

September 1, 2022

From the Principal

IT'S TIME TO START THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR!
WELCOME and WELCOME BACK!

It was great to see everyone at our Meet My Teacher Night Wednesday night and there was great excitement in the air. Our staff has been working and planning for the first day of school and we cannot wait to get started. It is going to be a great year! Please make sure to join us at the coffee truck in the Church parking lot for some fellowship at the PTO sponsored Sip Sip Hooray event after drop off.

Important upcoming events:

- Please join us for our first all-school Mass on Wednesday, September 7th at 8:30am. Following the Mass, Fr. Paul and Fr. Joseph will walk through the school and bless each classroom. It is a wonderful way to begin the school year.
- Middle School Parent Information Night is Wednesday, September 7th from 6:30-7:30pm. For Middle School families, this meeting will give you important information on policies, procedures, and expectations for our middle school students.
- PTO Kick Off Meeting is Tuesday, September 13th from 6-8:00pm. Come and learn about the many ways to get involved at SJB school.
- K-5 Parent Information Night is Wednesday, September 14th. K-2 presentations will be from 6:30-7:00pm and grades 3-5 presentations will be from 7:00-7:30pm. Mark your calendars as this will provide you with great information about your child's grades, policies, procedures, and expectations.

The SJB Parish FallFest will be held September 23-25. Join us for fun, fellowship, music, and more. Also there are great volunteer opportunities available for you and these hours will count toward your 20 hour volunteer commitment for the school year. Please click [HERE](#) for the sign up. See below for a list of events happening during the three-day FallFest.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Elizabeth Krohn is our new 2nd grade teacher. Mrs. Krohn has worked in education for 20+ years and even spent some time here at St. John's teaching 6th grade several years ago. We are excited for her to be back and St. John's and look forward to her being a part of our community again.

Have a wonderful weekend and see you Tuesday, September 6th!

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal



Upcoming Events:

- 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

Important Contacts

- Dial number plus extension for a direct line: 651-633-1522
- Dial number plus extension to reach voicemail: 651-633-2211

Attendance:

thienesj@stjohnnyb.org
Ext. 1119 or ext. 1118

Front office/tuition/busing:

Joy Thienes ext. 1118
thienesj@stjohnnyb.org

Virtus:

Alison Wacek ext. 1127
waceka@stjohnnyb.org

Technology/Enrollment:

Michelle Barsness ext. 1114
barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org

Lunch:

Jayne Walker ext. 1000
walker@stjohnnyb.org

School Spirit Store – NOW OPEN

The first School Spirit Wear online store of the year is NOW OPEN! All orders should be completed online at the following link:

[SJB School Spirit Store](#)

The online window is only open until September 9th so order now! The next ordering opportunity will be in October.



General School Information

SCHOOL TIMES/DAILY SCHEDULE

- * School hours are 7:55am - 2:30pm
- * Car line drop off is at the Flagpole door #6, Flagpole door opens at 7:30am and close at 7:50am.
- * Students arriving before 7:40am will be supervised inside by the gym until 7:40am when they will head to their classrooms.
- * Any students arriving after 7:50am must be driven around the building and dropped off and checked in at the school office (door #12).
- * Any parent who would like to walk their child to the school doors should park in the Church lot or on the west side of 2nd Ave (across from SJB park). Please DO NOT park on the street along the playground - this area is for drop-off only. Extra staff will be on hand for the first few days to help students to find their classroom in the morning.
- * Afternoon car pick up will be from the main Church parking lot. Please park facing out to give better sight lines when leaving the lot to help keep everyone safe. Teachers will walk students to the sidewalk in front of the Church.

BUSES

- * District bus passes were mailed to all those who are registered and set up for busing. If you are within the MV district and do not have a bus pass, your student cannot ride the bus on Tuesday. Bus passes arrive to St. John's daily so as soon as they are received, they will be given to the students. If you still need to sign up for district busing, please complete the application on the MV website.
- * Information was sent to families regarding the Blaine charter bus via email yesterday. If you did not receive this information, please let Joy Thienes know at thienesj@stjohnnyb.org.
- * **EXPECT DELAYS TO THE SCHEDULED BUS TIMES THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF SCHOOL** - it can take several days to work through any issues with busing and get the routes down.
- * **Keep this phone number handy: 651-621-8900.** This is the phone number for the American Transportation Bus Company. If your child's bus does not show, is late, etc. during the school year, this is the number you should call to determine where the bus might be. This is the direct dispatch number and will allow you to get a quick response from the driver.

ABSENCES

- * If your child will be absent or late for ANY reason (illness, vacation, appointment, etc.) please let the school office know by 8:45am. This needs to be done for **each** day the student is absent. For a known multiple day absence (for a vacation, for example) one call or email with all dates of the absence is sufficient. Attendance line: 651-633-2211 x 1119 leave message on absences. You may also email the school office (thienesj@stjohnnyb.org).

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 who have health changes send in an updated [Health History Form](#). 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 the school office at any time. 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?

Colleen Moore, MV District Nurse Supervisor - colleen.moore@moundsvIEWSchools.org

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.

The [Lunch Menu](#) may be found on the SJB website under the SJB Lunchroom page or QuickLinks.

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.



Thank you to the Collins and Laumeyer families for their donation of the new flag for our school.

Thank you for your generosity!

SJB Preschool Corner



The Preschool Meet My Teacher meetings began Wednesday! We have enjoyed meeting with our new and returning friends. We look forward to meeting all of our preschool families.

Items to bring to your meeting:

- Health Summary Form (new students only)
- Immunization Record
- Emergency Contact Form
- School Supplies
- Family Photo

The forms can be found here: <https://stjohnnyb.org/academics/grades/preschool/forms-policies-resources/>

Important Preschool Links

Preschool School Year Calendar: <https://stjohnnyb.org/academics/grades/preschool/calendars/>

Care Crew Sign Up: <https://stjohnnyb.org/academics/grades/preschool/care-crew/>

Job Openings at SJB Preschool

Assistant Preschool Teacher:

SJB 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. This can be a full time or part time position. Please contact Mrs. Andrea Schroeder with questions or to apply at schroedera@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-1522 ext. 1209

Care Crew Teacher:

SJB Preschool is looking to hire additional Care Crew teachers for our after-school program. Hours are 2:00-5:30pm Monday - Friday. If you or someone you know may be interested, contact Andrea Schroeder at schroedera@stjohnnyb.org.



St. John the Baptist♥PTO

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



ONLINE ORDERING ENDS SEPTEMBER 2ND

JOHNNY DAD

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

ORDER HERE

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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.

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.

FallFest Field Team

Become part of the FallFest Field Team! We don't want to take away from all of the other places we need volunteers for FallFest, but we do want a team of parishioners ready, to be more intentional at FallFest.

Find out more about this new opportunity, check out the incentives, and gain some skills! Learn how to make simple introductions, have relaxed conversations, and make intentional invitations at Fallfest

Join Jessica Balzarini for one of the FallFest Field Trainings on:

Sunday, September 11th from 9:30-10:30am (room 211)

Thursday, September 15th from 7:00-8:00pm (room 211)

For more information or questions—Contact Jessica Balzarini 651-633-8333 or balzarinij@stjohnnyb.org

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

St. John the Baptist
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

**FALL FEST
INFORMATION**