



Principal's Bulletin

September 8, 2022

From the Principal

Blessings to you all on this first week of school. We are off to a great start! We love having the students back and having the halls filled once again with smiling faces and happy voices.

The Non Public School Marathon is coming up on Saturday, October 1st. An information packet will be sent home with students tomorrow. As part of the fundraising requirement on your Tuition and Fee Agreement, each student is required to bring in \$170. All money raised for the marathon goes to the school's general operation expenses. Our first collection date will be on Wednesday, September 14th. Please be sure to check if your employer will match your gift - many companies will match your donations to schools. Our school-wide goal is \$60,000. Together, we can make that goal a reality!

Tuesday, September 13th is the PTO Kick Off Meeting beginning at 6:00pm in parish room 206. Come and learn about the many ways to get involved at SJB school.

On Wednesday, September 14th, we will host our K-5th grade Parent Information Night. The K-2 meetings will be from 6:30-7:00pm and the grade 3-5 meetings will be from 7-7:30pm. These presentations provide parents with great information about the procedures and expectations of your child's teacher for the school year. Meetings for the grades will be in the following classrooms:

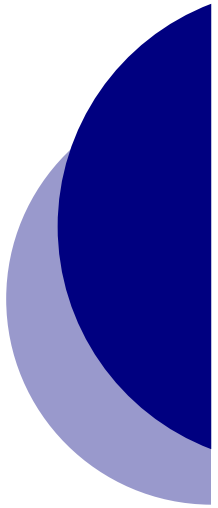
- * Kindergarten Meeting in RM 8
- * 1st Grade Meeting in RM 101
- * 2nd Grade Meeting in RM 103
- * 3rd Grade Meeting in RM 105
- * 4th Grade Meeting in RM 107
- * 5th Grade Meeting in RM 110

The SJB Parish FallFest will be held the weekend of September 23-25. This is a great opportunity to get some volunteer hours in as well as enjoy the great food, fellowship, and fun that FallFest brings! Please click [HERE](#) for the sign up to volunteer. Plan to join us. See below for more information or check out the [SJB Parish website](#) for all the fun activities that are planned for this year.

Finally, tomorrow is our first School Spirit Day of the year. All new students should have received a spirit wear t-shirt (some brought them home today) that they can wear tomorrow with. Remember your non-perishable or personal care item for the SJB food shelf to help Feed our Neighbors. A reminder that the first online spirit shop is open now until tomorrow, September 9th at 11:59pm. The next opportunity for purchasing spirit wear items will be in mid-October. Click for the online store: [SJB School Spirit Store](#)

Have a wonderful weekend and we can't wait to see you on Monday!

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal



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Upcoming Events:

- SJB PTO Meeting
Tues, Sept 13
- All School Mass
Wed., Sept 14, 8:30am
- K-5 Parent Night
Wed., Sept 14

Important Contacts

- Dial number plus extension for a direct line: 651-633-1522
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Andrea Schroeder ext. 1209
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SJB Preschool Corner

We had a wonderful first few days of Preschool! The children are adjusting well to the new school year. Our full day students are even carrying their own trays in the lunchroom already!

A FEW REMINDERS:

- ⇒ Preschool classroom doors open at 7:50am
- ⇒ Lower-level Preschool classrooms meet at the Church doors at 7:50am (this is for Miss Anna and Miss Mary Ann classes).
- ⇒ Dismissal is at the main Church doors at 2:30pm. Please walk to the teachers to pick up your preschoolers. We will not send the children to parents/grandparents in the parking lot. We will also not dismiss children to their older siblings.
- ⇒ Please communicate any Care Crew, Bus schedules and schedule changes with your child's teacher and Andrea Schroeder.

If you have any preschool related questions, please contact Andrea Schroeder schroedera@stjohnnyb.org

[Preschool Links](#)

[Care Crew Sign Up](#)

[Preschool Year Calendar](#)

Preschool Job Openings Care Crew Teachers

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



SJB Parish News

Middle School Youth Events and Updates

New Hire!

Introducing Sarah Wilder, SJB's new middle school youth minister for both parish and school. Sarah has been around the school, so many of the students have already met her.

If you have any questions for Sarah, her email is wilders@stjohnnyb.org

Open Youth Room (OYR)

Tuesdays 2:30-4pm

Come hang out, play games, and grow in faith and friendship with other middle schoolers from SJB!

No registration necessary.



Middle School Youth Group (MSYG)

2nd Friday of the Month 7-8:30pm

Oct 14, Nov 10, Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 24

Gather as a larger middle school community to play games, receive a message, and pray.

No registration is necessary.

Middle School Faith Formation (MSFF)

Wednesdays 6-7:30pm

Engaging and dynamic study of scripture. Competitive, creative, collaborative and much more.

6-8th graders will take a journey through the Old Testament from Genesis to Babylon. Cost is \$65.

Register at <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/5f95cd2c-e966-49da-8ecc-0b1f86f9e907>.

We need your help!

We are hoping to do a lot of amazing things in the middle school this year, BUT we can't do it without amazing volunteers!

If you are open to volunteering for one of the programs, contact Sarah Wilders@stjohnnyb.org.

*This volunteering can also count towards the 20 hour family commitment

MIDDLE
SCHOOL
FAITH FORMATION

*Journey through the
Old Testament*

**WEDNESDAYS
6-7:30PM**

REGISTER HERE

Engaging Way to Study the Old Testament
and Lay a Firm Foundation of Faith.
Registration costs \$65

New way to engage at FallFest - Be part of the FallFest Field Team

Information and Training Meeting offered on:
Sunday, September 11 from 9:30-10:30 am in Rm 211

Or

Thursday, September 15 from 7:00-8:00 pm in Rm 211

Learn how to make simple introductions, have relaxed conversations, and make intentional invitations at Fallfest. #GMT at Fallfest.

Contact Jessica Balzarini for more information.
 Email: Balzarinij@stjohnnyb.org



FallFest Bags Tournament!

Grab a partner and show off your backyard gaming skills!

Teams of all kinds are welcome: dads & daughters, moms & sons, best friends, neighbors, teammates... you dream it up and you'll be welcome to participate.

Who: You and a partner!

When: Saturday, September 24 at 2:00 pm - during St. John's FallFest

Where: In the outfield of St. John's baseball field (in the gym if raining)

Cost: \$30 per team

Prizes: \$200 for 1st Place * \$100 for 2nd Place * \$50 for 3rd Place

Plus DOOR PRIZE DRAWING for all participants who are registered by September 19th.

Register: [FallFest Bags Tournament](#)



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](#)

[VOLUNTEERS NEEDED](#)



Date: September 14

Time: 7:30 pm Social Time
8:00 pm Event Start

Where: St. Joseph Hall

Natasha Cahill is joining us this month and she will speak about "Bringing Jesus to Broken World: Evangelization as a Catholic Professional".



Save the date for Watchmen

All Men are Welcome!

The Next Catholic Watchmen Night is tonight!

From 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm in St. Joseph Hall

Father Paul is presenting:
"Labor of love—how work helps us become saints"

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.

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.