

August 11, 2022

From the Principal

The countdown is on! School is just over three weeks away and things are beginning to come together. Here are the important things as we get closer to September 6th:

- Tomorrow, Saturday, August 13th is the New Brighton Stockyard Days please join us in the walking the parade. See below for more information.
- Used uniform sale is Monday, August 15th in the school gym from 4:00 - 7:00pm.
- Tuesday, August 23rd are the ELA assessments for students in grades 1-5 (it was previously communicated in error that these assessments were for kindergarten students as well). Links for the signups by grade are shown below. Note that each sign up has slots for 5 students.

[GRADE 1](#)

[GRADE 2](#)

[GRADE 3](#)

[GRADE 4](#)

[GRADE 5](#)

- Kindergarten Picnic is Thursday, August 25th from 5-6:00pm. This event is sponsored by our PTO and provides our Kindergarten families with another opportunity to socialize with other families and get know our staff.
- Wednesday, August 31st is Meet My Teacher Night from 6-7:00pm. Please enter via the gym entrance (door 7) which is the north parking lot entrance off of 10th Street NW.

It is with sadness that we announce two staff who will not be returning to SJB this fall. Mr. Kevin Miley will be moving out of town to pursue other opportunities, however, he will continue to help us out as Interim Athletic Director until we are able to find a replacement. We are so grateful to Mr. Miley for all he has done and the impact he has had on our school community, students, and staff. Mrs. Dawn Ressler will also not be returning to SJB as she has accepted a position closer to her home which will allow her a shorter commute time. We thank her for the last two years as both a 4th grade and 2nd grade teacher and the many gifts she brought to our community. We will miss them both and wish them well in their new endeavors.

We have openings for the following positions at SJB:

- [K-8 Music Teacher](#)
- [K-8 PE Teacher and Athletic Director](#)
- [Grade 2 Teacher](#)
- J-Care staff
- School lunch staff

Listings for the K-8 Music teacher, K-8 PE teacher/Athletic Director, and grade 2

Upcoming Events:

Stockyard Days Parade
Sat, Aug 13, 10:00am

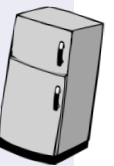
Used Uniform Sale
Mon, Aug 15, 4-7:00pm

Meet My Teacher Night
Wed, Aug 31, 6-7:00pm

First Day of School, Pre-8
Tues, Sept 6

Teacher Wish List

Do you or someone you know plan to update a refrigerator? The staff lounge is in need of a full-size refrigerator for teacher use.



Contact the school office to let us know!

teaching positions are on the [career page of the Archdiocesan website](#) and can also be found by clicking above. Descriptions of the other positions may be found below. If you know of anyone who might be interested in any of our open positions, please encourage them to reach out or apply by sending a cover letter and resume to me at lairda@stjohnnyb.org.

Finally, please make sure to take a look at the PTO newsletter below. PTO is a great way to get involved and support our students and staff as well as get in your volunteers hours. The PTO kick-off meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13th at 6:00pm at St. John's.

Have a wonderful weekend! We hope to see many of our families tomorrow at the Stockyard Days Parade!
Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Stockyard Days Parade – Saturday, August 13th

We are looking for students and parents to wear their **SJB Spirit Wear** or school uniforms and join us in promoting our school. Participating students will earn a non-uniform pass, and parents will earn volunteer hours. All students must be accompanied by an adult.

This year, we will be walking the route – there will be NO trailer for younger students to ride in. Strollers and/or wagons are encouraged. Please wear comfortable shoes, bring a water bottle, and wear sun-screen – a backpack may be a good idea to carry belongings.

We will be handing out candy along the parade route and providing postcards to those who inquire. We will also have two individuals carrying a sign to identify who we are.

Below are the details and directions for the parade line up:

- The parade begins at 10:00am – please arrive by 9:45am. Line up is in the St. John's Church parking lot and on surrounding streets. Our Line up number is #39, and we are located right in front of the main church doors.
- Because the parade begins at SJB, please be aware that the streets around the church and school will be closing for staging so plan accordingly (the best idea is to have someone drop you at church and park and meet you at the end point).
- The route runs from St. John's to approximately the corner of 13th Avenue NW and 7th Street NW. See the [Parade Route](#) here.
- The New Brighton Rotary Club will be providing hot dogs and chips for each parade participant at the end of the parade (Hanson Park Parking Lot - 13th Ave and 5th St). Feel free to stop by after the parade!

If you are planning to be there tomorrow, please email Michelle Barsness at barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org, so we have an approximate count of participants (and have non-uniform passes ready for the students), or just come and join the fun!

2022–2023 Busing

Blaine Charter Bus Update: We are continuing to work with the bus company to finalize the bus stops for the 2022-2023 school year. We will continue to keep you updated weekly either in the principal's bulletin or via a separate email.

Mounds View District Busing: To register - complete the online form: [MV Busing Registration](#).

