St John the Baptist
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

August 5, 2021

Principal's Bulletin

From the Principal

Happy first week of August! We are so looking forward to being together soon and starting the school year.

Next week, we have two important events we want to make sure you have on your calendar:

Monday, August 9th – Used uniform sale

The sale will run from 4:00-7:00pm in the school gym enter the building through the gym doors (door 7)

Thursday, August 12th – New Parent Information Night

This is for families (parents only) new to SJB School (students in grades K-8) where we will present some important information that we hope will make your transition to St. John's a little smoother. We will meet in the school gym at 6:00pm and should last about an hour. Enter the building through the gym doors (door 7).

Earlier this week, the Archdiocese came out with some recommendations on COVID 19 policies/procedure for Catholic Schools. After a review of these recommendations and those of surrounding schools, our plan for the 2021-2022 school year is listed below. Please note that this is based on the information we have currently. As we have all learned over the last 1 1/2 years, things can and do change frequently and these decisions may need to be adjusted based on the latest recommendations.

LEARNING MODEL: Our learning model will be in-person learning. We will only engage in distance learning as determined by the school (scheduled days or consecutive inclement weather days). Students who are sick or on vacation may check google classroom for posted assignments, lessons, or videos, but we will not be providing live on-line instruction.

TEMPERATURE CHECKS: We are discontinuing our daily temperature checks. Students should stay at home if they are sick. More information on the requirements for students to stay home will be made available in future bulletins.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING: We will adhere to physical distancing when appropriate and when it does not impede on our instructional model or goals.

FACE COVERINGS: We are not requiring face covering for students, teachers, or volunteers. Face coverings are optional and parents may choose to have their child wear one. We will fully support you if this what you choose for your child. NOTE: Masks are required on school busses and will include any field trip bussing.

QUARANTINES: We will not be quarantining students or classrooms due to an exposure to a positive COVID-19 case. However, we will notify parents of the positive case in their grade. Furthermore, we may quarantine a class if there are multiple cases (infectious break out) that indicates a spread of the virus within a class/grade level/sport or if instructed to do so by health officials.

BUSSES: All students and staff will need to wear masks on busses in accordance with federal regulations.

NOTIFICATION OF A POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE: Parents will be notified if there is a positive case of COVID-19 in their child's class, grade, or sports team as we would with any other infectious disease. These notifications will come via email.

MASS: We will maintain a one pew gap between grades during Mass and will otherwise follow the liturgical guidelines of the Archdiocese.

LUNCH: Students will eat lunch in the school cafeteria.

VOLUNTEERS: We are keeping volunteering to essential volunteers which includes parents and other volunteers who are assisting in the educational process. Yes, parents will again be allowed in the building for class parties, however, we may need to limit the number for each grade/class.

Please continue to check the weekly Principal's Bulletin for any updates to the plan regarding our COVID-19 protocols.

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Tina Bobnick to our staff as our Library/Media Teacher. Mrs. Bobnick brings a wealth of experience, skills, and ideas to this position and we are so pleased she will be joining us. She will be familiar to most of our students since she subbed frequently for us last year. Please join me in welcoming her to our school staff!

St. John's Preschool is seeking enthusiastic, nurturing, and positive teachers to join our growing preschool. We have full time and part time positions available. Teachers will work collaboratively with our preschool team to support our mission which is focused on the development of the whole child. Experience working with pre-school aged children preferred. If you or someone you know is interested in applying, please contact Andrea Schroeder at schroed-era@stjohnnyb.org

Parents of students in kindergarten through grade 5 should look for an email next Monday regarding signing your child up for a Literacy Assessment with their ELA teacher. These assessments will take place on Wednesday, August 25 and Thursday, August 26 from 12:20-3:20pm each day and should last no more than 20 minutes. Note: there will not be enough slots for every student on those two dates, so if you do not get a time or cannot make those days work, teachers will complete the assessments in the first days of the school year.

Finally, a reminder of other upcoming dates to put on your calendar for school events:

- Stockyard Days Parade - Saturday, August 14th
  - Parade begins at 10:00am - more details to come on where/when to meet our group and represent SJB in the parade
- Kindergarten picnic - Thursday, August 26th - kindergarten families should have received information via mail this week!
- Preschool Meet My Teacher Meetings - August 31-September 1
- Meet My Teacher Night - Wednesday, September 1st
- First day of school - Tuesday, September 7th

Have a wonderful weekend!
Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Tuition for the 2021-2022 School Year

Families should have received an email from TADS Tuition Management Company regarding setting up tuition payment accounts for the 2021-2022 school year. Thank you to all who have taken care of this already. Payment options include pay in full in August ($100 discount), two payment option (August and January) or ten monthly payments (August through May). If you did not receive this email or have any questions regarding charges, please contact Joy Thienes at thienesj@stjohnnyb.org. If you are having difficulty with the set up of your plan, please contact Tads directly at 612-548-3320 or via email at support@tads.com.

Busing for the 2021-2022 School Year

If you live within the Mounds View District and need busing for the upcoming school year or live outside the district, but your child will bus from an in-district address (i.e. day care location), you will need to register online to receive busing this year. This form can be found on the MV District website transportation page or by clicking HERE

Note: one question in the online form requires you to enter your child's student ID. This is a district ID (not a St. John's ID) so if you know this number, enter it, however, if you do not, you may enter 123456 instead to bypass that question.

For those who bus from the Blaine area and ride the SJB charter buses, information on those routes will be coming soon!

Altar Server Training

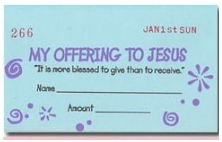
Sign up now for altar server training - August 16-20 from 6:30-8:30 pm. All boys and girls going into 5th grade and above are welcome to participate in this very important ministry.

You must sign up with the paper form found at the Welcome Desk or online by clicking here. Our Director of Worship, Lee Treml will be running and organizing the training, please direct all questions to him at tremll@stjohnnyb.org

SJB Parish News

Children's Offertory Baskets to Return

Beginning the weekend of August 7-8, we will be placing the Children's Offertory Baskets back on the steps of the sanctuary, as we have done in the past. Children are welcome to make financial gifts, with or without envelopes, during the collection time at Mass. Children may also write offerings of prayers on the envelopes and place them in the basket.



For families who wish to use envelopes, children's offering envelopes will be available at the Welcome Desk and Harvest Table. We are grateful to the many parents who teach and model for their children one of our core values - living out of a generous spirit!

Save the Dates and Join us for all the traditional community fun - September 24-26

Raffles, Kids Games, Food, Bingo, Car Show, Polka Mass.

See the SJB Parish Website for more details

Used Uniform Sale

Monday, August 9th
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
St. John the Baptist School Gym

The Used Uniform Sale is an opportunity to purchase gently used uniforms at greatly discounted prices. The uniforms are donated by the families of St. John the Baptist School.

You may turn in and gently used (no missing buttons, ripped hems, tears/holes or stains please) uniform items and spirit wear to the school office at any time.

If the office is closed, please leave them outside the door.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact:
Barb Lieser at barblieser@lieserinsurance.com or
Brooke Holterhaus at bholterhaus@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting the used uniform sale.