

# Principal's Bulletin

## From the Principal

At the end of this 2nd week of school we wanted you to know how wonderful it has been seeing all your children in school! As educators it makes our hearts happy to see and hear them in our school. We are so grateful that they and you are here. Last week we had a great Middle School Parent Information Night and this coming Monday, September 20th we will host our K-5 Parent Information Meeting. We can't wait to see you all.

We are gearing up for two big events here at SJB: SJB Parish FallFest and Non-Public School Marathon.

The **SJB Parish Fall Fest** will be held the weekend of September 24th-26th. This is a wonderful event filled with food, music, fun, and friends and is a great opportunity to get in some volunteering hours (remember families are asked to volunteer 20 hours per family each school year). The school has been asked to find volunteers for the children's games and inflatables. Please sign up at [SJB Fall Fest Volunteers](#). Another way you can support the Fall Fest is to donate some of the following items:

- 2 Liter Bottles of Pop
- Candy items in three sizes (small, medium and large)  
Some ideas that are popular: Airheads, Fun Dips, Fruit Roll Ups, Fruit Snacks, Giant Pixy Sticks, Life Savers, M&M, Pez Dispensers, Ring Pops, Skittles, Starburst, Swedish Fish, Theater/King Size Candy Packs or Candy Bars

All donations should be brought to the school office by Monday, September 20th. See below or go to the [SJB Fall-Fest page](#) on the St. John's Church website for more information.

Note: Beginning next Wednesday, September 22nd, the main church lot will be closed for FallFest set-up. What that means for our families is that afternoon pick up will look a little different and we ask for your cooperation and patience in the afternoons. Because the lot will be closed, parents will need to park on the neighboring streets and walk to the sidewalk in front of the Church to pick up your children. For their safety, we will not allow our students to go into the street without an adult present.

The **Non-Public School Marathon** is our first large school-wide fundraiser that supports school operations. Our school-wide fundraising goal is \$52,000. Students are asked to collect \$165 in pledges for walking, running, biking, etc. from family, friends or neighbors. Be sure to also check with your employer to see if they participate in a matching funds program. Collection dates will be on the next three Wednesdays - September 22, September 29 and October 6. We are excited that the 2021 Marathon will again be in-person on Saturday, October 2nd at Central Park in Roseville. Students will be bringing home an envelope with more detailed information today.

Parent Information Night for our K-5 families will be held on Monday, September 20th beginning at 6:30pm in the Church. We will meet as a group for welcome, prayer, and a short review of our goals for the year and then we will have two, twenty minute sessions for you to learn about the policies, procedures, and curriculum in your child's grade.

Session One: 6:55-7:15pm and Session Two: 7:25-7:45pm

Each of the two sessions will be the same for each grade, but will allow parents with multiple children to attend a session for each of their children.

A big part of what we love about our school is that it is more than just a school - it is a community. With COVID, we have missed having our parents and grandparents visit their children in school and showing them a little bit of our day. As we continue to navigate another year with COVID, we are looking for ways to bring to our community

some important family events in a safe way for all and we discussed many options. This year, we are making a change to our Parent/Grandparent Lunches and instead will host Faith, Family, and Fellowship Mornings at St. John's on one Wednesday a month. Each grade will have the opportunity to invite their parents, grandparents or other special guests to join them for Mass at 8:30am, followed by a short performance and a light continental breakfast in St. Joseph Hall until 10:00am. Our first grade to host this event will be grade 5 on Wednesday, September 29th.

Finally, some reminders for our families:

- We know that the best prevention to keeping our school and students healthy is to keep your child home if ill so we appreciate your diligence with this effort and keeping your child home when they are sick. Remember to call the health office line if your child will be absent - 651-633-1522 x 1119. Thank you!
- All students must wear masks on buses so please consider keeping a mask in your child's backpack for their ride home.
- The Window to update your contact information and school directory permissions is now open. Please follow the directions below to make any changes by Friday, September 24th
- Tomorrow is School Spirit Day - wear your SJB spirit shirts with either uniform bottoms or spirit wear bottoms. Remember a non-perishable food or personal care item for our food shelf and let's Feed Our Neighbors.

Blessings to you and your families. Have a wonderful weekend.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

LET'S APPRECIATE OUR  
TEACHERS ALL YEAR!

Please Join us for the  
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL'S PTO  
**NON-UNIFORM  
FUNDRAISER!**

- Each child will receive a tear off sheet in their take home folder.
- Send the sheet along with your donation with your child back to school on the designated out of uniform day to participate in the non-uniform day!
- We ask for a minimum donation of \$1.00.
- Proceeds will go to support PTO sponsored activities for teachers and students!!

1st Non-Uniform Date  
Thursday, September 23rd

St. John Baptist  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Tear off sheets will go home with students on Wednesday next week!