Used Uniform Sale – Monday, August 15th

The Used Uniform Sale is an opportunity to purchase gently used uniforms at greatly discounted prices. The uniforms are donated by the families of St. John the Baptist School. We have two used sales each year - August and January. Our August sale will be held on Monday, August 15th from 4:00-7:00pm in the school gym. Please enter the school through the gym entrance (north parking lot) - door 7. Payment accepted at the sale: Cash or Check Only

We accept donations of gently used uniform pants, shorts, shirts, skirts, jumpers and spirit wear to the school office anytime during the school year. If you are dropping any uniform items off in the next couple weeks and we are not in the school office, you may leave them outside the door - thank you!

* PLEASE NO CLOTHING WITH RIPPED HEMS, TEARS, HOLES, MULTIPLE STAINS OR MISSING BUTTONS *

If you are interested in volunteering at the sale on August 15th, contact:

Barb Lieser at barblieser@lieserinsurance.com

Brooke Holterhaus at bholterhaus@gmail.com

School Year J-Care

J-Care is a non-contracted before/after school and summer school age program for students in kindergarten through 8th grade. Our mission is to provide high quality child care at an affordable price in an engaging, active, and comfortable environment while maintaining a safe and JOY-filled place for your child(ren). J-Care provides homework support; physical, recreational, and educational activities; interactive games; field trips; swim trips; crafts; and a healthy snack and milk to participants each day.



On regular school days, J-Care is available 6:30am – 7:45am and 2:30pm – 6:00pm

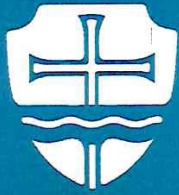
For those will use J-Care during the 2022-2023 school year, please complete the registration form and return this form at Meet My Teacher Night on Wednesday, August 31st. Find this form and more information about J-Care on our website. [2022-2023 J-Care Information](#)

Questions? Contact Alison Wacek at waceka@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-1522 x 1127

Volunteering

As part of the tuition agreement at St. John's, each family is required to complete 20 hours of volunteer at the school or with the St. John's parish. There are many opportunities to complete these hours throughout the year. PTO (see below) is a great way to get involved and learn about more volunteer opportunities. Classroom volunteers are also sometimes needed throughout the year and those opportunities will be communicated by your child's teacher. Other opportunities will be communicated through the Principal's Bulletin each week or may be found in the parish bulletin (or website). All families/volunteers should keep track of their own hours. You may print and use the following tracker or use your own system of keeping track: [Volunteer Tracking Form](#).

VIRTUS - E3 Requirements for volunteers: All employees and volunteers who interact with minors, are required to complete the "Essential Three" requirements (which must be renewed every three years) and maintain safe environment credentials through the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. This includes completion of the VIRTUS training as well as submission of the Volunteer Application and a Background Check. Information on the steps to complete this requirement may be found on the SJB website: [VIRTUS](#). Questions on Virtus? Contact Mrs. Alison Wacek at waceka@stjohnnyb.org.



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St. John the Baptist ♥ PTO

Providing Parent Support to the Students & Teachers at St. John's

AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER

WE NEED YOU!

The SJB PTO invites YOU to join the Parent Teacher Organization this year! There are lots of ways for you to be involved in your child's education - from volunteering to help with classroom parties to attending one of our fun family & faith oriented events! It is also a great way to meet the other families and kids in your school.

If you are ready to be a part of the SJB PTO please fill out the [Interest Form](#) and we will add you to our PTO distribution list.

2021 - 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

The SJB PTO had an amazing 2021-2022 school year and we are looking forward to an even more successful 2022-2023 school year. Here are some highlights from last year!

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

- Attendees: 65 school & Church staff
- Volunteers: 16
- Events: Kick-Off Breakfast, Catered Lunch, Coffee & Donut Truck, Daily Door Prizes, Wish List Day, *New* Duty Free Week, Happy Hour
- **Budget: Increased by 30% this year!!!**

FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES

- **Volunteers: 130**
- Ralph Reeder Food Shelf: 107 Birthday bags
- Homebound Parishioners: 100 Easter Baskets
- Tie Blankets for the Elderly: 10
- Placemats for Assisted Living: 105
- Gift Bags for National Guard Families: 84

SCHOOL PICNIC

- Volunteers: 49
- **Attendees: 404 Students & Staff**
- Budget: *Increased by 40% this year!!!*

CHRISTMAS SHOP

- 2-Day Event, 2 Shifts/Day
- Volunteers: 16
- **Revenue: \$9,093**
- Every student was able to participate!

NON-UNIFORM / APPRECIATION CAMPAIGN

- 4 Fundraisers **Raised a Total of \$2,740!!**
- 4 Teacher Appreciation Events: Lunches, Breakfast, New Keurig, Caribou Gift Cards



Please Contact PTO Leadership:

stjohnnybpto@gmail.com
to sign up for the following volunteer opportunities.



Help welcome new families at the Kindergarten Picnic!



Sell SJB Mom & Dad Apparel at Meet My Teacher Night!



