

Principal's Bulletin

From the Principal

As we enter this President's Day weekend, let us remember how lucky we are to live in this democracy. One of the wonderful things about our democracy is that it allows for differing opinions. As Father Doug reminded us at Mass yesterday, it is okay to disagree with others as long as we do so respectfully while always pursuing the good and true and Jesus needs to be at the center of that pursuit. We pray that our President and other public officials always seek the good and strive to make good decisions.

We are coming up on the last week of February following this long President's Day weekend and Spring Conferences and Lent are right around the corner. Spring Conference are required for all kindergarten families and for those requested by the teacher. Parents may also request to conference with your child's teachers. Conference forms should have gone home with students this week. Please make sure to check with your student and return the form back as soon as possible.

Lent is about 2 weeks away and begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2nd. We will begin the season of Lent with Mass at 8:30am - please join us. Lent is a wonderful time to work on our relationship with Jesus and to grow in our Faith. Our staff is challenging themselves to deepen their relationship with the Lord and we will be doing the same for our students. As a family, think about how you can deepen your relationships with Jesus. Some ideas to help are to commit to family prayer time, attending Sunday Mass regularly, or participating in other Lenten worship/faith activities. Look for more information in the coming weeks of Lenten opportunities for your family here at St. John's - watch future Principal's Bulletins or the Church bulletin, website or email communications for upcoming events that are offered. We pray that this Lent is fruitful and deepens your relationship with Jesus and that this relationship will continue to grow and encourage you to seek Him more and more.

Below are some other upcoming items at SJB:

- ◆ NWEA MAP testing has been completed for most students, however, make up testing will continue next week as needed.
- ◆ SJB PTO's next meeting will be via Zoom on Thursday, March 3rd from 6:00-8:00pm. We encourage anyone interested to join this meeting. Topics that will be discussed are Teacher Appreciation Week and the end of the year student picnics. The link to join the meeting is below:

Meeting URL: <https://medtronic.zoom.us/j/99862215395?pwd=SERYUmRVUmM3V1UrTUNPZ2o4SEhiQT09&from=addon>

Meeting ID: 998 6221 5395 Passcode: 609898

- ◆ Thursday, March 10th is a non bussing day for those who ride a district bus. Drop off will be at the gym parking lot and please enter the car line along 2nd Ave NW. Blaine busses will run as normal. Kindergarten students only do NOT have school that day due to conferences.
- ◆ Spring Break begins on Friday, March 11th and goes through Friday, March 18th. School resumes on Monday, March 21st. J-care is available on March 11th and March 14- March 17th. You must pre-register your child to attend J-Care over spring break on the [J-Care page](#) of the SJB website: [J-Care Spring Break Registration](#). We know many families travel during spring break time. If your child will miss any days of school due to traveling and vacation (or for any other reason), please be sure to contact the attendance line or the school office with those dates.

⇒ Attendance line is 651-633-1522 ext. 1119.

⇒ School office is 651-633-1522 ext. 1118 or via email to Joy Thienes at thienesj@stjohnnyb.org.

A reminder that there is NO School for preschool through grade 8 tomorrow, Friday, February 18th and Monday, February 21st.

Enjoy your long weekend!

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Tuition Assistance Applications

Applications are continuing to be accepted for the 2022-2023 school year. For those who would like to apply for tuition assistance for the 2022-2023 school year, you may do so at www.mytads.com. We ask that all tuition assistance applications be completed by March 31, 2022.

TADS⁺® by communitybrandsSM **Please note that in order to be considered for an AIM Higher or CSA Scholarship, the tuition assistance application must be completed by March 1, 2022.**

Many of our families do get an extra \$1000 (per student) from these sources, so get your application in early!

Household Paid Tuition Tax Report

As you look to complete your taxes for 2021, you may access and print a copy of your "Household Paid Tuition Tax Report" in your TADS accounts under the Billing tab. This report details what your family has paid towards school tuition and fees in a given tax year. As this report runs off of a tax year, multiple school billing years may be listed on this report. To find this report, login to your TADS account and there is a link to this report on the left-hand side above your account listings. Alternatively, this report can be accessed within a specific year billing account if you click into your 'Reports' tab while viewing your account.



SJB Spring sports registration - NOW OPEN!

Spring sport options available are Track & Field, Baseball, Softball



Track & Field is open to boys and girls in grades 4-8

Baseball is open to boys in grades 5-8

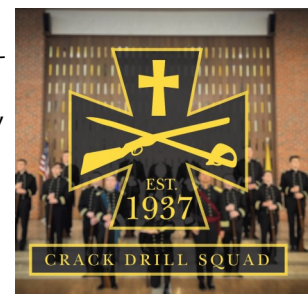
Softball is open to girls in grades 5-8

Registration forms are due March 4th and may be found on the [SJB Athletic Page](#) of the SJB website or from Mr. Miley.

