

From the Principal

It's State Fair time so that means the 2022-2023 school year is just 13 days away! Teachers started back full time yesterday and they are busy getting their rooms ready for the students and the upcoming school year. We are looking forward to once again having the hallways filled with students and the excitement and anticipation of those first days of school!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Meet My Teacher night next Wednesday, August 31st from 6:00-7:00pm. Classrooms will be open for parents and students to drop off school supplies and to meet the teachers. The school gym will be host to many school and parish groups for you to get information or your questions answered. See below for more details on the evening.

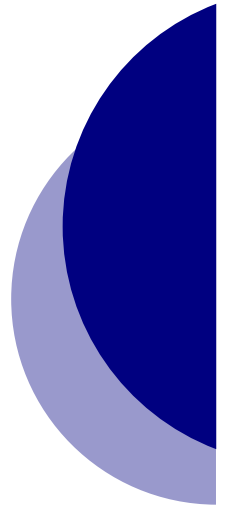
Other important dates during the first couple weeks of school are:

- First day of school is Tuesday, September 6th for all students. PTO is hosting a Sip Sip Hooray event with The Wandering Mug coffee truck. The coffee truck will be located in the main Church parking lot. Stop and purchase your morning coffee or just visit with other SJB parents following morning drop off.
- We invite all middle school parents to the Middle School Parent Information Meeting on Wednesday, September 7th beginning at 6:30pm. This will be a chance for parents to learn what MS will look like for their students this upcoming school year.
- We would like to invite all our parents to join us at the first PTO meeting of the school year on Tuesday, September 13th beginning at 6:00pm at St. John's. If you would like to be added to the PTO distribution list, please complete the [PTO Interest Form](#).
- We invite parents of students in grades K-5 on Wednesday, September 14th to the K-5 Parent Information Meeting. More information to come, but please put the date on your calendar.

A reminder to all families that if you haven't yet set up your tuition payment accounts through TADS, please do so as soon as possible. All families should have received an email with a link to set up your account (if you haven't, please let Joy Thienes in the school office know - thienesj@stjohnnyb.org). We appreciate your attention to this matter.

We are excited to announce that Mrs. Amy Nelson, who works with the TG Fine Arts Academy, will be the Band instructor assigned to St. John's this school year. If your child will be in grades 4-8, he/she may join the band. Mrs. Nelson will be here on MMTN, so if your child is interested in band (or might be), please stop in the school gym to meet her and get more information on band at SJB this school year.

We are also excited to announce that Mr. Tucker Moore is our new K-8 Music Teacher and Children's Choir Director. Mr. Moore comes to us with a variety of experience with teaching music and leading choirs and his enthusiasm for



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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
- SJB PTO Meeting
Tues, Sept 13
- K-5 Parent Night
Wed., Sept 14

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teaching music is contagious. Please join me in welcoming him to our SJB community. We know he will be a great addition to both the school and parish!

We are continuing to work on filling our 2nd grade teacher, PE/Athletic Director, kitchen assistant, and J-Care positions. We will notify you as soon as we have someone in place to fill these positions. At the same time, however, we are also working on a plan to fill these roles until the most qualified candidates can be found.

Finally, the St. John the Baptist Parish Fall Fest will be held September 23-25. This is always a fun community event and we encourage all our families to come join us at one or all three days. As you can imagine, there are many volunteers needed to put on a large parish event. Please consider signing up for a shift or two over that weekend - these hours will also count toward your 20 hour volunteer commitment for the school year. Sign up [HERE](#) and see below for a list of events happening during the three day Fall Fest.

We wish you wonderful last days of summer break and look forward to seeing you all soon!

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Meet My Teacher Night – August 31, 2022

Meet My Teacher Night (MMTN) will be held on Wednesday, August 31 from 6:00-7:00pm. You may stop anytime during that hour open house to meet your child's teacher along with receiving information and registering for other programs at school or parish. We encourage your child to bring his/her school supplies that evening to make the first day of school a little easier.



Park in the North lot and enter the school through door 7 (gym entrance). Stop in the school gym to check out the areas below:

School GYM:

- School Office - tuition, busing, Virtus or just general questions
- Health Office - medication drop off or ask questions of the district nurse (Mrs. Colleen Moore)
- J-Care - register for before/after school care
- Band - meet Mrs. Amy Nelson and get information and register for band for the year
- Pencil Pouches - Mrs. Sue Rother will be selling the cloth pencil pouches
- Office of Discipleship & Mission - Sacramental Registration, Youth Group, etc.
- Meet our new specialist teachers
- Lunchroom - Educational Benefits applications, food allergies, etc.
- SJB PTO - come and see how to get involved at SJB!

Classroom teachers will be in their rooms. Class lists will be posted outside the doors for each room. Middle School Advisory groups will also be posted outside the class, but there will also be a master list by the school gym and up by the Science Lab. Below are the rooms for each grade:

Kindergarten - Rooms 7 & 8

Grade 1 - Rooms 101 & 102

Grade 2 - Rooms 103 & 104 *Registration for sacraments will be outside the second grade classrooms.

Grade 3 - Rooms 105 & 106

Grade 4 - Rooms 107 & 108

Grade 5 - Rooms 109 & 110

Middle School - Rooms 111, 112, 3, 4, 5 or 6

2022–2023 Busing

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.

