

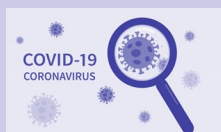
Principal's Bulletin

From the Principal

HAPPY SPRING BREAK!!! I hope all our families have a restful and enjoyable Spring Break. We are so grateful for the over 110 days of school we have had so far and now it is time to enjoy a well-deserved break before we come back and finish the year strong.

Here are some things that will be coming up when we return from Spring Break:

- Grades 2-8 will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter on Tuesday, March 23rd.
- Station of the Cross on Friday, March 26th @ 9:15am. Please join us virtually using the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u6cGMfR2dXI>
- Holy Week mini retreat begins Monday, March 29th for all our students. We will have the opportunity walk with our Lord through his final days. We will learn more about Him and His great act of LOVE and SACRIFICE, participate in praise and worship, and commit ourselves to a relationship with Him.
- Holy Week begins March 28th with Palm Sunday. JOIN US for all these wonderful Holy Week celebrations at St. John's Catholic Church. Now is a great time to come back to the MASS and worship the Lord with your community – JOIN US. For information on the Holy Week and Easter Schedule at St. John's, visit the [SJB Parish Website](#). See below for a short video invitation from the parish to JOIN US at SJB!
- There will be no school for all students, preschool through grade 8 on Good Friday, April 2nd and Easter Monday, April 5th. There will be no J-Care or Care Crew available on these days.



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

[SJB COVID INFORMATION](#)

Order Your Yearbook

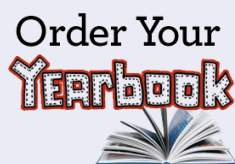
Orders are now being accepted for the 2020-2021 yearbooks.

Order online at ybpay.lifetouch.com

Yearbook ID Code:

11264921

Yearbooks are \$17 each and the deadline for ordering is March 26th.



Second trimester report cards will be available on Educate tomorrow, Friday, March 12th. Usernames and passwords were sent at the beginning of the school year – if you need the login information resent to you, please email Michelle Barsness at 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."

Just a reminder that if you are traveling during Spring Break, please follow CDC guidelines for travel, wear a mask and practice social distancing when gathering with others, and educate yourself on the COVID-19 data for the area you are traveling. Please note that if you travel outside of US you will need contact the school office when you return and quarantine for 10 days. The school office will get back to about your return to school date. If you have traveled within the state or US and are not confident that you followed CDC requirements, wore masks, practiced social distancing, and avoided large gatherings or feel that your exposure risk was high while on vacation due to the nature of activities or atmosphere where you traveled, we ask that you strongly con-

sider quarantining for the 10 days following your trip for the safety of all students, staff and families in our community.

If you would like to apply for tuition assistance for the 2021-2022 school year, please do so **by Monday, March 15th**. The applications must be completed online at www.mytads.com - click on Financial Aid Assessment to begin the process and submit by the deadline of March 15th.

Is there a teacher or school staff member that you want to recognize for the wonderful work they are doing for your child or our community? The JOY-Maker program is your opportunity to let them know how much you appreciate them. The program will be launched the week of March 22nd so look for more information about this wonderful program.

Blessing you and your families during this Spring Break and we look forward to seeing everyone on March 22nd.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal



*March mental health and wellness with
Dr. Jules Nolan*

PARENTING SESSION
Helping Your Struggling Learner

7 p.m. March 10 | 7 p.m. March 22

Register at:

<https://calendly.com/drjulesnolan/helping-your-struggling-learner-for-parents>

When our children struggle in school, it is hard to know when to be firm and when to be flexible. Should we intervene early and structure the environment for success? Or should we view learning as developmental and expect all of our children to advance at different speeds? Should we give our kids consequences for poor grades? Or can we "pay" them to get As? How do we know when poor school achievement is something more serious than low motivation? In this session, you will learn research-based strategies for helping struggling learners no matter the cause of the struggle. You will also learn signs of more serious learning issues and how to help your child thrive in school.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
CENTER OF EXCELLENCE



Join me at SJB!

As we seek to be united in the Holy Spirit this year, we desire to deepen that unity through participation in the Eucharistic Sacrifice of the Mass.

St. John's Parish has produced a new video inviting you to join us at Mass!

Click [here](#) to see it. Please check it out and share it with friends, family, and neighbors

SJB Parish News



Holy Saturday, April 3, 2021

10:00am Blessing - West Lot
Egg hunt:

K & under at school playground
1st & up at Vet's Park

Games, Crafts, Goodie Bags
Refreshments for sale by

Youth Group

Bring your own basket or bag for the the hunt.
The event will be held outside so please dress for the weather!

