

August 18, 2022

## From the Principal

We are just a little over two weeks from the start of the 2022-2023 school year. Staff have already begun to work in their classrooms to get the rooms ready to go and to start planning for the year ahead. All staff will return beginning on Wednesday, August 24th for workshop week. Please pray for us that our workshop meetings will be productive and fruitful and that we all begin the year refreshed after the summer break and ready to go!

As you may know, we raised money at this past year's Wines to Wishes event to install a new PA system for our school. Earlier this week our new PA system installation was completed and tested. We can't wait to use it for announcements and more once school begins, but for now we are enjoying the new bell tone which is also part of the PA system. Thank you for your generous Fund-a-Need donation which paid for this much needed upgrade.

We have had several interviews this week for our open positions and we ask for continued prayers that we find good candidates to fill these roles. We will update our families on any new hires as soon as things are finalized. If you know of anyone who might qualify for any of our open positions, please encourage them to apply by sending a cover letter and resume to Ms. Ann Laird at [lairda@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:lairda@stjohnnyb.org). Position descriptions for the grade 2 teacher, PE teacher/ Athletic Director and Music teacher may be found on the Archdiocese website or by clicking the links below.

- [K-8 Music Teacher](#)
- [K-8 PE Teacher and Athletic Director](#)
- [Grade 2 Teacher](#)

We are pleased to announce that Miss Sarah Wilder is the new Coordinator of Discipleship for Middle School Youth and Young Adult Ministry at St. John the Baptist Church and School. The position will include Middle School Formation on Wednesday evenings, middle school youth ministry throughout the year, Catholic Youth Summer Camp and young adults in the parish. Sarah will also work with our middle school students in the school throughout the school year and will offer Middle School Open Youth Room times throughout the year - watch for more information on opportunities for our middle school students to come as the school year begins. We are happy to welcome Sarah to St. John's and look forward to working with her in the year ahead.

Finally, here are some important upcoming dates:

- K-5 ELA Assessments will be held on Tuesday, August 23rd. If you haven't signed your child up for a time slot, please see the links below to do so now.
- Kindergarten Picnic, sponsored by our PTO, will be held on Thursday, August 25th from 5-6:00pm.
- Meet My Teacher Night is Wednesday, August 31st. More information will be coming in next week's bulletin for this evening.



### Upcoming Events:

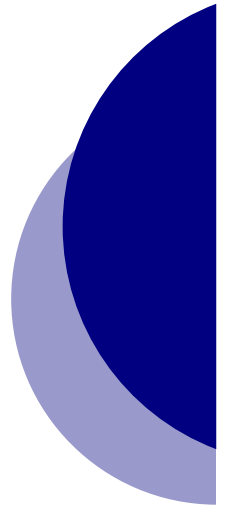
- Meet My Teacher Night  
Wed, Aug 31, 6-7:00pm
- First Day of School, Pre-8  
Tues, Sept 6
- Middle School Parent Night  
Wed, Sept 7
- K-5 Parent Night  
Wed., Sept 14

### Middle School Electives Instructors Wanted

Do you have a job, skill or hobby that you would be interesting in teaching to a small group of middle school students? We are looking for a few elective instructors. Elective classes are Friday afternoons from approximately 1:30-2:30pm.

Contact Jenny Carroll or Bridget Troxel if interested or with questions:

[carrollj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:carrollj@stjohnnyb.org)  
[troxelb@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:troxelb@stjohnnyb.org)



We pray that you all enjoy the remaining days of summer and look forward to seeing you all soon!

Blessings-

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

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## ELA Assessments – Grades 1–5

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Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> are the ELA assessments for students in grades 1-5. If you haven't signed up for a spot for your child, please do so now. Links for the signups by grade are shown below. Each sign up has slots for 5 students. Note: If your child is in second grade, Mrs. Elizabeth Lenz will be conducting the grade 2 ELA assessments with the second grade students next week.

**[GRADE 1](#)**

**[GRADE 2](#)**

**[GRADE 3](#)**

**[GRADE 4](#)**

**[GRADE 5](#)**

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## 2022–2023 Busing

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Blaine Charter Bus Update: No new update this week. We are continuing to work with the bus company to finalize the bus stops for the 2022-2023 school year. We hope to have the routes finalized by next week and information out to our Blaine parents for registering for the bus service soon.

Mounds View District Busing: MV district routes are being finalized. If you still need to register for district busing, you must complete the online form: [MV Busing Registration](#). All route information for district buses will come from the district.

