

From the Principal

January 19, 2023

We are over halfway through January and the practice of our virtue of gratitude. How are you practicing gratitude in your family?

In one week we begin Catholic Schools Week. We take time each school year to celebrate our school, students, and all those who support us including our parish, parents, and volunteers. We also like to have a little fun too! We will kick off the week with Mass on Sunday, January 29th at 10:30am. This Mass allows us to celebrate with and thank the parish for their prayers and support of our school.

- ⇒ MASS at 10:30am on Sunday, January 29th. Students should come dressed in their school uniform and will sit with their classes in the center main aisles of the Church. Students should look for their teachers. Please take their jackets with you or hang them in the coat closet.
- ⇒ Following Mass there will be a short open house until 12:00pm. Stop in and see your child's classroom and teacher. Students who wear their school uniform to Mass should stop in their classroom during the open house to pick up their non-uniform slip.
- ⇒ We will have our used uniform sale in the cafeteria until 1:00pm.
- ⇒ There be a waffle breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus for everyone to enjoy after Mass in St. Joseph Hall.

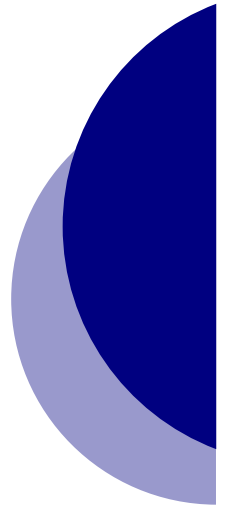
Monday, January 30th through Friday, February 3rd we will have a variety of dress days and events. Please check out the schedule for those events below. We invite our parents to join us on Thursday, February 2nd for the Variety Show in St. Joseph Hall. Each grade will be performing one song or act during the show.

Our Catholic School's Week ends with Wines to Wishes. This is an adult-only event on Saturday, February 3rd. Our theme is Back to the 80s, so grab your best 80s outfit and join us for fun, games, silent and live auction, and fellowship. If you haven't done so yet, register at www.winestowishes.com

Other important upcoming dates:

- 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
- Tuesday, January 24th is a PTO Non-Uniform Day fundraiser. Students who bring in a minimum of \$1 may come out of uniform on this day. Proceeds raised help support PTO sponsored activities for staff and students.
- Thursday, January 26th and Friday, January 27th are non bussing days for the MV district buses. Morning drop off for K-8 students will be at the gym doors by way of 2nd Ave. Afternoon pickup will be from the main Church parking lot at 2:30pm. Preschool drop off/pick up will be the same as normal. Blaine buses will run normally.

Finally, tomorrow morning, January 20th, all current St. John's families will receive an email from TADS with information on enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year. At this time, we will also be accepting applications for students new to St. John's. Tuition for the 2023-2024 school year has increased to help us fund small salary increases for our teachers and staff as well as covering the increasing costs of supplies, services, and utilities. For students in grades K-8, Tuition for the 2023-2024 school year will be \$5585 and the Technology Fee will be



Upcoming Events:

- Spirit Wear Order Window**
Open online thru January 22
- 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

\$225 per student. For information on preschool tuition along with fundraiser requirements for the 2023-2024 school year, please see the [Tuition, Fees and Agreement](#) information on the SJB website. Please note the following information regarding enrollment:

- ◆ Your child is NOT enrolled for the next school year until you log on to TADS and confirm their enrollment. It is a simple process to do this!
- It is better to enroll sooner rather than later, especially if your child's grade is nearing capacity (50 students).
- When you are enrolling your child(ren), you do have the option to add a new application if you have a child that is not yet attending our school. For example, if you have a child ready to start preschool, you will be able to fill out an application at this time.
- Preschool Families: Your child is automatically put in the next level of preschool or moved to kindergarten based on their age. If you see that the grade is not correct, you will see a dropdown menu that will allow you to change the grade. For example, if your child is able to go to kindergarten based on their age, the system will place them in kindergarten. You will have the option to put them into another year of Pre-K if that is what you would like to do. Please contact [Andrea Schroeder](#) with questions.
- If you know someone interested in attending our school, please let them know that they will be able to apply mid-morning on Friday.

Please be on the lookout for these emails from TADS. If you have any questions, please contact [Michelle Barsness](#)

Enjoy the weekend. Good luck to all those participating in Fr. Paul's Fishing Tournament on Saturday!
Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Wines to Wishes 2023

Have you registered to attend? Visit our event website to learn more! www.winestowishes.com



We are still looking for donations for our live and silent auction!

The [DONATIONS PAGE](#) of our [Wines to Wishes website](#) has options for you!

- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ 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!

Thank you for your generosity!

Contact Michelle Barsness barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org with any questions

Please join us for the
St. John the Baptist School's PTO

**NON-UNIFORM
FUNDRAISER** Tuesday
January
24



Help us appreciate our teachers all year!

PTO Non-Uniform Day
Tuesday, January 24th

Teacher Name _____

\$1 Minimum Donation

PROCEEDS WILL GO TO SUPPORT PTO SPONSORED
ACTIVITIES FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS!

SJB Used Uniform Winter Sale

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 ~OR~ Brooke Holterhaus at bholterhaus@gmail.com

Catholic Schools Week 2023



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 partial list of baskets is shown below:

2023 Catholic Schools Week - Raffle Baskets

Kindergarten: Mrs. Cruz and Mrs. Benson – Bubble gum



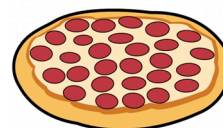
Grade 1: Mrs. Koskie & Miss Ptak – Zero Gravity with Goodies

Grade 2: Mrs. Paige & Mrs. Krohn – Basket of Sunshine
(DQ, Shoreview Community Center, Floats for the Pool)



Grade 3: Mrs. Meyer & Miss Beitz – Crumbl Cookie

Grade 4: Mrs. Reina & Mr. Kiwus – Classroom Pizza and Pop Party



Grade 5: Mrs. Maxwell & Mrs. Wraneschetz – Junk Food Extravaganza

Grade 6: Mrs. Carroll & Mrs. Troxel – Gift cards and more!!



Grade 8: Mrs. Dompierre & Mrs. Sundstrom – AMC Movie Basket with Goodies



Student Resources: Dr. Howard and Mrs. Lenz – Marvel-ous Marvel Basket



Office Staff: Mrs. Barsness, Ms. Laird, Mrs. Thienes & Mrs. Wacek - Squishmallows!

More baskets to come.....

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 3rd – 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 4th – 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 5th – Wines to Wishes

Register to attend at www.winestowishes.com