All Saints Halloween Party with the Parish



Upcoming Classroom Holiday Parties - Halloween



Open PTO Position: Room Party Coordinator



Kindergarten Welcome Picnic
Thursday, August 25th
5-6pm @ the SJB Playground



Sip Sip Hooray!
Tuesday, September 6th
@ AM School Drop Off
@ St. John's Church Parking Lot



PTO Kick-Off Meeting
Tuesday, September 13th @ 6pm @ St. John's

Job Openings at SJB for 2022–2023

SJB PRESCHOOL - Assistant Teacher

St. John the Baptist Preschool is seeking an Assistant Teacher. We are seeking an enthusiastic, nurturing, positive teacher to join our growing preschool. The Assistant Teacher will work collaboratively with our team of teachers to support our mission which is focused on the development of the whole child. Experience working with preschool aged children preferred. Please contact Mrs. Andrea Schroeder with questions or to apply at schroedera@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-1522 ext. 1209

School Kitchen Assistant

St. John the Baptist School is seeking an individual who will assist with food preparation, serving, student supervision, and clean up in our school cafeteria. The kitchen assistant must enjoy working with students and in a fast-paced, collaborative environment. You must be a self-starter and able to take work direction. Candidate will also promote the mission of our Catholic school and parish and participate in any professional development or formation as required. Please contact Ms. Ann Laird with questions or to apply at lairda@stjohnnyb.org.

J-Care Director

St. John the Baptist School is now accepting applications for an before and after school child care program (J-Care) director. This is a full-time position, Monday - Friday approximately 12:00-6:00pm with the potential for additional hours on school release days and during the summer. The director would oversee the J-Care program to provide a safe, supportive and fun environment for the students. Candidate would be self-motivated and provide direction to the program staff. Must enjoy working with elementary-aged students and possess the ability to communicate effectively with parents, students and staff. Previous child care experience preferred. Please contact Ms. Ann Laird with questions or to apply at lairda@stjohnnyb.org.

J-Care Program Staff

St. John's before and after school program is looking for applicants for part-time after school elementary-age child care. Applicant must enjoy working with students and have a positive mindset towards child learning and development. Program staff plan and implement age-appropriate activities and crafts, provide homework support, and enjoy spending time with our students. Hours are 2:15 - 6:00pm Monday through Friday when school is in session with additional hours on school release days and summer. Hours are flexible to work around high school end times. Must be 16 years or older to apply. Please contact Ms. Ann Laird with questions or to apply at lairda@stjohnnyb.org.

SJB Parish News

Altar Server Training

There is one more opportunity this summer for children entering 5th grade and older to train to become an altar server.

August 16-17 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm
 August 18 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

If you are interested, please fill out the online form by clicking the link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIGd5H8tH2dsZ4qpwDp8d5qiMRqQeAuiLrR8dCol674su1Gg/>



BACKPACK BLESSING

August 20 & 21, 2022 at the end of all Masses

Say goodbye to summer and start the school year off right with a backpack blessing!

Kids bring their backpack and receive a keychain!



FALLFEST SCHEDULE



SCAN FOR INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE



SATURDAY

September 17, 2022
 FallFest Golf Tournament
 4-person "Best Ball" ~ 7:45 am Start
 Brightwood Hills Golf Course

FRIDAY

September 23, 2022
5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
 Kids and Adult Games ~ 5:00 pm-10:00 pm
 Inflatables for all ages ~ 5:00 pm-7:00 pm
 Men's Fellowship & Knights of Columbus Pig Roast ~ 5:00 pm
 Grill the Priests ~ 5:30 pm-6:30 pm
 The Good, The Bad and The Funky ~ 7:00 pm

SATURDAY

September 24, 2022
2:00 pm - 10:00 pm
 Fun Run, 5K & 1 mile ~ 9:00 am
 Food and drink concessions
 Kids Games ~ 2:00 pm-10:00 pm
 BINGO hosted by Knights of Columbus ~ 2:00 pm-7:30 pm
 Inflatables for all ages ~ 2:00 pm-7:00 pm
 Car Show ~ 2:00 pm-5:00 pm
 "Bags" Tournament ~ 2:00 pm
 Adult Games ~ 4:00 pm-10:00 pm
 Mass with Multi-Cultural Music ~ 4:30 pm
 Necessary Diversion ~ 5:30 pm-7:00 pm
 GB Leighton ~ 7:30 pm-10:00 pm
 Fireworks ~ 10:00 pm

SUNDAY

September 25, 2022
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)
 Kids Games ~ 11:00 am-3:00 pm
 Inflatables for all ages ~ 11:00 am-10:00 pm
 The Baron of Bubble ~ 11:00 am-3:00 pm
 Designer Purse Bingo ~ 1:00 pm-3:00 pm
 Food and drink concessions
 Grand Raffle ~ 3:00 pm



Summer Revival

END OF SUMMER BONFIRE & ROSARY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 7:15PM-9:00PM
WEST PARKING LOT

Come enjoy the end of the summer by praying the rosary after our 6:15pm Mass and fellowship around a bonfire!



Contact the Office of Discipleship and Mission with any questions!
 651-633-8333

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