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## Educate

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Educate is a tool that we use for attendance, grading, and communication. Within the next day, all new families will be sent an email with their username and a temporary password. This email will be sent to every primary parent within a household. If you are a returning family and do not remember your username and/or password, please email Michelle Barsness ([barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org)), and she will send it to you.

Within Educate, parents are able to see their child's homeroom teacher by clicking "Students", their child's name, and grades. As of today, students in grades K-5 have been assigned a homeroom teacher. Grades 6-8 will be placed in an advisory group by Wednesday, August 24, and that information will be available under the grades section at that time.

Educate also houses a directory of our school families. If you open the directory and only see a certain number of families in a grade, this is not indicative of the true number of students in a grade. For a family to appear in the directory, they need to opt in to sharing their information. If you check the directory and do not see your name, you have not allowed your information to be shared with other SJB families. After school starts, all families will receive an email with directions on how to opt in/out should you wish to update this preference. Many families use the directory for inviting others to playdates, birthday parties, etc.

## Volunteering

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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](mailto:waceka@stjohnnyb.org).



## SJB Preschool Corner

All preschool parents should have received a welcome letter from your child's teacher. Within this letter is a sign-up link to choose a time for a Meet My Teacher meeting. If you did not receive this email, please contact the Preschool Director, Andrea Schroeder at [schroedera@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:schroedera@stjohnnyb.org) or 651-633-1522 x 1209.

While many of the school days are the same between preschool and K-8 students, preschool does have their own yearly calendar which list important preschool-only information. Below is the link for the preschool calendar:

### [Preschool 2022-2023 Preschool Year Calendar](#)

Our preschool also has a before/after care program called Care Crew. This program is for families who need to drop off their children before school starts or pick their children up after school has ended. We also offer care on some school release days.

We ask that you please register your child at least 24 hours in advance of when care is needed; If care is needed on a Monday, please sign up by Friday of the week before. Full school year care can be sign up for as well by noting that in the comment section. Please sign up for Care Crew on the [Preschool section of the SJB website](#) or by clicking below:

### [Care Crew SignUp](#)

# SJB Parish News

## 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



## FALL FEST INFORMATION



## 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!



## 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



## Sacramental Preparation and Celebration at St. John's

The Catholic Church welcomes all to faith in Jesus Christ and grace in her Sacramental life. Preparation and celebration follow the development of the child and include the family. Learn more below about how we can accompany you in your faith journey. For more information contact Jill Fink, Director of Catechesis at 651.633.1540 ext. 1280 or [finkj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:finkj@stjohnnyb.org).

### First Sacraments

The preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion are completed during second grade. Preparation includes parents guiding their children through weekly home lessons, attending Parent/Child orientations, retreats, and celebrations.

Register at: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/7c0254f2-7e5f-4b62-aa76-ab3cbab71630>



### Baptism

The Catholic Church welcomes all ages to the Sacrament of Baptism. Preparation includes a parent meeting held once a month with other parents to understand the theology, Rite of Baptism and supporting parents in their role as first educators. Preparation for children ages 3 to 7 includes several parent/child sessions to instruct on the Good Shepherd, the gifts of baptism and the Rite of Baptism. Celebration of baptism is scheduled once a month typically the third Sunday of the month.

Register at: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/d7c49e75-72f9-4db3-acf9-9f8fe9ac6b42>

### RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children)

RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children) is for children between ages 8 and 14 who have completed second grade and are looking to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and First Reconciliation. Students who have been baptized and need Eucharist and First Reconciliation are also welcomed. Parents accompany the child in the process with regular meetings.

Register at: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/62ab1d59-3c8b-49ee-9181-df1e44beecff>

## Thinking of Becoming Catholic?

Becoming Catholic  
RCIA Information Session

Sunday, August 28  
9:30 am  
(time convenient between the morning Masses)

St. Joseph Hall

no registration necessary  
come for information for yourself or to give to a friend



For more information contact  
Jill Fink  
Director of Catechesis  
651.633.1540 ext 1280 or  
finkj@stjohnnyb.org



### Becoming Catholic RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

RCIA is the process by which adult men and women are initiated into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Baptized adults also are welcome to complete initiation sacraments. Sessions meet weekly from mid-September until after Easter on Thursday evenings from 7:00—9:00 pm in Room 206. Attend RCIA Information Gathering on Sunday, August 28, at 9:30 am in Saint Joseph Hall.