Community News

Crack Drill Squad Performances at Saint Thomas Academy

Formed in 1937, The Crack Drill Squad is one of Saint Thomas Academy's longest standing traditions, dating back nearly a century. The Crack Drill Squad is a precision drill team that uses collective marching patterns and synchronized aerial gun maneuvers to embody the pride, dignity and excellence found throughout Saint Thomas Academy. The Squad had a performance on the legendary [Ed Sullivan Show](#) in 1953, and now you can see a performance in person! Attend a public performance on either **Sunday, February 27** at 2:00 p.m., **Wednesday, March 30** at 7:00 p.m., or **Wednesday, April 27** at 7:00 p.m. in the Court at Saint Thomas Academy. [RSVP here!](#)



SJB Parish News



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7:00 PM
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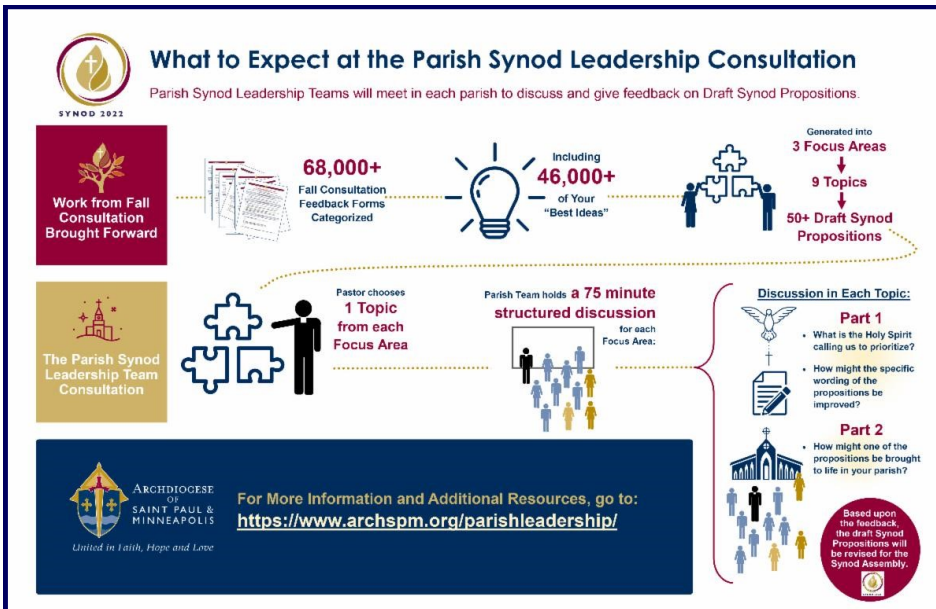
FEATURING SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR
MEGAN KRUGER





RCIA Rites to be Celebrated

Next Sunday adults preparing to come into full communion with the Church will celebrate the **Rite of Sending** at our parish at the 10:30am Mass. This Rite offers the parish community an opportunity to acknowledge the spiritual progress of the candidates, express approval, and support, and send them forth to our Bishop. The **Rite of Election** follows at 1:30pm at the Basilica of St. Mary where our group will be welcomed by the Archbishop or Bishop. Please keep all in your prayers. For more information regarding Becoming Catholic RCIA, contact Jill Fink at 651.633.8333 ext. 1280 or finkj@stjohnnyb.org

What to Expect at the Parish Synod Leadership Consultation

Parish Synod Leadership Teams will meet in each parish to discuss and give feedback on Draft Synod Propositions.

SYNOD 2022

- Work from Fall Consultation Brought Forward
- 68,000+ Fall Consultation Feedback Forms Categorized
- Including 46,000+ of Your "Best Ideas"
- Generated into 3 Focus Areas
- 9 Topics
- 50+ Draft Synod Propositions

The Parish Synod Leadership Team Consultation

Pastor chooses 1 Topic from each Focus Area

Parish Team holds a 75 minute structured discussion for each Focus Area:

Discussion in Each Topic:

- Part 1:**
 - What is the Holy Spirit calling us to prioritize?
 - How might the specific wording of the propositions be improved?
- Part 2:**
 - How might one of the propositions be brought to life in your parish?

Based upon the feedback the draft Synod Propositions will be revised for the Synod Assembly.

For More Information and Additional Resources, go to: <https://www.archspm.org/parishleadership/>

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Synod 2022

The next step in our Synod 2022 process involves our 10 Parish Representatives to discuss three focus areas as draft propositions. This feedback will help the Archbishop develop his Synod Propositions for the Assembly to pray and discern at the Synod on June 3-5.

How Can You Participate?

1. Pray for our Parish Representatives who will meet on Saturday, March 5.
2. Attend a votive Mass on February 26 at the Cathedral of Saint Paul at 8:00am followed by adoration until 3:10pm.
3. Pray the Synod Prayer

Find the prayer and more information on the [Synod on the parish website.](#)



Attention All Middle School Students: Open Youth Room is Ready for YOU!

Come join us in the youth room directly after school every Thursday afternoon from 2:30-4:00pm for tons of games, snacks, hanging out, a short discussion about our faith, and FUN! Hope to see you there!