Health Information – Medications, Health History Form

Health forms may be found on the Health Office page of the SJB school website. We ask that all students have an updated [Health History Form](#) each school year. If your child has received any immunizations recently, please update the [Immunization Record Form](#) (a printout from your child's doctor works as well).

If your child needs any medications while at school, please complete the appropriate form:

[Prescribed Medication Form](#)

[Over-the-counter Medication Form](#)

Medications may be brought to Meet My Teacher Night so that we are ready to go for the first day of school. Note: we do NOT supply over-the-counter medications (ibuprofen, acetaminophen, etc.) and these items must be parent-supplied. **ALL MEDICATIONS SHOULD BE LABELED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.**

If your child has other health concerns (allergies, asthma, etc.), please be sure that the school has updated plans from your child's doctor each school year and emergency medications are at school (epi-pens, inhalers, etc.)

Questions? Mrs. Colleen Moore, our MV District Nurse Supervisor will be here on Meet My Teacher Night or you may email the SJB Health Office at healthoffice@stjohnnyb.org.

School Lunches

Lunches are served each day at school and are available for purchase. Student lunches will be \$3.50 each and includes the main entrée, sides, veggies, fruit and a carton of milk. Students may also purchase milk separately at 50¢ each. Money for lunches may be deposited via Tads following the steps below:

How to Deposit Lunch Money

1. Log on to your TADS account.
2. Click on the Billing tab.
3. Find the Accounts – Pre-Paid section.
4. Find the appropriate school year.
5. Click on Make Payment.
6. Ensure that Student Lunch Account Deposit Pre-Paid Account is checked (not the Tuition & Fees box).
7. Enter the payment amount and confirm the payment amount.
8. Choose the payment method. Click continue.
9. Follow the remainder of the prompts to successfully submit payment.

If you would like to apply for Educational Benefits (Free/reduced lunches), please complete the application and turn it in to the school office. If your family qualifies, your students will be eligible to receive free school lunches. Education Benefits Applications may be found on the [Lunchroom Page](#) of the school website. Hard copies are located on the kiosk outside the school office and will be available at MMTN.

St. John the Baptist♥PTO

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



JOHNNY DAD



ONLINE ORDERING ENDS SEPTEMBER 2ND

Order your "Johnny Mom & Dad" gear TODAY! All apparel proceeds go directly to the SJB PTO & will benefit the students and staff at St. John's. Here are some of the events we are able to host each year due to your support!!!!

Kindergarten Welcome Picnic • Sip Sip Hooray 1st Day of School Parent KickOff • All Saints Halloween Party w/ Parish • Christmas Shoppe • Families Helping Families • Winter & Spring Family Events • Staff Appreciation Week • End of the Year School Picnic

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SIP SIP

Hooray!

IT'S THE FIRST DAY!



First Day of School Parent Kick-Off

St. John the Baptist PTO invites you to come meet other parents over a cup of coffee (available for purchase) in the church parking lot on the first day of school!

What? The Wandering Mug Coffee Truck

Where? Church Parking Lot

When? Tuesday, September 6th

Time? Morning Drop Off

We hope everyone had a relaxing and blessed summer!

SJB Parish News

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.



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>

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.

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
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finkj@stjohnnyb.org



Sunday School

Sunday School is discipleship training for our littlest disciples (ages 3 through kindergarten). The sessions consist of a bible story and lesson (which follows the lectionary), songs, crafts, and saint stories. We meet most Sundays during the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses from October through April. All children must be registered prior to attending/participating in the Sunday School program. All children must be potty trained to enroll. Registration is now open on our website <https://stjohnnb.com/faith-formation/children/> and you can also find our calendar here as well.



Early bird pricing is happening now!
Sunday School Orientation is September 18th after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses.

Email Jen Livermont at livermontj@stjohnnyb.org with questions.

Family Formation

Could you and your family benefit from learning more about who Jesus is and how your family can put Him at the center of your family life? This is a great way to take what your kids are learning at school and live a more faithful family life at home. Family Formation has a new program out this year that addresses those topics for everyone - whether you are new to the Catholic faith, those interested in learning more and those already committed.



The Family Formation program is for families with children in preschool through 5th grade where parents and children grow in discipleship together. Family Formation is designed for parents to be equipped to fulfill their call to be the first and foremost educators of their children's faith. This program is offered in-person on the first Wednesday of every month of the formation year (October - May) with a Kick-Off event in September. Parents attend a speaker on the topic for the month while students meet in grade specific classes for catechesis. Parents will receive materials and guidance to teach their children three additional lessons at home during the rest of the month.

Registration is now open on our website <https://stjohnnb.com/faith-formation/children/> and you can also find more information and our calendar here as well.

Early bird pricing is happening now!
Family Formation Kick-Off is September 21st.

Email Jen Livermont at livermontj@stjohnnyb.org with questions.

Childcare Help Needed

We are looking for childcare help for Wednesday and/or Thursday mornings. This could be either a paid position or a volunteer position (This would count towards the school's volunteer hour commitment). We have other daytime, evening and weekend times when we need childcare help on a sporadic basis. Help us support this important ministry! In the past we have sometimes had employees and volunteers bring a young child with them to childcare so it can be a nice way for a young child not yet in school to get some socialization while you earn some extra money! Please email Jen Livermont at livermontj@stjohnnyb.org if you have questions or to sign up for this important ministry. All childcare workers must be up-to-date on their Virtus E3 Requirements.

FALL FEST INFORMATION**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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

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CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL