

Principal's Bulletin

From the Principal

Blessings to you all on this MEA break. We hope everyone has a chance to relax, have a little fun and enjoy this short break.

Below are some things that are coming up quickly when we return:

- **All Saints Party:** Join us on the evening of Wednesday, October 27th for some games, crafts and trick-or-treating. Pizza will be available for purchase from 5:00-6:00pm. We will join in Church for a blessing at 6:10pm followed by trick-or-treating through the parish and school and games/crafts until 7:30pm. All are encouraged to come dressed as your favorite saint.
- **Classroom Halloween Parties:** We will celebrate Halloween with our classmates on Friday, October 29th. Students can wear Halloween colors or a Halloween-themed shirt (appropriate content please) and jeans or sweatpants/wind pants are okay for students to wear.
- **Pancake Breakfast:** St. John's Knights of Columbus council is serving a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 31, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in St. Joseph Hall. All you can eat, serving pancakes, sausages, syrups, and beverages. Cost is \$8 per person, \$5 for children 5 and under - family maximum of \$30. Come enjoy some pancakes, some fellowship, and support the St. John's Knights of Columbus! All SJB students who attend will receive a non-uniform pass.
- **SJB Information Night:** Tuesday evening, November 9th we will be hosting a SJB Information Night for families interested in touring and learning more about SJB. Invite friends, neighbors and family who are looking for school options for their children.

Since our last report on October 7th, we have had 2 additional confirmed positive COVID cases at St. John's School. We just want to remind you that the best way to help us keep these numbers from growing is to do the following:

- 1) Do a daily health screen and keep your child home if they have any symptoms. Cough and fever are two of the most published and talked about symptoms, however, in our cases, students have had one or two of a multitude of symptoms including stomach ache, cough, sore throat, chills, feeling tired, runny nose, nasal congestion, and headache. If your child has symptoms, we encourage you to have them tested for COVID to rule it out. You can find testing options in Minnesota on the MDH website at the following link:
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/index.html>
- 2) Call the school if your child is sick and expect a follow up to determine next steps. The attendance line/health office voicemail number is 651-633-2211 x 1119 or direct dial number of 651-633-1522 x 1119. You may also call the main office number at 651-633-1522 x 1118
- 3) If you have a family/household positive case, keep your child home and contact the school office for next steps which will include a 14 day quarantine of any unvaccinated students.
- 4) If you have an outside exposure, please contact the school office for next steps.

We are grateful for all our families who are taking extra precautions to help to keep all our students healthy and in-person. Thank you for your continued diligence and flexibility.

Hallo-gram/Saint-grams will be sold next week, Monday, October 25 - Wednesday, October 27. All grams will be collected Thursday, October 28th. These are optional for students and are notes that they may send to other students in the school to wish them a Happy Halloween or All Saints Day. The cost for these is 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.00. These notes will be sold in students' homerooms and should be turned in by October 28th. The SJB Student Ambassadors will then sort and deliver the grams to students with a treat.

The SJB Student Ambassadors are also holding an All Saints Day coloring contest. This is an optional activity for students to color a Saint picture. Students will receive a coloring sheet next week. Winners from each grade will receive a prize.

Have a great break!

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

School Spirit Online Store NOW OPEN



The second SJB Spirit Wear Store is **NOW OPEN** online. This online ordering opportunity will be open through Sunday, October 31st. Delivery will be the week of December 6th. Click on the link below to access the online store:

<https://lettermensp.tuosystems.com/stores/stjohnthebaptist2021>

Totino-Grace Wrestling - FREE Wrestling Clinic

Participants: Boys in grades K - 8

When: Tuesday, Nov. 2 and Wednesday, Nov. 3

Time: 5:30-6:45 (Wrestlers will be split up into groups based on age & experience)

Cost: FREE

Where: Totino-Grace High School Wrestling Room - 1350 Gardena Ave, Fridley, MN 55432



To register, use this link: <https://forms.gle/KLSfj3HMT8T3ub1U7>.

You can come to one or both days. This clinic is a great way to introduce boys to the sport of wrestling. No experience is necessary and no equipment needed – can wrestle in shorts, t-shirt and either wrestling or clean tennis shoes. Individual instruction will be geared to age and experience level, with a focus on the fundamentals of wrestling. Boys will be matched by size, age and skill level.

If you cannot access the link, or if you have any questions, contact Dan Vandermyde directly (763-586-6305 or at dan.vandermyde@totinograce.org) to get the registration form. Boys interested in continuing wrestling beyond the clinic can join the Totino-Grace Youth Wrestling Club. Practices will begin in mid November.



St. Thomas Academy Admissions Showcase

Families in Grade 8 are invited to hear Saint Thomas Academy students describe their unique journeys, learn about what our experienced and talented faculty can offer your son and discover the benefits of a leadership focused, rigorous academic program. In addition, you will have a chance to learn about the many athletic and co-curricular programs we offer. Admissions Showcases offer an opportunity to receive an exceptional overview of Saint Thomas Academy. For more information or to RSVP, please visit cadets.com/showcase

Synod Small Groups JOIN IN!

Our ten groups are going strong with great feedback.

There is room for **you** to join in!

All Adults are Invited to Our Open Invite Small Groups – Thursdays at 9:30-11:30AM OR 6:30-8:30PM in Room 206/208

No Registration needed.
For more information go to the Synod link on our website www.stjohnnb.com



SJB Parish News

Extreme Faith Night - MS Students

All middle school students are invited to Extreme Faith Night with the NET Team on Friday, October 29th from 7:00-8:30pm. Encounter the power of the LORD through a night that's set up like a mini-Extreme Faith Camp! We will begin in the Youth Room and move on into a time of games, prayer, and adoration. Hope to see you there!

KNOWN BY GOD:

A RETREAT FOR MOTHERS GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A MISCARRIED OR STILLBORN CHILD

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 9AM-4PM



To register scan the QR code or visit www.stjohnnb.com

JOIN ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY

COME DRESSED UP AS YOUR FAVORITE SAINT



**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 27TH
5PM TO
7:30PM**

**5PM -6PM - PIZZA (\$2 PER SLICE, \$1 DRINKS - ST. JOE'S HALL)
6:10PM - BLESSING IN CHURCH, TRICK-O-TREATING AND GAMES TO FOLLOW IN PLAZA**

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY