

From the Principal

January 12, 2023

Happy Martin Luther King Jr. weekend! As we continue to work towards peace and equality among all people, I would like to introduce you to Saint Josephine Bahkita. St. Josephine lived in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and was sold into slavery as a young girl in Sudan until she moved to Italy where she learned about God's great love for her. Following her fight for freedom, she chose to give her life to God as a Canossian sister. In a great act of love and courage, she forgave those who enslaved her. St. Josephine Bahkita teaches us to love each other and have great courage by treating each other with respect and kindness since we are all made in the image of God.

We are getting closer to Catholic Schools Week and our annual Wines to Wishes fundraiser. Before then, however, we have some important dates for you to remember:

- \* There is NO SCHOOL tomorrow, Friday, January 13th for all students (preschool thru grade 8) but J-Care and Care Crew are available.
- \* There is also NO SCHOOL Monday, January 16th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day for all students preschool thru grade 8. There is NO J-Care or Care Crew on this day.
- \* NWEA testing continues for our students next week.
- \* We will host our 5th grade Faith, Family and Fellowship Morning on Wednesday, January 18th. We invite our 5th grade families to Mass at 8:30am followed by a short presentation by the students and fellowship in St. Joseph Hall.
- \* Our Preschool and Kindergarten Parent Information and Registration Night is Thursday, January 19th from 6-7:30pm. If you know of anyone interested in our school, please encourage them to attend this evening to learn more about St. John's and why our school is a great fit for their family.
- \* The First Reconciliation Retreat is Sunday, January 22nd. There will be two sessions one from 2-4:00pm and one from 2:45-4:45pm.
- \* There will be NO BUSSING for the MV district buses on Thursday, January 26th and Friday, January 27th. Morning drop off for K-8 students will be at the gym doors by way of 2nd Ave. Preschool drop off will be the same as normal. Blaine buses will run normally on these two days.
- \* CSW starts Sunday, January 29th with our All School Mass at 10:30am. Please note there will be a waffle breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus that morning. We will also host our Winter Used Uniform Sale that day. The sale will run from 11:30am - 1:00pm in the school cafeteria. See more information about CSW week and all the dress days/activities below.
- \* Wines to Wishes is Saturday, February 4th. Join us for fun, fellowship, silent and live auction, and games to raise money for the school. This is an adult-only event. The theme for this year is 'Back to the 80s', so feel free to dress in your best "80s" wear. Go to [www.winestowishes.com](http://www.winestowishes.com) to register and for more information.

Have a wonderful long weekend.  
Ms. Ann Laird, Principal



Upcoming Events:

- Luige's Pizza Fundraiser**  
[Online](#) orders due January 14
- Spirit Wear Order Window**  
January 13-January 22
- No School-Teacher Workday**  
January 13
- No School-MLK Day**  
January 16
- Grade 5 - FFF Morning**  
January 18
- Info and Registration Night**  
January 19; 6-7:30pm
- Ice Fishing with Fr. Paul**  
January 21
- NO Busing**  
January 26-27
- CSW Mass at 10:30am**  
January 29
- Used Uniform Sale**  
January 29; 11:30am-1:00pm

## School Spirit Wear

An online school spirit store is open starting tomorrow Friday, January 13th thru Sunday, January 22nd at 11:59pm.

If you would like to order any items just click the link below. All items will be delivered to school.

[SJB School Spirit Store](#)

\* Note: There will be one final ordering opportunity Feb 24-Mar 5

## Wines to Wishes 2023

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Wines to Wishes is quickly approaching, and we are so excited to head Back to the 80s! Have you registered to attend? Visit our event website to learn more! [www.winestowishes.com](http://www.winestowishes.com)

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](#).

- ⇒ You can shop from our Amazon or Target Wish Lists from the comfort of your home, and the lists are set up to ship directly to school. It's super easy – you can even shop in your pajamas!
- ⇒ If you are able to purchase a gift card, we have a sign up genius to track the donations. This will require you to go to the location, purchase the gift card, and then deliver it to school. We use gift cards in a variety of ways at the event.
- ⇒ We can shop for you! Simply donate online using the link, or you can drop off a check or cash to the school office.



Once you make your donation, please fill out a short [Google form](#) so that we know how to list your donation on the website. Also, for every family that donates, your child(ren) will receive an out of uniform pass!

We are truly grateful to everyone who makes a donation. If this is not a great time for you to donate, we completely understand! Feel free to share our website with family and/or friends. Thank you!

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

*Thank you for helping to make our 18th Wines to Wishes a success!*

## SJB Swim Team

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St. John the Baptist Swim Team is open to students in all students in grades K-8. To participate, **EACH SWIMMER MUST BE ABLE TO SWIM 25 YARDS UNASSISTED AND WITHOUT STOPPING.** We have a few parent volunteer coaches that will work with swimmers to improve their skills, gain confidence, and have fun!

Registration information may be found on the [Athletic page](#) of the school website or by clicking [HERE](#). The registration deadline has been extended as the coaches are hoping for a few more students to join. Practices begin the end of January.

Questions? Contact Mr. Cole Van Beusekom at [vanbeusekomc@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:vanbeusekomc@stjohnnyb.org)



## Washington DC Trip Fundraiser - Luige's Pizza

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Students in 8th grade are selling frozen Luige's pizzas now through January 14th to earn money for their trip to Washington DC this spring. Order online at the link below (or use the QR code to the right) by Saturday, January 14th. Pizzas will be available for pickup in St. Paul Plaza on Sunday, January 29th from 11:30am-12:30pm.

[Luige's Pizza Order](#)

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington D.C. Pizza Fundraiser Orders accepted now, through January 14

Pizza order pick-up in St. Paul Plaza – Sunday, January 29, from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm.



## SJB Used Uniform Winter Sale

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The SJB Used Uniform Winter Sale will be held on Sunday, January 29th following the 10:30am Catholic Schools Week Mass.

### Used Uniform Winter Sale

Sunday, January 29th

11:30 am– 1:00 pm (after the CSW 10:30am Mass)

School Cafeteria

**\*\*Payment by cash or check only\*\***



The Used Uniform Sale is an opportunity to purchase gently used uniforms at greatly discounted prices. The uniforms are donated by the families of St. John the Baptist School. If you have any uniforms that your child(ren) have outgrown, please consider donating them for this sale. You may turn in gently used uniform pants, shorts, shirts, skirts, jumpers and spirit wear to the school office anytime during the school year. Please no clothing with ripped hems, tears, holes, multiple stains or missing buttons. Thank you.

We could use a few volunteers to help with the sale. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Barb Lieser at [barblieser@lieserinsurance.com](mailto:barblieser@lieserinsurance.com) ~OR~ Brooke Holterhaus at [bholterhaus@gmail.com](mailto:bholterhaus@gmail.com)

## Catholic Schools Week 2023

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*Catholic Schools Week is a week where we celebrate our wonderful school and to thank those who help to make it a great place to be! We are excited for the fun activities planned for our students and community!*



***Join us in thanking all those who help our school be a better place during CSW 2023!***

**Teacher Raffle:** One fun activity we do each year for CSW is the Teacher Raffle. Teachers and other school staff put together fun baskets for a student raffle. Students may purchase tickets to try their luck at winning a basket. Tickets are 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.00.



Each student will receive an order form on January 26th to complete and return with money to purchase tickets (ticket purchases are optional). Ticket orders will be filled by the student ambassadors and returned to the students beginning on January 27th thru February 1st. **No tickets will be sold after Wednesday, Feb 1st and all tickets are due back by Thursday, Feb 2nd.** Students are strongly encouraged to not wait until the last minute to purchase or turn tickets in. Buckets for each basket will be in the hallway by the 6th grade for the completed raffle tickets. A full list of baskets will be available in next week's Principal's Bulletin.