## Educate Updates to Contact Information

The window is now open to update personal information and give permission to view contact information in the School Directory found in Educate. **The window to complete this will be open through Friday, September 24th.** Please log into your home page using your parent username and password. Each parent will need to log in separately to change any personal information. If your cell or email has not changed, only one parent will need to update the household information and permissions.

### Steps to update information and viewing permissions:

1. Log on to your Educate account: <https://educate.tads.com/educate/>
2. Click on your name located in the upper left side. If you are doing this on a mobile device, you will see this under MENU.
3. Choose ACCOUNT from the drop down box.
4. Click on the first tab titled USER.
5. Review the information. If you see something that needs to be updated, click on the empty EDIT box on the right side, and update the information. Be sure to click save at the bottom of the page.
6. Click on the second tab titled HOUSEHOLD.
7. Review the information. If you see something that needs to be updated, click on the empty EDIT box on the right side, and update the information. Be sure to click save at the bottom of the page.
8. SCHOOL DIRECTORY SHARING PREFERENCES is the last option at the bottom of this page. Choose YES or NO for each preference.

**Please be aware: If one parent gives permissions and the other parent goes in and changes, the last entered data will default all previous permissions. By choosing YES to all three permissions, you are only allowing SJB parents to see this information. If you choose NO for all permissions, your child's name will not appear in the directory. Please keep in mind that parents typically use the directory information for inviting others to playdates, birthday parties, etc.**

Click on SAVE USER INFORMATION at the bottom of the page. The task is accomplished!

If you have any questions or issues, please contact  
Michelle Barsness - [barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org) or 651-633-1522 ext. 1114

## Parenting Webinar - Dr. Jules Nolan

**We're Back: Now What?** Wednesday, Sept 22, 7:00pm

Parenting during the pandemic, conflict in our communities, going back to school, and the uncertainty that has plagued us over the last 18 months have made our jobs as parents even more difficult. Many of us are worried about how to move forward as we once again enter a school year that will likely be influenced by the pandemic. In this session we will bring it back to the basics of sound, practical parenting. What to attend to, what to let slide, how to protect our child's mental health without "snowplowing" away the experiences they need to become strong and resilient. Join the Zoom webinar by clicking on the link below:

<https://calendly.com/drjulesnolan/we-re-back-now-what>



Dr. Nolan is a psychologist, author, speaker, and owner of Phoenix School Counseling LLC, a private practice that serves non-public schools with counselors, consulting, and training services. She is the past president of Minnesota School Psychology Association and recently co-authored a college textbook on adolescent development: *Real World, Real Challenges: Adolescent Development in Contemporary Society*. Dr. Nolan serves schools and families with mental/behavioral health, school performance, and social/emotional learning needs.



## Spring Lake Park Youth Hockey Association

Is your child interested in hockey? SLP Youth Hockey Association is offering a couple Mite-level hockey programs that will introduce your child to the basics of hockey: Intro to Hockey Mite Hockey - Sundays beginning September 26th and Try Hockey for Free - Sunday, October 10th at 10:30am.

Look for more information or register on the SLP Hockey website: [www.slpyha.org](http://www.slpyha.org) or contact Mike Fitzpatrick [mfitzpatrick@johnsonfinancialgroup.com](mailto:mfitzpatrick@johnsonfinancialgroup.com) or call 612-281-4215

# SJB Parish News



## Join us this Saturday for our NET Team Welcome Bonfire!

Our NET TEAM arrives at SJB on September 18th! We will have a Bonfire at 7 pm in the West Parking Lot to welcome our team to the parish! Questions, contact [Mikayla Anderson](#)

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We invite all women to join us on Wednesday, September 22nd for devoted beginning with social hour at 7:30pm. From 8-9:30pm, we will be joined by Mary Sarah Menkhause as she shares her own story, *"Wooed to the Desert for Redemption: How our Suffering is the Greatest Roadmap to God"*. Mary Sarah works as the National Team Manager for Damascus Missions. A mission organization dedicated to helping this generation be awakened, empower, and equipped for Revival in the Catholic Church. They work towards creating places of Encounter with Christ and each other. Mary Sarah is one of the many Damascus Missionaries that worked with our teens at Extreme Faith Camp this past summer. Mikayla and Fr. Paul were incredibly impressed with their joy and faithfulness to the Lord.



## Becoming Catholic RCIA

Are you sitting in the pew each Sunday and intrigued by the Catholic Faith? Have you been coming with your family for years and need a safe place to ask questions? Are you one of the many Catholics who didn't finish their initiation sacraments and still need to receive Eucharist or be Confirmed? Is your child getting ready to receive a sacrament this year in 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade and you would like to be able to receive communion with them at those important moments of faith? Are you marrying or married to a Catholic and you just want to understand Catholicism better?



