

From the Principal

January 5, 2023

Blessings to you all on this last week of the Christmas Season. Christmas ends this Sunday with the Epiphany and to end the celebration with a bang, we have our Journey to the Inn on Saturday, January 7th following the 4:30pm Mass. Join us as we travel with the three kings to the stable. There will be caroling and live animals. Dinner (by Knights of Columbus) available for purchase at 5:30pm. Beginning at 6:15pm there will be a Bible reading and songs in the Church followed by the candlelight procession to the stable. For more information please see below.

We hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas break. We are back at it with a busy schedule. Here are some things for you to be aware of:

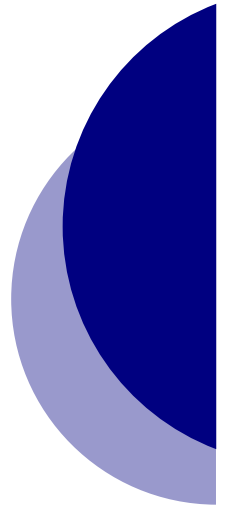
- Journey to the Inn is January 7th following the 4:30pm Mass. See below for details
- NWEA mid-year testing will be held Monday, January 9th thru Friday, January 20th. Please check with your child's teacher for dates/times of your child's testing
- There will be NO SCHOOL on Friday, January 13th for a teacher workday and on Monday, January 16th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. J-Care and Care Crew are available on Friday, January 13th only. Signups for school release days may be found on the school website.

[J-Care Signup \(K-8\)](#) [Care Crew Signup \(Preschool\)](#)

- 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.
- The Preschool and Kindergarten Info and Registration Night will be held on Thursday, January 19th. Invite families interested in SJB to attend and learn more about our school.
- Ice Fishing Tournament with Father Paul will be held on Saturday, January 21st. Fr. Paul is organizing this new event for January 21st from 10:00am - 12:00pm. There will be awards for largest (and smallest) pan fish and largest gamefish. See below for the details and to register. Space is limited to 40 participants.
- 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.
- We will kick off Catholic Schools Week on with the Catholic Schools Week Mass on Sunday, January 29th at 10:30am. The following week will be filled with special activities and dress days for our students. The week will wrap up with Wines to Wishes on Saturday, February 4th. Look for more information on this week in next week's Principal's Bulletin.

We look forward to seeing you at Journey to the Inn on Saturday!

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal



Upcoming Events:

Journey to the Inn

January 7

Davanni's - SJB Night

January 11, 4-8:00pm

Luigie'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

Ice Fishing with Fr. Paul

January 21

Wines to Wishes 2023

Wines to Wishes is just 4 weeks away! If you haven't registered yet for this fun, adult-only event, please do so online. You can find the registration link through the [Event Registration Page](#) on the Wines to Wishes website. As a reminder, K-8 families are asked to purchase two tickets as part of the tuition agreement.

We are still seeking donations for the silent auction. Please visit the [Wines to Wishes website](#) to learn more about ways in which you can donate. We have an Amazon Wish List, a Target Wish List, and a Gift Card Wish List. We also have an option for donating money online if you would rather that we do the shopping for you.



We are also looking for items for our live auction. These are "big ticket" items such as hotel stays, concert tickets, sports tickets, etc. If you are able to donate or have a connection to someone who is able, please let me know.

We are continuing our tradition of a separate 8th grade donation, which will be used for the live auction. Please be sure to check out the [8th Grade Donation Letter](#) for more information.

All families who donate will receive a non-uniform pass for their child(ren) after the event takes place. Unfortunately, some of the deliveries to the school have been missing gift receipts, so I do not know which families to credit. Once you have donated, please fill out a short [Google Form](#), so we can ensure your child(ren) get their pass. We are incredibly grateful to all those who have donated to the silent auction so far. Thank you!

We are looking for event sponsors. Information is available on the [Sponsor Page](#) of our Wines to Wishes website.

If you work for a business or know someone who might be interested in donating an item for the auction or becoming a sponsor, please share our [W2W website](#) with them!

Volunteer opportunities will be coming in January, so stay tuned.

Contact Michelle Barsness (barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org) with any questions

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

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](#)

Washington DC Trip Fundraisers

Our 8th grade students are holding two fundraisers in January to earn money for their upcoming Washington DC trip this spring.

Davanni's SJB Night: On Wednesday, January 11th, Davanni's is holding a SJB Night from 4:00-8:00pm. Stop in at any of the two Davanni's locations below from 4:00-8:00pm and show them the flyer below (hard copies available at the school office) when you place your order and 20% will be donated to St. John's. The two locations to choose from are:

Arden Hills 3673 N. Lexington, next to Cub OR **Coon Rapids 3430 129th Ave NW, near Costco**

We hope you are able to support our students and get some dinner!

NOTE: This is not good on delivered orders. Flyers may NOT be handed out onsite. Gift cards sales will count toward the total for your group.

Luige's Frozen Pizza Sales: Students are also selling frozen Luige's pizzas now through January 14th. Order online at the link below 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](#)

DAVANNI'S®

PIZZA & HOT HOAGIES

2 LOCATIONS TO CHOOSE FROM:

Arden Hills 3673 N. Lexington, next to Cub

Coon Rapids 3430 129th Ave NW, near Costco

Fundraiser for the 8th grade's Washington DC Trip
St. John's The Baptist

Bring this ticket in with you and present it when ordering on
Wednesday, January 11, 2023 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

And 20% of your net orders will be donated to your group!

\$ Amount of order: _____ Order number _____

- Not good on delivered orders. Tickets handed out on site will cause forfeiture of all proceeds to your group.
- Gift card sales count towards the total for your group

8th 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 Parish News

Middle School Youth Group



All 6-8th 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

JOURNEY TO THE INN

with the Wise Men

Saturday, January 7th 2023

4:30 pm Mass (*nursery available*)

5:30 pm Dinner by Knights of Columbus

Mostaccioli, salad and bread

GF and vegetarian options available

Pay at the door

\$7/person

\$30/family (*kids plus 2 adults only*)

6:15 pm Bible reading and songs
in the Church

Candlelight procession

Christmas carols following Wise Men

Live animals at the stable

Hot cocoa and cookies - St. Joe's Hall



SJB Women's Retreat

Awaken 

Arise, shine, for your light has come
and the glory of the Lord has risen
upon you. Psalm 60:1

JANUARY
13-15

Lead by:
Fr. Paul Shovelain
Jessica Balzarini

Franciscan Retreat
Center | Prior Lake



Perfect retreat for someone who
has never been. Take time to relax
and grow closer to God.

Open to all Women
from SJB 18+
Limited Space

Freewill offering at the
End of the Retreat

Arrive Friday by 6 pm
Depart Sunday by 2:30 pm

Contact: Jessica Balzarini | 651-633-8333 | balzarini@stjohnnyb.org