

April is coming to a close this week and May is quickly approaching. During the month of May, we honor Mary, the mother of Jesus, in a number of ways together as a school and in our classrooms. During this month we will be praying a decade of the rosary each morning during announcements and prayer and asking Mary in a special way to intercede with her son, Jesus, on our behalf. We will also honor Mary at our May Crowning Mass on Wednesday, May 10th at 8:30am and are blessed to have Archbishop Hebda celebrating this Mass with us. Please join us on this special day. As partners with us in the educational and spiritual growth of your children, think about how you can honor Mary in your home during the month of May.

As mentioned, May is almost here and we have many upcoming events. Below are some of those events:

- Friday, April 28th is our Wines to Wishes SJB Lock In from 6pm-9pm for those who signed up their students. Drop off and pick up are at the school gym entrance.
- NWEA testing continues next week at St. John's. Please check with your child's teacher about exact testing dates for each grade. All students in grades K-8 will be testing this spring.
- Thursday, May 4th is our final PTO sponsored Non-Uniform for Teachers Day. Students may bring in a minimum of \$1.00 and come out of uniform on this day.
- Friday, May 5th we are having our Move-Up Day where our students visit their next grade level for about a half-hour in the morning so they can meet the teachers and learn a little bit about what next school year will look like.
- Friday, May 5th is also our Spring Family Night event from 5:30-7:30pm in the gym parking lot. There will be inflatables, games, and a food truck. See below for more details. This is a fun event for the family - please Join us!
- Saturday, May 6th and Sunday, May 7th our second grade students will be receiving the sacrament of First Communion. Please join us in praying for them as they receive this important sacrament.
- Wednesday, May 10th is our May Crowning Mass at 8:30am. Archbishop Hebda will be celebrating Mass and it is also the 8th grade Faith, Family, and Fellowship morning.
- Wednesday, May 17th is our First Eucharist Celebration Mass at 8:30am
- Our spring band concert will be held on Thursday, May 18th at 1:00pm and 6:30pm
- There is no school on Friday, May 26th and Monday, May 29th for all students in preschool thru grade 8 for the Memorial Day weekend. J-Care and Care Crew will also be closed on both of these days.
- Wednesday, May 31st is the 8th grade Recognition Program in Church and the last day for our 8th grade students.
- Thursday, June 1st is our 8th grade graduation Mass at 6:30pm

Please pray for the safety of our 8th grade students and chaperones as they travel to Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, May 2nd. They will be seeing lots of historic sights and learning about our nation's history throughout their trip and will be back on Friday, May 5th. We wish them well during this wonderful trip. Look for pictures of their adventures in upcoming Principal's Bulletins.

SJB Discipleship Grant

**FINAL CALL for
grant applications!**
Today, Thursday, April 27th
is the LAST day to apply.

The 2023-2024 SJB Discipleship Grant is available for all those who are active parishioners at St. John's Church.

Please click here for more information and to apply: [SJB Discipleship Grant Application](#)



Finally, after 27 years of teaching in Catholic education Mary Wraneschetz has decided to retire from teaching at the end of the school year. We are so grateful for all she has done for our students and school community. She has impacted the lives of so many of us. Please keep her in your prayers as she enters this next stage of life.

Have a wonderful rest of your week and weekend.
Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

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

NON-UNIFORM FUNDRAISER Thursday of the 2022-2023 School Year May 4th



Help us appreciate our teachers all year!

PTO Non-Uniform Day
Thursday, May 4th

Teacher Name _____

\$1 Minimum Donation

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

Read-A-Thon at SJB!

As of this bulletin, St. John's students have read over 30,000 minutes of our goal of **70,500 minutes of reading between April 24th and May 5th**. Way to go!!

Keep Reading!!

A huge THANK YOU goes out to all our financial donors! We have raised a little over \$4,100 and all funds will be used purchase new books for our media center.

To get the most up-to-date reading minutes, donations or to donate, go to the

[St. John the Baptist Read-A-Thon Page](#)



Summer J-Care

With summer fast approaching, we are busy planning for a fun-filled summer of activities and events. J-Care offers a fun and unique experience that gives kids the opportunity to meet new friends and socialize, explore and discover new interests, be physically active and create lasting memories. J-Care will be heading off to all kinds of different places.

SUMMER J-CARE IS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES K-8 AT SJB IN THE FALL OF 2023.

J-Care registration is now open. To find summer registration materials go to the school website and click on [Summer J-Care](#) for calendars (coming soon!), registration materials and more.

Submit your child's registration form **by Friday, May 19th** and you will receive \$10.00 off each child's registration fee.

Contact the school office - [Alison Wacek](#) or [Joy Thienes](#) with questions.



May After-School Art Classes

Register for any of the May art classes on the [Art Page](#) of the SJB website

Paper Flower Bouquets

Thursday, May 4, 2:30pm - 4:00pm

15 students; Grades 3-5

\$15 per student

Create a colorful floral bouquet from tissue paper that uses a fold, pinch, and twist technique. Students will leave with a gorgeous bunch that will make a beautiful impact!



Batik with Glue

Tuesday, May 9 & Thursday, May 11 (2 Day Workshop), 2:30pm - 4:00pm

15 students; Grades 5-8

\$25 per student

Day 1- draw design and outline with glue

Day 2- paint in full-color design

Create a beautiful spring design using glue and fabric medium that creates the illusion that it was printed on the fabric. This is a two-part process; students need to attend both classes.



Tie Dye T-shirts

Thursday, May 18, 2:30pm - 4:00pm

15 students; Grades K-8

\$20 per student

(Must include t-shirt size in Sign Up)

Create some bright summer gear to wear while learning a few different tying methods and using colors that will result in a beautiful product. Directions for washing will be sent home with bagged dyed shirt.