Becoming Catholic RCA Sessions are the place for you. Our Sessions are about to begin. We meet on Monday evenings at 7:00pm in Room 211. Contact Jill today to begin the process at [finkj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:finkj@stjohnnyb.org) or 651.633.1540 extension 1280.

## Synod: Focusing on the Future, Involving Everyone, Journeying Together

To make sure all Catholics have an opportunity to participate in the Synod process, Archbishop Hebda has asked every parish in the archdiocese to host Synod small groups this fall. That means for six weeks, our St. John's parish is focusing our adult formation just on the Synod. It's that important.

Imagine the impact of 186 parishes across the Archdiocese journeying together! Be part of this historic moment now, and the future of our local Church.

Register Now for the many opportunities St. John's is offering through existing Reach More groups or the Open Invite Small Group times on 6 Thursdays beginning October 7 offered in the morning from 9:30-11:30am or evening at 6:30-8:30pm in room 206/208.

Registration is available at our St. John's website. Look for the [Synod Link](#) on the front page or use the QR code.

Indicate any childcare needs for the Open Sessions. Hospitality provided. All sessions are free to attend.

Facilitators are needed to lead round table discussion and gather feedback. Training is available. Contact Jill Fink, Coordinator of Adult Discipleship at [finkj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:finkj@stjohnnyb.org) or 651.633.1540 ext. 1280. See more at [archspm.org/synod](http://archspm.org/synod).



# FALLFEST SCHEDULE



SCAN FOR INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE



## SATURDAY

September 18, 2021

FallFest Golf Tournament  
4 person "Best Ball" - 7:45 am Start  
Brightwood Hills Golf Course

## FRIDAY

September 24, 2021

5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Inflatables for all ages

Kids Games

Men's Fellowship & Knights of

Columbus Pig Roast 5:00 pm

Grill the Priests 5:30 - 6:30 pm

The Good, The Bad and The Funky 7:00 pm

## SATURDAY

September 25, 2021

2:00 pm - 10:00 pm

9:00 am - Fun Run, 5K & 1 mile,

Food and drink concessions

Kids and Adult Games

BINGO hosted by Knights of Columbus

Inflatables for all ages

Car Show 2:00 - 5:00 pm

"Bags" Tournament 2:00 pm

Mass with Multi-Cultural Music - 4:30 pm

Necessary Diversion 5:30 - 7:00 pm

GB Leighton 7:30pm - 10:00pm

Fireworks 10:00 pm

## SUNDAY

September 26, 2021

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Mass with Polka Music 10:30 am

Booya 11:00 am 'til gone (Take out starts at 12:30 pm)

The Baron of Bubble 11:00 - 3:00 pm

Kids and Adult Games

Designer Purse Bingo 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Food and drink concessions



## Bean Bag Tournament: Registration Flier



Grab a partner and show off your backyard gaming skills! Teams of all kinds are welcome: dads & daughters, moms & sons, best friends, neighbors, teammates... you dream it up and you'll be welcome to participate.

Simply scan the QR code or type in the URL below to register online.

Online registrations accepted only!

**\$200 for 1<sup>st</sup> Place \* \$100 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \* \$50 for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

**\*\*DOOR PRIZES!** All participants who are registered by September 20 will be entered into the Door Prize drawings! At least 15 Door Prize Winners (gift cards to Invictus, Steele & Hops, Target, Pizza, Chik-fil-a, movie tickets, Jersey Mike's, etc.!!)

Teams are guaranteed 2 games. We will follow the American Cornhole Organization's official rules for this tournament. [www.americancornhole.com](http://www.americancornhole.com)

**Who:** You and a partner!

**When:** Saturday, September 25 at 2:00 pm - during St. John's FallFest (835 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW, New Brighton)

**Where:** In the outfield of St. John's baseball field (in the gym if raining)

**Cost:** \$30 per team - each registrant will be given a free drink ticket!

(must be 21 for alcoholic beverages)

There will be inflatables available for kids to do during the tournament, as well as a variety of food and drink options available to purchase. For additional information contact us by phone 612.296.0612, email [SJBFallFest@outlook.com](mailto:SJBFallFest@outlook.com) or visit the website at [www.st-johnnb.org](http://www.st-johnnb.org)

### A HUGE thank you to the Bean Bag Tournament Sponsors:

SMA Construction, St. George Books & Gifts, Village Orthodontics, Zemke Travel, Top Notch Contracting, Mint Hardwood Flooring, Suburban Auto Body, CARS Bike Shop, Jeff Hershey American Family Insurance, Mannings Restaurant & Bar, Dairy Queen (hwy. 65 & 85<sup>th</sup>), Independent Living Solutions, Honey Baked Hams, Knights of Columbus, Circle of Women

### Limited number of teams allowed - REGISTER NOW!

(sold out last time!!)



Or go to:  
[bit.ly/3jN8TvI](https://bit.ly/3jN8TvI)  
to register.

SCAN this code to register!

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