

# Principal's Bulletin

## From the Principal

This year is another unique year. I am sure you all feel and see it. If you are like us, it is sometimes hard to remember what school was like before COVID, yet we want to give our students as close to a normal school year as possible. To do that, we need your help. We are finding that many symptoms of the this current variant are different from last year and are very similar to cold/flu symptoms that we are used to seeing and dealing with so it can be easy to miss. Over the last two weeks, we have received our first notices of positive COVID-19 cases. As of today, we have 6 positive cases in our school community (students or staff) in three grades. 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 of two of a multitude of symptoms including stomach ache, cough, sore throat, chills, feeling tired, runny nose, nasal congestion, and headache.
- 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 651-633-1522x 1118
- 3) If you have a family/household positive case, keep your child home if unvaccinated 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 have created a [COVID Multi-Level Mitigation Plan](#) to show what steps may need to be taken to slow the spread at school. We will adopt the more strict protocols as the need arises to help decrease the spread of any COVID-19 cases, especially among individual classrooms or grades. When to implement these necessary strategies and the length of time for them will be reviewed and determined based upon the circumstances of each case. As previously communicated, we report all our cases to MDH and the Archdiocese, as required. Additionally we consult with our Mounds View district nurse to help us navigate each case.

We know that MEA is typically a time when families travel. We ask that you follow all precautions as required for your travel locations and be attentive to possible exposures. If you have questions about your travel and return to school please contact the school office.

Now to other news....

It was wonderful to see so many families and students at the Marathon this past Saturday. It was a great day! The Marathon's last collection day was yesterday and we are just shy of our goal so if you have not handed in your Marathon pledges, please do so tomorrow. Remember, each student is asked to bring in \$165 and any amount outstanding will be charged to your TADS account.

I want to call your attention to a couple upcoming calendar items:

- There will be NO BUSING tomorrow Friday, October 8th. This means that our MV district buses will not run and parents will need to transport their children to/from school. Our two charter buses to the Blaine area will run normally on this day. Drop off for all car rides is at the gym door. Please pull in single file and watch for staff direction. For afternoon pickup, please park in the main Church lot.
- Faith and Blue event is Sunday, October 10th beginning at noon in the St. Joseph's Hall
- October 12th at 6:30pm in room 206/208 will be the Parent Orientation meeting for Sacrament of Reconciliation. Parents of second graders who will be receiving this sacrament this year should plan to attend.
- Devoted is Wednesday, October 13th for all women of the parish - doors open at 7:30pm for social time with announcements and prayer beginning at 8:00pm followed by a presentation by TG Religion Chair, Clarey

McInerny titled *3 Saints for Women Today*

- Catholic Watchman is Thursday, October 14th, 6:30-9:00pm in the Youth room for all men of the parish
- There will be NO SCHOOL for students on Thursday, October 21 and Friday, October 22 for MEA. J-Care will be available for those that need care. See below for the details and register your child for these school release days on the [J-Care page of the website](#). Questions? Contact Mrs. Alison Wacek at [waceka@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:waceka@stjohnnyb.org)
- The SJB All Saints Party is October 27th. Plan to join us for fellowship, fun, and trick-or-treating. Watch for more details to come.

Have a wonderful weekend  
Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

## September JOY Award

As you know, each month during the school year we spend time learning about and practicing a Virtue. Our monthly student JOY Award recipients are chosen by teachers and other staff to receive the monthly JOY award for how they practice and live out the virtue that month. This year, these students will be announced at a Wednesday morning all school Mass each month.

For the month of September, this virtue was Charity - loving God with all your heart, mind and strength, and your neighbor as yourself.

Congratulations to our September Joy Award recipients!



**KG** Vera K.

**Gr. 1:** Molly C.

**Gr. 2:** Paige C.

**Gr. 3:** Stella G.

**Gr. 4:** Skyler M.

**Gr. 5:** Isaiah K.

**Gr. 6:** Stephanie B.

**Gr. 7:** Sarah L.

**Gr. 8:** Grace B.

**Art:** Leo M.

**Gym:** Jeremiah A.

**J-Care:** Kate N.

**Library:** Molly M.

**Music:** Heidi F.

## SJB Basketball Registration



Basketball registration is under way now through Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. This is open to students in grades 5-8. Please see Mr. Miley for registration materials, or you can find them on the [Athletic Page](#) of the school website.

## J-Care School Release Days - MEA

Thursday, October 21 and Friday, October 22

Hours of Operation: 7:00am – 6:00pm



**Thursday, October 21 - Twin City Harvest Festival and Corn Maze**

**Friday, October 22 - Fall Fun Day**

Online Registration is open from until Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. To register go to the [School Release Days](#) on the [J-Care section](#) of the SJB website. **ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:00AM**\*

### Reminders:

- \* If J-Care does not have more than 8 children signed up for either of the days, our hours of operation will be 8:00am – 4:00pm (parents will be notified via email).
- \* If you cancel after October 18<sup>th</sup>, you will be charged the full day rate.

Any questions please contact Alison Wacek – [waceka@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:waceka@stjohnnyb.org)

# SJB Parish News



Order online [HERE](#)

## Faith and Blue Sunday

Save the Date for our Faith and Blue Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> Join New Brighton Public Safety and other community members involved in police and fire for lunch and pizza in St. Joseph's Hall while we watch the Vikings game that starts at noon. It will be an opportunity to build understanding and community. Visit with Police and Fire men and women, tour their vehicles, and watch the Viking beat the Lions! We will have Pizza and drinks for lunch. We will offer a blessing over the police and fire fighters in attendance. Please join us! If you are a fire fighter or police officer for New Brighton or another department please join us! Contact Fr. Paul with any questions!

[frshovelain@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:frshovelain@stjohnnyb.org)

## All Saints Party

The annual SJB All Saints Party is coming!

Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> beginning with the kick-off blessing at 6:10pm in the Church followed by trick-or-treating and games until 7:30pm.

Pizza will be sold by the SJB Student Ambassadors in St. Joseph's Hall from 5:00-6:00pm for \$2 per slice and \$1 per beverage.



All students are encouraged to dress as a saint! All groups and commissions are encouraged to reserve a table and give out candy.

## First Reconciliation & First Communion

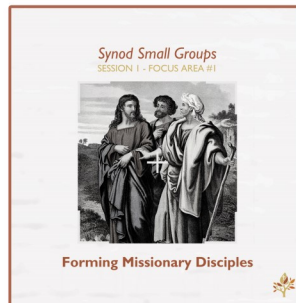
The Parent Orientation meeting for First Reconciliation and First Communion will be Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00pm in rooms 206 & 208 in the parish. This is an informational meeting for parents, 2<sup>nd</sup> graders do not need to attend.

Please RSVP for childcare at [livermontj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:livermontj@stjohnnyb.org).

## Synod Small Groups BEGIN THIS WEEK!

St. John's is offering MANY opportunities for you to give feedback for the Synod process.

Join a small group for the 2 hour, 6 week sessions.



Options:  
Open Invite Small Groups – Thursdays at 9:30-11:30AM OR 6:30-8:30PM in Room 206/208

Existing Reach More Groups  
Connect with your group, or join several taking new members. Register today!

Registration is appreciated.  
Go to the Synod link on our website [www.stjohnnb.com](http://www.stjohnnb.com)



## Becoming Catholic RCIA

Becoming Catholic RCIA is adding a **daytime session on Tuesday at 9:00-10:30am**. Child care is provided.

If you have been wanting to join RCIA but the evening schedule did not work in the past, contact Jill to find out more information and begin today.



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