students and create a more collaborative learning environment.
- Used NWEA and other assessments to set student learning goals for the year by identifying needs and created goals and plans to address those needs.
- Quickly moved to an online learning platform for our distance learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic from March – May 2020. Used technology to provide students with the best educational experience possible without losing too many instructional days.

CURRICULUM:

- Purchased new resources for our Math curriculum and implemented a new resource in K-5 ELA classes (Sonderegger System).
- Continued to integrate STEM into our science curriculum. First grade used robots and virtual reality equipment from the CSCOE Stem Lending Library. Our 7th grade worked with Totino-Grace High School students as well as the MN Zoo for their STEM projects.
- Our Middle School students worked on projects for MN History Day. Our fourth grade students held their Saint's Living Museum and gave state reports as part of a virtual State Fair.

FAITH & ENVIRONMENT:

- Worked to build community among ourselves and through school events (staff social time and retreats, volunteering, student sporting events, PTO roller skating event, and school plays) as well as SJB parish community events (Fall Fest, All Saints Party, and Sunday Hospitality).
- Integrated NET and Youth Minister into our school, weekly Masses, religion classes, and community outings.
- Provided a variety of worship experiences for our students including praise and worship and monthly adoration for our Middle School students.





YEAR IN REVIEW CONTINUED.....

FAITH & ENVIRONMENT continued:

- Continued to integrate virtues into the life of our students through Virtue in Practice program.

- Aligned our school services to our core values of prayer, growth, and generosity.

MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT:

- Increased awareness of SJB via various media platforms including Facebook.

- Created a virtual tour of SJB and increased billboard advertising.

- Participated in 3 community parades to showcase SJB (Blaine, Shoreview, and New Brighton).

- Retention Rate from grades K-7th of 92%.

- Total enrollment of 311 students (245 K-8 and 66 preschoolers)

- Enrollment increased for the 2nd consecutive year earning us a grant from CSCOE for increasing our enrollment.

- Continue to work with CSCOE to find ways to build enrollment.

SOME GOALS AS WE LOOK AHEAD TO 2020-2021...

- Our school and parish will continue work on our core values of reliance on prayer, willingness to grow, and living a spirit of generosity.

- Continue to walk with our students as they develop a relationship with God and provide a variety of spiritual and outreach opportunities for them to live their Faith.

- Continue to refine our REACH program and expand it to grades 2-8.

- Continue to use data to drive instruction and goals.

- Complete MNSAA Accreditation Self - Study and school visit.

SJB STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Service projects included Bags of Joy during Advent, Families Helping Families during Lent, and a middle school trip to Second Harvest Heartland
- Our 7th/8th grade girls soccer team took 2nd place in the CAA.
- Our 5th grade girls and our 8th grade girls basketball teams each won their CAA Championship games
- Our students are AMAZING, SJB STRONG, RESILIENT, and FAITHFUL. We are so proud of them!

SJB STUDENT PROGRESS

Student growth is the most important part of our mission here at St. John's. We want our students to grow in their relationship with the LORD and in their faith, in their social relationships, in their good habits - VIRTUES, in physical development, and in their knowledge.

We use a variety of formative and summative assessments to help us determine a student's academic progress. Homework, observation, discussion, projects, quizzes, and tests are some of the classroom assessments we use, but we also look at some standardized assessments as well - Aims Web, IXL reading and math, as well as the NWEA MAP.

The NWEA MAP assessment helps us measure growth over the school year. We also use these results to review our instruction and curriculum, set student learning goals, identify areas of strength and areas for improvement, create school wide goals, and implement instructional plans.

This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and distance learning, our 2019-2020 NWEA assessment only reflects growth from Fall to Winter.

Here are the results from our 2019-2020 NWEA assessment:

READING Avg RIT: 201.9

MATH Avg RIT: 208.6

On average, our students grew 12 RIT points from Fall 2019 to Winter 2020.

* Reading and math tests are administered to all students in grades K-8.

* All our students take NWEA MAP test.

*"We could not be prouder to be a Jaguar family!"
~ SJB Parent*



*“We are blessed that our children are able
to attend weekly Mass.”
~ SJB Parent*

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

St. John's wants to thank all those who financially support our mission.
We are extremely grateful for YOU!

SJB Non Public Marathon: \$39,566.00

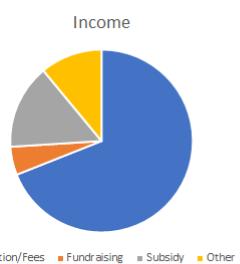
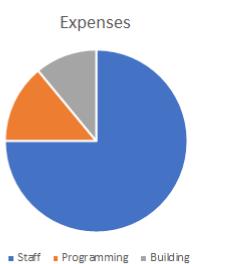
SJB Wines to Wishes: \$82,000

SJB Assist - A - Student Drive: \$15,972.00

Grants: \$99,300.00

(received from Relevant Radio, Aim Higher Foundation, CSCOE, CSA: Catholic Service Appeal, CCF: Catholic Community Foundation, Knights of Columbus and other)

MISC Donations: \$95,465.00



2020 WINES TO WISHES

The 2020 Wines to Wishes was a big hit again this year. Thanks to the generous support of our parents, alumni, and friends, we raised over \$80,000. Of that amount, close to \$35,000 was specifically for our Fund-A-Need! The Fund-A-Need money will be spent on upgrading technology needs in our classrooms. THANK YOU SO MUCH! We appreciate the efforts of Michelle Barsness, event chair, as well as all of the volunteers who worked to make this event possible. We look forward to celebrating with you again on February 6, 2021!

DID YOU KNOW:

We are extremely proud of our Alumni. Here are some things you should know about them:

71% of SJB alumni are placed in Honors or Advanced classes in high school.

Graduates are recognized for leadership, academic excellence, and as “students of the month.”

They are active in Student Government, sports, drama, choir, band, service, and other clubs.

Graduates are known for their study skills, character, respect, and work ethic.

One of the biggest things that graduates take away from SJB is the respect that they have for both their teachers and their peers. Many have also commented that they are grateful for the religious foundation that has been set for them over their years at SJB.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

It is the mission of St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish School to educate children in all aspects of their lives to become disciples of Jesus-Christ. This is done through formation in Catholic faith and values and instruction utilizing best practices. We help children discover and live up to their full potential, developing self-respect and respect for others. We form a JOY-filled community with gratitude and a sense of Christ-like service.

SJB ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Name: Margaret Harmon

What year did you graduate from SJB? 2010

Where did you go to high school?

Irondale High School, Class of 2014

Where did you go to college, and what was your degree?

University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, 2018

BA: Liturgical Music with a minor in Catholic Studies

What do you currently do for work? I work part-time as a paid cantor for St. John's and St. Charles Borromeo in St. Anthony, MN. I'm also a substitute cantor for two other parishes in the Twin Cities. I cantor for funerals and weddings when requested.

What did SJB do to prepare you for your future?

St. John's school helped set the foundation for me as a person. The lessons I have learned from my teachers, academic and nonacademic, helped me and my parents discover what kind of person I am. They helped me find my core interests, such as art, music, and science. They helped to establish my core values, especially humility and modesty. They even helped both my parents and me discover and realize my challenges when it comes to learning and communication. They taught me that I'm never alone and that there is always someone willing to help me.

I will always cherish my time and memories from St. John's school, and I still apply what I have learned in my daily life. I'm very blessed to be able to sing for school Masses sometimes, so I can see my teachers and relive those fond memories. I'm very grateful for my time at St. John's school. Without it, I would not be the person I am today.



St. John the Baptist Catholic School is a place...
Where every student is known, cared for, and respected.
Where each student is a member of a community of
faith, knowledge, and service.
Where each child is given a foundation for life.



For more information about enrolling or to schedule a tour, please contact us!

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