

From the Principal

December 8, 2022

Happy 2nd week of Advent! We continue to prepare ourselves to welcome Christ at his birth. Next Wednesday, December 14th, students in grade 3-8 will have the opportunity to go to Confession and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We are also continuing to practice living the virtue of generosity as well as continuing our Advent Challenge. If you have not started, there is still time!

We have a busy week and half coming up before the Christmas break. Here are some highlights:

- Christmas Shoppe will be held on Tuesday, December 13th and Wednesday, December 14th. All students in grades K-8 will have the opportunity to visit the shop. Envelopes and shopping lists will be coming home with students tomorrow. If you would like your child to participate, complete the shopping list and include money in the envelope (cash or checks to St. John's accepted).
- The SJB Band Concert will be held on Thursday, December 15th at 6:00pm in Church. We have a concert rehearsal at 1:00pm if you are not able to come in the evening.
- Preschool through grade 2 students will be participating in a Christmas Concert on Friday, December 16th at 1:15pm in the Church. Following the program, we invite our students and guests to a short reception in St. Joseph Hall. This program will also be live-streamed for those unable to make it. A link will be sent out to families prior to the Friday performance. Please see below for information on dress for students.
- Our 3rd through 8th grade students will be presenting their Advent Lessons and Carols Concert on Tuesday, December 20th at 7:00pm in the Church. This program will also be live-streamed for those unable to make it. A link will be sent out to families prior to the Friday performance. Please see below for information on dress for students and a special collection to help Sharing and Caring Hands.
- Christmas Classroom Parties are Wednesday, December 21st. This is the last day of school before we break for the Christmas holiday. Students may come out of uniform on this day dressed in Christmas colors or a Christmas-themed shirt (jeans or sweatpants are okay on this day).

**PK-2nd Christmas Concert Important Information:** Students in grades K-2 may be out of uniform on this day. We encourage students to be dressed festively - in Christmas colors or Christmas themed attire.

**3rd-8th grade Concert Important Information:** Students should wear their Sunday best - no jeans, sweatpants, or yoga pants are allowed. Boys should wear dress pants with a sweater or button-up or polo-type shirt. Girls should wear a dress or a skirt or dress pants with a sweater or dressy-type shirt. **Sharing and Caring Hands Donations:** We would like to invite our families to bring donations for Sharing and Caring Hands when you come for the concert. We are asking for gallon-sized bags filled with the following items: Washcloth, Toothbrush, Full size Toothpaste, Full size Shampoo (or body wash), Deodorant. We will have collection bins

Upcoming Events:

**Christmas Shoppe**

December 13 & 14

**Reconciliation, Gr. 3-8**

December 14

**Band Concert**

December 15, 1:00pm Church

December 15, 6:00pm Church

**Christmas Program, Pre-Gr2**

December 16, 1:15pm Church

**Advent Lessons & Carols**

**Grades 3-8**

December 20, 7:00pm Church

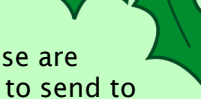
**Christmas Break**

December 22 - January 2

**School Resumes**

January 3, 2023

## Santa Grams



Student Ambassadors are sponsoring Santa Grams. These are notes that may be purchased to send to other students or staff at SJB. They are 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.00 and will be sold next week December 13-15. All grams should be filled out and returned to school no later than December 16th and will be distributed to students on December 21st

## Coloring Contest

Ambassadors will also be sponsoring a coloring contest for our students. Coloring sheets will be distributed on Dec. 12 and are due Dec. 16th. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each grade. This is an optional activity for students.

available on the evening of Dec. 20th for your donations. Parish groups will deliver the items to Sharing and Caring Hands for those they serve. Thank you!

Blessings to you as we enter the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday - Rejoice in the Lord Always!

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

## Wines to Wishes 2023

Wines to Wishes is St. John the Baptist School's premiere event that funds critical needs and upgrades of the school as well as celebrates 70 years of faith-filled excellence in education. Save the date for Saturday, February 4, 2023!

Funds from this year's event will go towards classroom carpeting, gym improvements, and upgrades to our school bathrooms. Money raised above and beyond our fund-a-need goal will go to our tuition endowment fund.

A big part of our event is our silent and live auction, and for these to be successful, we need donations! If you are able and interested in donating, we have a few different options, which can be found on the [donations page of our Wines to Wishes website](#).

To learn more about our event, donations, and/or sponsorships, visit our website: [www.winestowishes.com](http://www.winestowishes.com). Invitations will be sent to families soon with information on how to register. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Contact Michelle Barsness ([barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org)) with any questions.



## Use SCRIP to help save on Tuition

**How to get started:** If you don't already have an account, you can quickly create one on the RaiseRight app or at ShopWithScrip.com using our organization's enrollment code: 16LDCL34399L9. **New payment options have been added** Receive eGift cards faster by securely paying online with a linked bank account (\$ 0.15 per order) or use a credit card (2.6% additional fee per order) to double dip on credit card rewards PLUS rebates. Our program does not accept any direct payment for SCRIP.

### Physical gift cards

While E-gift cards are available almost instantly, and most merchants will scan them on your phone, sometimes you just want a physical card in hand. Physical cards are ordered in the same way as

ecards. If you'd like to order a physical gift card to arrive in time for Christmas, please place your order by

midnight on Monday 12/12. All physical gift cards will need to be picked up in the school office, anytime after Friday 12/16.

### Find Giftspiration With the 2022 Holiday Gift Guide

Find great gifting brands, use the holiday shopping list, and much more.

#### Get the guide at

[RaiseRight.com/Resources/HolidayGuide](https://RaiseRight.com/Resources/HolidayGuide)



OR SCAN THE CODE

### Shop Limited-Time \$5 & \$10 Cards

The perfect small gift or stocking stuffer for that special someone. Shop the \$10 & Under Gift Cards category.

### eGift Cards Make Great Gifts Too

Running out of time or no physical gift card option available? Print an eGift card or send via email with a personalized message for convenient delivery.

**Have questions?** Contact: Amy Cowman - [amycowman@comcast.net](mailto:amycowman@comcast.net)

## CSCOE - SHINE ON!

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### *Catholic school students have talent!*

The Catholic Schools Center of Excellence (CSCOE) is proud to partner with **Lundstrum Performing Arts** to celebrate the gifts of our Catholic school students and nurture their talents.

Students in grades 4-8 from all Catholic elementary schools invited to participate in *Shine On! A Showcase of Catholic School Talent* as performing and/or visual artists.

If your child would like to participate:

1. Submit video auditions and photos of artwork via an online portal.
2. Finalists in Shine On! receive professional coaching from our partner, Lundstrum Performing Arts.
3. Did you know there is an opening and closing ensemble?! All entries are encouraged to join. Entries can also opt to only participate in the ensemble.
4. Monetary prizes are awarded for both winners and schools!

**Performing Arts Submission Window is NOW OPEN! Submit auditions through December 11, 2022**

**Visual Arts Submission Window**  
January 1 - 31, 2023

**Shine On! Showcase**  
March 12, 2023 | 3:30 - 5:00 pm  
Visitation High School, Mendota Heights



All Submission information may be found at [www.shineontalent.org](http://www.shineontalent.org)

## SJB Parish News

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Join our middle school community on Friday, December 9th from 7:00-8:30 pm. The evening will include games, snacks, messages, and prayer. This is an opportunity for our middle schoolers to gather to grow in faith and fellowship with one another.

No registration is necessary.