

From the Principal

February 9, 2023

Blessings to you all! We hope everyone had a wonderful Catholic Schools Week! It was a great week and we hope our students enjoyed the fun activities!

Last Saturday we ended CSW with our 2023 Wines to Wishes event. Thank you to everyone for your support of this event. It was a fun evening raising money for our school. It was so fun to see the creativity of your 80s wear! More to come on the final monetary results, but we anticipate a successful total. A very special thank you to Michelle Barsness for all her work as chairperson for Wines to Wishes. It is a significant undertaking and we are extremely grateful to her and all those who helped her and volunteered their time to make this year's event a success. We also thank all our sponsors - they are listed below. Thank you to all! As you can imagine, this event takes a lot of effort and time and as we wrap up this year's event, we look ahead to next year and ask that you consider stepping up and being part of the W2W committee for 2024. We need more parent involvement in all aspects of the event and request your help in order to continue to host this event. Please contact Michelle Barsness if you are interested in joining the 2024 W2W committee at barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org. Thank you for your consideration.

The virtue for the month of February is honesty which means being trustworthy and true. Students will be learning about the following saints that lived this virtue: Blessed Jacinta and Francesco Marto, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha and Saint Athanasius. They are great examples of the virtue of honesty and are great examples for us as we work to live this virtue. How will you practice the virtue of honesty in your family this month?

Sunday, February 26, 2023 is our grade 3-5 Mass at 10:30am. Join us as we live out being Called Forth into relationship with God by leading and celebrating Mass together with the parish community. Students in grades 3-5, please wear your school uniform and then see Ms. Laird after Mass for your out of uniform slip.

Here are some other important upcoming dates:

- The First Eucharist Kick Off is Saturday, February 11th from 1:00 - 2:30pm in St. Joseph Hall.
- Valentine's Day Class Parties will be held on Tuesday, February 14th. Students may come out of uniform on this day in Valentine colors or a Valentine-themed shirt.
- We will host our 3rd grade families at the Grade 3 Faith, Family, Fellowship Morning on Wednesday, February 15th. All third grade families should have received a link to RSVP - please do so as soon as possible.
- There will be NO school for preschool thru grade 8 on Friday, February 17th and Monday, February 20th. J-Care and Care Crew are both also closed on these days.
- Ash Wednesday is on February 22nd. Please join us for the all school Mass with ashes at 8:30am. If you are unable to make that time, St. John's has other opportunities to receive ashes that day:
 - 6:30am - Communion/Word Service with ashes
 - 12:00pm - Communion/Word Service with ashes
 - 5:30pm - Mass with ashes
 - 7:00pm - Mass with ashes

Have a wonderful weekend.
Ms. Ann Laird, Principal



Upcoming Events:

First Eucharist Kick-Off

February 11

Class Valentines Parties

February 14

3rd Grade FFF Morning

February 15

NO School

Friday, February 17

NO School

Monday, February 20

Ash Wednesday

February 22

Vision/Hearing Screening

February 28

**Tuition Assistance
for 2023-2024**

Tuition Assistance applications are now available for the 23-24 school year.

Go to www.mytads.com and click on the section marked Financial Aid Assessment

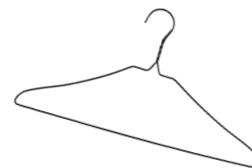
APPLICATION DEADLINES:

* To be eligible for AIM Higher grant: February 22

* For SJB Tuition Assistance: March 15th

Wire Hangers - donations wanted!

The Art Room is looking for donations of wire hangers! If you've been cleaning things out with the new year or are getting ready to start thinking about putting away all the winter things (wishful thinking right now, I know), please consider donating any old wire hangers that you may still have to the SJB Art Room! Ms. Perez is planning the return of After School Art Classes and would love these for a future project! Thanks in advance for helping us out!



St. John the Baptist 2023 Wines to Wishes Event Sponsors

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Thank you to all who sponsored and contributed to our event!

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SJB Teachers & Staff

Fladeboe Advancement

We Cater To You

SJB Parish & Maintenance Staff

Fridley Liquor

Andrew Million

SJB Parish News

devoted

devoted is back for the first gathering of 2023! Fr. Paul Shovelain will be the speaker with his talk Called Forth into Simplicity *Letting go in Lent*. Join us on Wednesday, February 15. Doors open at 7:30 pm with opening announcements at 8 pm. **BRING YOUR OWN MUG** for our specialty hot drink! Begin our new season with friends, invite someone!



Lenten Small Groups

St. John the Baptist will be hosting Lenten small groups that we'd love to see fill more! Each group has leaders assigned and committed to these times. Groups will meet for 7 weeks (Ash Wednesday week thru Easter week).

Tuesdays at 1:00pm for women
 Wednesday evenings for women
 Thursday evenings for women
 Saturday mornings - co-ed group

Register for a small group [HERE](#) or email Claire Brostrom at brostromc@stjohnnyb.org to register or with questions.

Save the Dates!



Vacation Bible School is for children, age 3 - current Kindergarteners. VBS will take place Tuesday, June 20, 2023, to Thursday, June 22, 2023, from 9:00am - 12:00pm each day. More details to come.

REGISTRATION OPENS IN MARCH

Totus Tuus is for children entering grades 1- 5. Totus Tuus will take place Monday, July 24, 2023, to Friday, July 28, 2023, from 9:00am to 2:30pm each day. More details to come.



REGISTRATION OPENS IN MARCH

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

FEBRUARY 10TH 7-8:30PM

GAGA BALL AND PRAYER

**PLAY HARD
PRAY HARD**



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FISH FRY

Join us on February 10, 2023
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

The Knights are serving a fish fry

Meal includes: Fish, mac and cheese, tater tots, cole slaw, bread and butter, bars/cookies, lemonade, water, and coffee.

Prices: \$12/adult, \$8/ages 6-12, free/under 5, \$45/family maximum. Family is children and parents. Checks, cash, credit cards accepted.