## Sunday, January 29th - Celebrating with the SJB Parish Community

Catholic Schools Week Mass at 10:30am

Students should wear their school uniforms and sit with their class during Mass. All K-8 students will sit in the middle sections of the Church - the front rows will be reserved. The front pews to the left of the altar will be reserved for preschool students and their parents/families

\*School Open House following Mass until 12:00pm. KC Waffle Breakfast in St. Joseph Hall.

\*Used Uniform Sale in the school cafeteria following Mass until 1:00pm



## Monday, January 30th – Celebrating our Community / Back to the Movies



Dress Day: Couch Potato – Wear something that comfortable - sweats, sweatshirts, jeans - no pajamas, pajama pants or leggings.

Thanking our community members - bus drivers, delivery people/mail carriers, fire and police departments

Movie and snack in the afternoon.

## Tuesday, January 31st – Celebrating Vocations / Back to Summer

Dress Day: Wear your summer clothes! \*\*remember students will be going outside for recess so remember to bring pants/snowpants/boots for the weather

Learning about vocations - SJB seminarian Peter Rowens will speak to students.



## Wednesday, February 1st – Celebrating our Nation / Back to our Sunday Best



Dress Day: Dress your best – Students should dress up, not down today. Please wear nice pants, shirts, dresses, skirts, etc. Students can also wear their school uniform if that is most comfortable.

Students will write letters to active duty military personnel

## Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Celebrating our Volunteers / Back to Basics

Dress Day: Color Day - students wear the color of their grade (jeans, sweatpants okay)  
Thanking our volunteers - come to our Variety Show in St. Joseph Hall in the afternoon!



PreK - **RED**  
KG - **ORANGE**

Gr. 1 - **YELLOW**  
Gr. 2 - **GREEN**

Gr. 3 - **BLUE**  
Gr. 4 - **PURPLE**

Gr. 5 - **WHITE**  
Gr. 6 - **BLACK**

Gr. 7 - **GRAY**  
Gr. 8 - **PINK**

## Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup> – Celebrating our Students



Dress Day: School Spirit and hat day

Activities: All School Bingo, Teacher Raffle Basket Drawing, Skating (gr. 4-8) and Bowling (gr. K-2)

Fun day for our wonderful SJB students!

## Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> – Wines to Wishes

Register to attend at [www.winestowishes.com](http://www.winestowishes.com)



# SJB Parish News

## Middle School Youth Group



All 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to MSYG for fun, fellowship and faith on Friday, January 13th from 7:00-8:30pm. This month we will play dodgeball followed by a time of Eucharistic Adoration in the Church.

### Flow of the Evening

6:50pm Youth Room Doors Open – Games Available

7:15pm Transition to the Gym for Dodgeball

8:00pm Adoration in the Church

8:30pm Pick-Up

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

## Ice Fishing Tournament

Father Paul is organizing an Ice Fishing Tournament!

**When:** January 21, 2023, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Arrive at 9:30 am for check-in. Prayer and tournament rules begin at 9:45 am.

**Where:** Long Lake Beach. Park in the lot and walk out onto the lake. The fishing area for the tournament will be coned off so that we can keep people together.

**Who:** Parishioners and Friends of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School - minors must be accompanied by their guardian. Space is limited to 40 people

**Important information:** Ice holes will be pre-drilled by the tournament directors in the fishing area; walk out approximately 250 yards west onto the lake. The area will be coned off. Limited extra fishing gear, rods, etc. are available for those who need it. Please note that on your registration form. We will also have snacks and water available. Prizes will be awarded for the largest panfish (by weight), smallest panfish, and largest Trophy Fish (bass, walleye, pike by weight). Everyone 16 and over needs a MN Fishing License. Each angler is allowed two lines. Please bring your own live bait.



**[REGISTER HERE](#)**