Children must be accompanied by adult

Questions? Email
livermontj@stjohnnyb.org

From the SJB PTO

Unfortunately this year we will again not be able to host our typical Families Helping Families event. Families Helping Families is a fun service event for the entire family. At this event parish and school groups host a table and attendees go to the various tables to do simple, quick and fun service projects to help others in our community. Some of the projects that have been done in the past are Easter Baskets for the elderly, Birthday Boxes, The Sandwich Project, Operation Gratitude, Decorating Placemats for local nursing homes and many more. Since we are not able to host it, yet our local community has more needs than ever, we thought we would send home some ideas for your family to do together. Some of these can be done from your home, some need you and your family to go somewhere. All are fun and help others out. We encourage you to pick one or two to do with your family. Of note, the middle school students will be making Easter baskets for our senior citizens this year during school.



FHF Pandemic Style Ideas

DONATE TO YOUR LOCAL FOOD SHELF: Saint John's has a food shelf and is asking for extra donations the weekends of March 13-14 and March 20-21. They would love donations at any time in the wooden boxes by the church entrance. Ralph Reeder food

shelf is also found in New Brighton.

MAKE MANNA PACKS AT THE COON RAPIDS FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN: Every year, millions of children die from preventable causes such as pneumonia, diarrhea, malaria and undernutrition. Hunger is still causing nearly half of deaths in children under 5 years old. From this data, we estimate at least 6,200 children die each day from causes related to undernutrition. This is heartbreaking. Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) believes hope starts with food. As a Christian nonprofit, FMSC is dedicated to seeing every child whole in body and spirit. FMSC works with food distribution partners that stay with communities for the long haul, empowering them to move from relief to development. FMSC meals are developed by food science and nutrition professionals to supplement nutritional needs and reduce problems with malnutrition. Nutrition allows children to grow, thrive and develop to their full potential. Kids as young as 5 can volunteer, but each child 8 years and younger need an adult with them. There are 42 spots available on 3/17 (Wednesday) and 43 spots available on Easter Monday (4/5.) For more info, go to the FMSC website: <https://www.fmsc.org/get-involved/volunteer>

MAKE HYGIENE AND SNACK BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS: Provide basic personal care items that contribute to both the health and dignity of a person. SNAP (commonly known as food stamps) does not cover non-food essentials such as hygiene items. Donating hygiene packs helps individuals and families allocate resources to other essential needs. Learn what to put in the bags at <https://www.gtcuw.org/get-involved/volunteer/at-home-volunteer-opportunities/>

MAKE A FROZEN MEAL FOR THE LINK:

The youth and families the Link struggle with food insecurity, but you can help! Be a change maker and make food at home for youth and families at The Link! This is a great opportunity to make a positive impact while staying safe at home. Cook a meal (or two) at home and portion it into single serve containers and freeze. The meals will be distributed to the youth in their programs, providing them with access to tasty home cooked meals! All too often youth and families in our programs go without food. Find recipe ideas and instructions [here](#).

Contact: Yong, volunteer@thelinkmn.org <https://thelinkmn.org/>

MAKE CARDS FOR LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS, FIRE FIGHTERS OR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE DEPLOYED MILITARY: In this year of turmoil, a friendly Easter Card (possibly with treats) would go a long way to make one of our public servant's day!

MAKE A FLEECE BLANKET (OR TWO!) FOR MY VERY OWN BED: My Very Own Bed's mission is to provide new beds and linens to children of families that have recently secured stable housing. The beds provide a comfortable space for each child to sleep well and dream big. Each bed comes with bedding including a warm twin-sized blanket, which is often a fleece-tie blanket made by volunteers. To make a blanket for a Twin Cities kid, purchase kid-friendly fleece and then create your blanket based on instructions provided by My Very Own Bed. This project can be completed from the comfort of your own home! For more information and to receive blanket making instructions, contact info@myveryownbed.org <https://www.myveryownbed.org>

MAKE AND SERVE FOOD AT HOUSE OF CHARITY (KIDS 9 AND OLDER): With a small kitchen staff, volunteers, on a given week, make up 60-80% of House of Charity's daily staff. Simply put, House of Charity could not operate the Food Centre without volunteer help. The mission of the House of Charity is to feed those in need, house those experiencing homelessness, and empower individuals to achieve independence by transforming lives one person at a time. We need volunteer help operating our Food Centre including:

Assisting in preparing boxed lunches for meals

Handing out boxed-lunches to guests

Keeping storage spaces organized

Assisting in preparing the dining room before guests arrive

Cleaning!

714 Park Ave S, Minneapolis

<https://www.houseofcharity.org/>

Interested in doing more?

<https://www.doinggoodtogether.org/> has monthly service activities for families.

Check them out!!