

Principal's Bulletin

From the Principal

Happy Martin Luther King Jr. weekend! We hope that everyone will take some time over this long weekend to rest and restore. As you know, Martin Luther King Jr. worked tirelessly for the dignity of all people especially African Americans. As Catholics, we too have a responsibility to respect the dignity and rights of all – those who are oppressed, the poor, those who are sick, those who are minorities both racially and religiously, those who are elderly, and those who are unborn. Join us in working to respect the dignity of all God's people.

As you know, the COVID omicron variant is very active in the community right now and we see this activity at SJB as well. We have had 20 positive student and staff cases since January 3rd that resulted in a potential school exposure, meaning the positive students or staff were in school during their contagious period. Additionally, we have other students that are out due to family or other outside exposures or a positive case, but these students were not in school while contagious. As mentioned this fall, when we can track transmission of several cases in a classroom or grade, we increase our mitigation strategies - this includes requiring masks for all, increasing spacing in classroom settings, increased cleaning, etc. This week we did just that for two of our grades due to the number of cases. Note that there may be times when there is more than 1 case in a classroom or grade that are unrelated. In this case we may not increase our mitigation strategies, but rather monitor the situation closely and continue to consult with our district nurse for guidance. Below are a couple of COVID-related reminders for all:

1. Masks are recommended for all students regardless of vaccination status
2. We ask that you monitor your child closely and keep your child home if they are sick.
3. Contact the school office with any questions or if there is a positive case in your household so we can assist with next steps.

Finally, here is what we have coming up:

- There is no school tomorrow, Friday, January 14th or Monday, January 17th.
- Our 6th grade will be celebrating with their guests on Wednesday, January 19th at their Faith, Family, Fellowship Event following Mass. Sixth grade guests should remain in the Church after Mass for a short student performance before heading into St. Joseph Hall for some snacks and refreshments.
- The Preschool and Kindergarten Parent Information Night will be held on Thursday, January 20th from 6:00 -7:30pm. The night will begin at 6:00pm with a short presentation in St. Joseph Hall followed by tours and more grade specific information with the kindergarten and preschool teachers. Please spread the word to friends and family that are interested.
- Wines to Wishes 2022 is just a short time away. Save the date for Saturday, February 5th. Registrations are currently being taken at www.winestowishes.com. This is a wonderful adult-only evening of fun and fellowship along with some fundraising for the school. We are still in need of donations. Please look at the wish lists on the website or contact Michelle Barsness (barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org) if there is something you can donate. We look forward to seeing you there!

Blessing to you all and enjoy the long weekend.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Wines to Wishes 2022

Wines to Wishes is St. John the Baptist School's premiere event that funds critical needs and upgrades of the school as well as celebrates 60+ years of faith-filled excellence in education. We are excited to be back IN-PERSON for this year's event! Our Fund-A-Need goal is to purchase a new PA (public address) system to better streamline communication with all students, teachers, and staff. Money raised above and beyond our goal will go to our tuition endowment fund.

A big part of our event is our silent and live auction, and for these to be successful, we need donations! If you are able and interested in donating, we have a few different options, which can be found on the [donations page of our Wines to Wishes website](#).

~ You can shop from our Amazon or Target Wish Lists from the comfort of your home, and the lists are set up to ship directly to school. It's super easy – you can even shop in your pajamas!

~ If you are able to purchase a gift card, we have a sign up genius to track the donations. This will require you to go to the location, purchase the gift card, and then deliver it to school. We use gift cards in a variety of ways at the event.

~ We can shop for you! Simply donate online using the link, or you can drop off a check or cash to the school office.

~ Not interested in any of the items on our wish lists? We are also looking for bottles of wine and tickets to events (sports, theater, etc.).

To learn more about our event, how to register, and/or how to sponsor and donate, please visit our website: www.winestowishes.com. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Contact Michelle Barsness (barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org) with any questions.



SJB Spirit Wear - FINAL Online Store Open NOW!



The **FINAL** spirit wear order of the 21-22 school year is open NOW online.

The store will be open Thursday, January 13 through Friday, January 21. Access the online store via the link below:

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

SJB Drama - Willy Wonka Jr

The time has come to put on another show at SJB! We want YOU to audition for a role in Willy Wonka Jr. Angela Mannella-Hoffman, Owner of Moore Than Dance, will be directing this wild and whimsical show! Students in grades 4-8 are invited to audition. All students who audition will get a part, so there is no need to be nervous.



Performance dates are May 14-16 and rehearsals will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday after school. Not everyone will be needed for all rehearsals.

Auditions for Willy Wonka Jr!
Monday, January 31 2:15-3:30 pm
Grades 4-8

Auditions will consist of acting, singing and dancing. If you would like to audition for a speaking role, please read through slides (attached to the PB email)

If you want to audition, please complete this [audition form](#) BEFORE January 30th.

SJB Parish News

SJBYM Middle School Fun Day

ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN AT BOWLERO! PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. SPOTS ARE LIMITED.

MLK DAY: MONDAY JANUARY 17, 2022 12:30PM-5PM





cost: \$20 per student
Includes - snacks, transportation, 90 min bowling, 24 credit arcade, and 2 laser tag games

Schedule:
12:30pm - arrive at SJB
12:45 - introductions, opening prayer
1:00pm Games, snack and testimony
2:00pm - leave SJB on bus to Bowlero, Blaine
4:40pm - depart from Bowlero, Blaine
5:00pm - pickup at SJB (Lunch not provided)


Contact Mikayla Anderson, Youth Minister
with any questions!
andersonm@stjohnnyb.org



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contact Jill Fink at 651.633.1540 ext. 1280 or finkj@stjohnnyb.org

Presence Registration





Cana Dinner

Married and engaged couples are invited to enjoy a lovely evening of dinner, drinks, marriage blessing and a fantastic presentation.

MARRIAGE: THE GOOD SOIL HE'S PLANTED IN YOU

Saturday, February 12, 2022

Happy hour begins at 5:30. Marriage blessing and dinner at 6:00 with presentation following. Located in St. Joseph hall. Please register on the parish website by February 5th. \$60/couple or reserve a table of 8 for \$220.

Contact Jill Fink, Coordinator of Adult Discipleship at finkj@stjohnnyb.org 651.633.1540 ext. 1280

Trusting God through the many seasons of marriage





Mark & Julie Rose

Mark and Julie are ministry consultants for the Evangelical Catholic (EC). The Roses both hold their masters in theology from the University of Notre Dame. They have three children and live in Madison, Wisconsin.

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