Papier Mache Donuts

Tuesday, May 23 & Thursday, May 25 (2 Day Workshop), 2:30pm - 4:00pm

15 Students; Grades 3-5

\$25 per student

Day 1- Create donut forms using paper, tape, and glue.

Day 2- paint and decorate.

Create a grouping of donuts that look good enough to eat using paper, paint, and glue! This is a two-part process; students need to attend both classes.



Tie Dye T-shirts

Thursday, May 30, 2:30pm - 4:00pm

15 students; Grades K-8

\$20 per student

(Must include t-shirt size in Sign Up)

Create some bright summer gear to wear while learning a few different tying methods and using colors that will result in a beautiful product. Directions for washing will be sent home with bagged dyed shirt.



St. John the Baptist



Friday, May 5, 2023

5:30 - 7:30 pm

We Cater To Go food truck will be on site this year for families to purchase dinner (cash or card accepted). Made to order Barbacoa pork burrito or bowl with chips and salsa. Mac and cheese with chicken strips or a hot dog.

GAMES

**4 GAME SPORT
CHALLENGE**

AIRBRUSH TATTOOS

**FOOD
TRUCK**

GLAMOUR HAIR

CAKE WALK

GIANT SLIDE

EZ BEAT DRUMS

Event is FREE

Free-will offering will be accepted

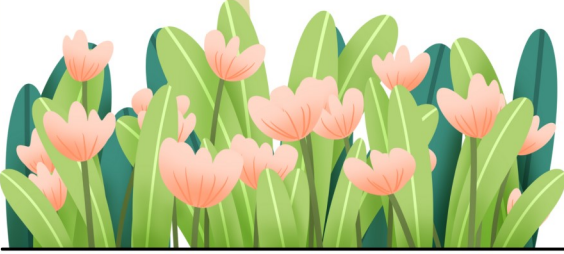
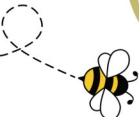

Volunteers needed

**Stop by the School Gym for the
SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR**

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week will be held May 8-12. See the schedule below for activities that are being planned by PTO this year. Wednesday is Wish List Day - find the staff "wishes" on the SJB website:

[SJB Teacher and Staff Wish List 2023](#)



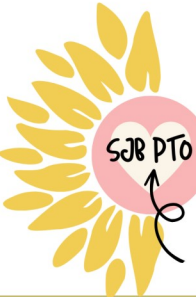
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FOR HELPING US TO

GROW!

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
TEACHER & STAFF
APPRECIATION WEEK 2023

DUTY FREE WEEK!! PTO TAKES ON LUNCH & RECESS DUTY ALL WEEK!!

<p>Mon</p> <p>BREAKFAST KICKOFF ENJOY A GRAB & GO BREAKFAST SERVED IN ST. JOSEPH'S HALL! 6:30-8:30AM</p>	<p>Tue</p> <p>COFFEE TRUCK & DONUTS COFFEE TRUCK AND DONUTS IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT! 7-8AM</p> <p>BBQ BASKET RAFFLE</p>
<p>Wed</p> <p>WISH LIST & STUDENT GIFT DAY YOUR WISH IS OUR COMMAND! TODAY IS TEACHER WISH LIST DAY & A SURPRISE GIFT FROM YOUR PTO!</p> <p>GREEN THUMB BASKET RAFFLE</p>	<p>Thu</p> <p>CATERED LUNCH LUNCH SERVED IN ST. JOSEPH'S HALL! 10:30-12:30PM</p> <p>HAVE A "LOTTO" FUN BASKET RAFFLE</p>
<p>Happy Hour</p> <p>fri</p> <p>DRINKS ON US! APPRECIATION HAPPY HOUR, BINGO, & PRIZES IN THE SCIENCE LAB! 2:40-5PM</p> <p>COCKTAIL BASKET RAFFLE</p> <p>THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO! WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOU!</p> <p>EVENTS SPONSORED BY SJB PTO</p>	

SJB Parish News

Weekend Experience Survey



We are in the process of finalizing a parish-wide survey focused on your Sunday experience at St. John the Baptist Church. Be on the lookout this upcoming Tuesday, May 2nd for a special email from Survey Monkey containing the survey. Additionally, we will also have paper copies available on the Harvest Table. Please take the time to thoughtfully fill out the survey so that we as a parish can better see how well we are serving our people. Thank you, in advance, for your feedback.

Thinking of Becoming Catholic?

Becoming Catholic
RCIA Information Session

Sunday, April 30
9:30 am
(time convenient between the morning Masses)

St. Joseph Hall

no registration necessary
come for information for yourself or to give to a friend

St. John the Baptist
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



For more information contact
Jill Fink
Director of Catechesis
651.633.1540 ext 1280 or
finkj@stjohnnyb.org



ARCHBISHOP FLYNN CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE

Catechetical Institute Information Weekend here at St. John's

Stop by the Information Table in St. Paul's Plaza
April 29 - April 30 after the Masses

Explore the Catechism!

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church has had about 80 graduates of the Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute since 2010

Let's keep the tradition strong!

For more information visit their website at: <https://semssp.org/ci/>

Stop by the Catechetical Institute (CI) Table in St. Paul's Plaza this weekend (April 29 - 30) to speak with CI grads from SJB and learn more information about the program.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church has had about 80 graduates of the Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute since 2010 - let's keep the tradition strong! Applications for the Fall Class are now available for this two-year, non-degree program taught by scholars in the Archdiocese. There are several options to attend including a live class at St. Patrick's in Edina on Monday evenings or various CI Satellite Sites, the closest being St. Mary's in White Bear Lake. For more information see their website at: <https://semssp.org/ci/> or contact Jill Fink, Director of Catechesis at 651.633.1540 ext. 1280 or finkj@stjohnnyb.org