

From the Principal

October 27, 2022

Happy Halloween, All Saints Day, and All Souls' Day! As we come to the end of October and look forward to beginning of November, we want express our profound gratitude for the many ways you partner with us to fulfill our mission. Thank you for all the ways you assist and support us. Be assured of our prayers for you and your family during the month of November.

This month's virtue is fitting for November. It is the virtue of stewardship, returning to God the first fruits of our time, talent, and treasure. There are so many ways we can practice this virtue, from going to Mass on Sunday or praying daily to helping those in need, each other, and our family members. We encourage you to find ways to practice living the virtue of stewardship in your family throughout this month.

We have two half-day online learning days coming up on Monday, November 21st and Tuesday, November 22nd. These two half days provide an opportunity for students and staff to practice connecting and learning together in an online platform so that we can be successful should we ever need to move to distance learning due to inclement weather (more than 2 consecutive days of inclement weather) or other reasons. More details will come on what these days will look like for our students.

Also on the afternoons of Monday, November 21st and Tuesday, November 22nd, we will host our fall parent-teacher conferences for K-8 students. These conferences allow you to connect with your child's teachers to discuss their academic progress so far this school year or any other concerns you or the teachers may have. We request that all parents meet with their child's teacher(s) at fall conferences. Information on signups for conferences will be coming next week.

Here are some important things happening in November that we want to highlight:

- Tuesday, November 1st is All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics. Please join us for Mass at 8:30am. For those unable to make this Mass, St. John's will also celebrate Mass at 6:30am, 5:30pm or 7:00pm.
- Wednesday, November 2nd is All Souls' Day. During our school mass we will be praying for the souls of all who have gone before us in our families and parish. Please join us for Mass at 8:30am.
- Friday, November 4th will be a NO BUSING day for district buses. Blaine buses will run as normal. Morning drop off will be in the north (gym) lot. Afternoon pickup will be in the main Church parking lot.
- Wednesday, November 9th is our 6th grade Faith, Family, and Fellowship morning. Please note this is a date change due to a conflict. Invitations went out to all 6th grade families this morning. If you missed it, please click [HERE](#) for the link to RSVP.
- Thursday, November 17th we will have our Prospective Family Open House. If you know of anyone interested in St. John's School, please encourage them to attend. The open house will run from 5:30-7:00pm. Families may stop at any time during that night for a tour and to get more information on SJB.



#### Upcoming Events:

- No District Busing Day  
Friday, November 4
- 6th grade FFF Morning  
Wednesday, November 9
- Picture Retake Day  
Monday, November 14

### Amazon Smile

Did you know that if you order from Amazon using Amazon Smile, you can designate St. John the Baptist School as your charity and Amazon will donate a small percentage of all your purchases?

It's simple to use. Just go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and designate St. John the Baptist Church and School New Brighton as your charity of choice and then order as you normally would from Amazon. Thank you!

The Amazon Smile logo, featuring the word 'amazon' in black and 'smile' in orange, with a small orange arrow above the 'i' in 'smile'. Below it, the tagline 'You shop. Amazon gives.' is written in a smaller black font.

- There will be no school on Friday, November 18th for students in grades preschool through grade 8. This will be a teacher workday and preschool teachers will be holding conferences. J-Care for students in K-8 will be available from 8:00am - 4:30pm. There is NO Preschool Care Crew available on this day. If you need care for your K-8 grade child on this day, please register on the [J-Care page of the SJB website](#) by November 14th so we know our staffing needs for this day.

Finally, we hope that everyone has a wonderful weekend and a safe and fun Halloween on Monday.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

## New Staff for 2022-2023



Miss Katie Beitz  
Grade 3 Teacher

Mrs. Betsey Krohn  
Grade 2 Teacher

Mr. Tucker Moore  
Music Teacher



Ms. Emily Perez  
Art Teacher



Mr. Cole Van Beusekom  
PE Teacher / Athletic Director

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington D.C. Poinsettia Fundraiser

Help support the 8th graders on their annual trip to Washington D.C.

Purchase a plant between now and November 17.

Order can be placed through the link on the parish website, and the order form found by the School Office .

Orders can be picked up the following days:

December 2, 2:30-3:30pm

December 3, after 4:30 Mass

December 4, after 8:30 and 10:30 Masses

### Order information

Colors: Red, Pink, White

Sizes: 4.5—\$12.00

6.5—\$17.00

8.5—\$27.00

[Order Online Here](#)

## SJB Athletics

### Wrestling Team

#### Saint John the Baptist Wrestling Team

FREE Wrestling Clinic  
&  
Youth Wrestling Team



St. John's is excited to partner with Totino-Grace High School to offer both a free wrestling clinic and a youth wrestling program for boys in grades K-8.

An informational Flyer with more information and the registration links can be found on the [Athletics page of the SJB website](#) or by clicking on the links below.

[Wrestling Flyer](#)

[Free Wrestling Clinic Registration](#) [Wrestling Team Registration](#)

Any questions should be directed to Mr. Dan Vandermyde via email or phone: [dan.vandermyde@totinograce.org](mailto:dan.vandermyde@totinograce.org) or 763-586-6305

# SJB Parish News

## Middle School Youth Group - MSYG

Join us for MSYG on Friday, November 11th - 7:00-8:30pm in the Youth Room

MSYG is an opportunity for students in 6th - 8th grades to gather and enjoy faith, fun and fellowship in the youth room. Doors open at 6:50pm with nine square, pool, ping-pong, air hockey etc. Pick-up will be around 8:30pm.

Contact Sarah Wilder with questions-- [wilders@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:wilders@stjohnnyb.org).



## Core Commitment 2023

In the first of three Core Commitment videos (click to watch video) we hear from parishioner, school parent and school kitchen employee, Helene Maroun, about the importance of reliance on prayer. It is her source of strength and love. Helene stated, "I love the adoration chapel so much. I can sit there and put all my worries in God's hands." Prayer has also helped her children have hope and trust in God. Helene's son Anthony is in 6th grade at our school. He joyfully proclaimed, "We pray every day and I have never had that in any school before!" They have found a home here at SJB, after moving to Blaine 2 years ago. Thank you for helping them feel at home, as well as your dedication and support of our wonderful parish community.



Knights of Columbus

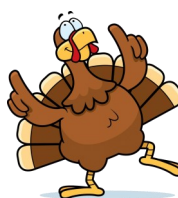
# WAFFLE BREAKFAST

JOIN US ON OCTOBER 30  
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

St. John Baptist  
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

## Turkey Dinner

The St. John's annual Turkey Dinner will be on **Sunday, November 6**. Dine In 11:00 am - 1:30 pm Take Out begins at 10:30 am.



**Adults \$13 Children 10 and under \$6**  
**Family max cost \$40** (2 adults with children). Includes turkey, stuffing and all the trimmings with pie for dessert.