

JAGUAR NEWS

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• ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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8th Grade Media Brings You the News!



Bringing you the scoop!

Our eight-grade Media class has been working hard all month to bring you the best and latest news from around SJB.

From sports to staff spotlights to lunch and recess news to advice and even memes, our team of journalists is heading out into our school community to report on the news that YOU want to read!

Our students have been busy interviewing, surveying, and photographing the students and staff of our school to better tell the real story of our daily lives

here at St. John the Baptist.

Eighth grade students broke up into six teams of journalists to work on the six different subjects they felt were most important to the students at our school. Media class time has been spent brainstorming, debating, planning, writing, organizing, and compiling all our data and stories so our eight grade students can provide the most exciting and compelling newspaper for all SJB students to enjoy.

*-Mrs. Bobnick
Media Specialist*

FALL FEST 2022 - Rainy, but Fun!

Carroll, Slack, Tapp

This year's Fall Fest was a success! One child said his favorite food was ice cream and pork chop on a stick. Graham Imholte said, "my favorite food is the fries and ice cream (frozen custard)." The silent disco was a new activity this year. The silent disco is where everyone got their own headphones and could listen to music and dance. We asked 15 people to rate their Fall Fest experience on a scale of one to ten and the average answer was 7.5.

Food options included cotton candy spun with Jolly Ranchers, frozen custard, an Asian food truck and a Mexican food truck, pork chops on a stick, corn, hot dogs, hamburgers, french fries, and coleslaw.

Kids could purchase wristbands to enjoy the many inflatables at Vets' Park.

Most people interviewed told us the Culver's frozen custard was the best food at the Fest and the best inflatable was the Zorb ball. The Fall Fest was a big hit and is very fun for all ages.





September's JOY award winners: (L-R) Emma Hendricks, Paul Vareberg, Emma Longnecker, Simon Borja, Kelly Bravo-Hernandez, Stephanie Bravo-Hernandez, Mackenzie Gries, Mya Belanger, Emma Berntson, Emma Blake, Maverick Blageo, Vince Foley, Rosie Schmitz, Ruby Cucurull

September's JOY Theme: FAITH

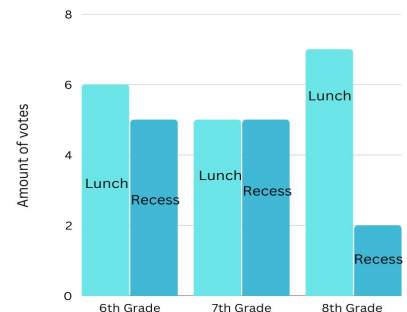
Haig, Litecky, Person, Weeks

September's JOY award virtue was faith. Faith is believing in God and all he has revealed. Faith is how we thank God for revealing himself, and trusting that God will catch us if we fall. We can grow in faith by focusing on obeying God and spending time with Him in prayer and silent meditation. By living out our school's virtues, you might be chosen to win the JOY award!

LUNCH VS. RECESS Who Wants More?

Agudo, Anosike, Berntson,
Muellner, Olsen

Everyone loves recess and lunch. It's 45 minutes to relax our brains and get our energy out, but is 45 minutes enough time to eat and play? We asked 30 middle school students, 16 boys and 14 girls, if they would want more time for lunch or for recess. All of the girls polled responded that they'd like more time for lunch. The majority of boys polled said they'd prefer a longer recess over a longer lunch. Out of all the students interviewed, 18 of them said they'd prefer more time for lunch, and 12 said they'd prefer more recess time.



Ask the 8th Grader! Schmitz, White, Young

How can I remember to do my homework?

Write in your planner! It makes life 10 times easier. It helps to finish homework right when you get home so you don't have to worry about it later.

How do I study for tests?

Make flashcards and study guides! Make sure to study several days ahead of time, not just the night before the test. Make sure to take breaks when you're studying so you don't waste all your energy in one go!

How do I make sure I'm living out JOY?

Always be respectful and kind to your classmates. If someone drops their pencil pouch or books in the hall, help them pick up their belongings. Try to set a good example for your friends and students younger than you!

If you have any questions for the 8th graders, please submit to Mrs. Bobnick by Tuesday, October 24th.

Staff Spotlight

Mrs. Walker

She loves each and every student and makes the yummiest lunches-- she's our lunch lady... Mrs. Walker! We asked Mrs. Walker about the new school year how she felt the new school year has been going so far. She responded, "FANTAB-ULOUS!"

Mrs. Walker said that the biggest challenges in the kitchen this year would be, "lunch prices, government regulations, and not having enough equipment." Something Mrs. Walker wants to work on this year is making a lot of fresh food, and she is going to try to do a lot of new and fresh cooking. When we asked what Mrs. Walker's personal favorite meal is, she said, "taco in a bag," and she said that her least favorite meal is "ham and turkey or ham and cheese sandwiches," because they are not fun to make. Mrs. Walker is an alumna of St. John the Baptist Catholic School. When she's not in the school kitchen and cafeteria, she's cheering for the Packers, traveling, or spending time with her two children and six grandchildren.



Ms. Perez

We'd like to welcome our new art teacher, Ms. Perez, to St. John the Baptist. When asked how adjusting to a new school has been, she replied that the new year has been really good so far and she is excited to be able to teach at St. John's.

"The biggest challenge has been learning how everything works, because Minnesota is very different from Arizona," Ms. Perez told us. Hopefully, she will learn to love our Minnesota winters and maybe take up some outdoor winter sports, or visit some of our many awe-inspiring art museums.

When she's not teaching, she enjoys reading and coaching a cross country team in Minneapolis. Her favorite art comes from the renaissance period.

We look forward to getting to know Ms. Perez as we progress through the school year!



Ms. Laird

Finally, we'd like to introduce our principal, Ms. Laird. "The beginning of the school year has gone very well, although it's a little hectic while everyone is getting used to things," she said about her experience this year. Ms. Laird said she is looking forward to watching all students grow in their faith and middle school advisory classes tackle bigger projects.

Ms. Laird is excited to get back to a more normal school year and she's also excited to see how the kids develop as the year goes on. Ms. Laird thinks the biggest challenges this year will be finding a PE teacher and making sure all the new students transition well into life at St. John's.

Ms. Laird started her career as a teacher, but saw a need for strong principals who could take charge and get things done, so she decided to pursue being a school principal instead.

Ms. Laird is the youngest of six children, she has 18 nieces and nephews, she likes to watch movies and sports, and she enjoys playing tennis.



SJB Fall Sports

Collins, Lumaya, Woolf

Seventh/Eighth Grade Mixed Soccer The team is working hard, practicing their ball handling, playing together as a team, and learning different ways to kick the ball. Coach Doug's advice for his team and anyone playing on a team sport is, "Play as hard as you can and become one as a team, but play your best and be happy with the results."

Fifth/Sixth Grade Girls Soccer

The team is getting to know each other and working on passing, teamwork, being competitive and tough.

Their first game against St. Odilia resulted in a loss. Monday, Sept. 19th, they lost their second game of the season against Faithful Shepherd, but they played hard. We interviewed a few of the girls on the team, and they said they're excited to play, they love soccer, and they are working towards a win.

Cross Country The cross country team is working with their coaches, Mrs. Beitz and Father Paul, to increase their speed and endurance and step up their competitive advantages against other schools. They participated in a meet against other area Catholic schools on Thursday, September 15th.



Featured Athletes:

Taylor Young (soccer): "I feel good, but I think I could do better."

George Awad (soccer): "I love soccer and I love St. John's!"

Catholic School Memes

Haig, Litecky, Persons, Weeks

