

From the Principal

May 11, 2023

Blessing to all mothers as we enter Mother's Day Weekend. We are so grateful for all you do - juggling multiple schedules, helping with homework, preparing breakfast, lunch, and dinner as well as everything in between. For your children, you are the witness of strong, caring, positive, loving, and faith filled women who like our mother Mary desire the best for all of God's children. We hope you have a wonderful weekend and be assured of our prayers as we hold you to God through the intercession of His mother, Mary.

Thank you to the PTO and all our parents for the wonderful appreciation events this week! We are so lucky to have so many parents and families that support us and partner with us. Without it, St. John's would not be the wonderful community it is. Thank you!

We had a wonderful May Crowning yesterday with Archbishop Hebda. We are grateful that our Archdiocesan shepherd took the time to spend his morning with us, saying Mass, visiting with our 8th graders and their families, visiting some classes, and visiting with some of our mom's during their small group meeting. During his time with us, the Archbishop encouraged us to remain close to our Mother and God's mother, Mary, and to follow her example of humility, love, and obedience. He also encouraged us to bring our prayers to God through the intercession of Mary, His mother. Mary Queen of Heaven and Earth pray for us and for our mothers. See below for pictures from our May Crowning Mass yesterday.

Here are some events coming up:

- Wednesday, May 17th is our First Communion school celebration Mass and our 2nd grade Faith, Family, Fellowship morning. Join us for Mass at 8:30am as we celebrate our 2nd graders. Our 2nd grade families are invited to join us for Mass followed by hospitality in St. Joseph Hall. If you haven't done so, rsvp [HERE](#).
- Thursday, May 18th is our spring band concert at 6:30pm in Church. There will be a school performance/rehearsal concert at 1:00pm that afternoon.
- There is no school for students in preschool thru grade 8 on Friday, May 26th or Monday, May 29th for the Memorial Day weekend. There is no J-Care or Care Crew on either day
- We will celebrate and recognize the accomplishments of our graduating 8th grade students on Wednesday, May 31st at the 8th grade Recognition program. This will be held in the Church beginning at 12:45pm. This is the last day of school for our 8th grade students.
- The 8th grade Graduation Mass will be held on Thursday, June 1st 6:30pm.
- Monday, June 5th is our all school picnic. Students may be out of uniform on this day - wear comfortable play clothes and dress for the weather (remember sunscreen!).
- Tuesday, June 6th will be a clean-up day. Students may be out of uniform.
- Wednesday, June 7th is our last day of school for the 22-23 school year. We will have morning Mass at 8:30am and Track and Field Day events in the afternoon following lunch. Students should wear a school spirit shirt and any bottoms with tennis shoes.

Thank you to all who attended the Spring Family Fun Night last Friday! The weather was beautiful and we hope everyone had a wonderful time. A special

Upcoming Events:

Grade 2 FFF Morning
Wednesday, May 17

Spring Band Concert
May 18 - 1:00 & 6:30pm

No School
May 26 & May 29

Grade 8 Recognition
May 31 @ 12:45pm

Grade 8 Graduation Mass
June 1 at 6:30pm

EOY Picnics
June 5

Preschool Spring Program
June 6 at 6:30pm

Last Day of School
June 7

District Busing 2023-24 School Year

For those families that reside within the Mounds View District or utilize busing from an address within the MV district, you must complete the online Transportation Registration by June 8, 2023.

Information and the registration link may be found at <https://www.moundsvIEWSschools.org/transportation>

*Information on the Blaine charter buses will come out this summer.

thank you to all who signed up to volunteer or those who just stayed later at the end of the night to help clean up. It was appreciated by all of us! Thank you to our sponsors. We are grateful for your financial support of this event.



Family Fun Night Sponsors - Thank You!

Guldan Family
Hardy Family
Lexcen Family
Lieser Family
Litecky Family
Nagle Family
Nguyen Family

Puklich Family
Sommers Family
Stori Family
Von Rueden Family
Michelle Young - Confetti Wealth

Finally, as you know, volunteer hours are part of the tuition agreement each school year. We ask families of students in grades K-8 to complete 20 hours of volunteer time in the school or Church during each school year. If you have completed your hours, please send that information to the school office via email to Joy Thienes at thienesj@stjohnnyb.org. You may use this [Volunteer Tracking Form](#), your own tracking form or just simply an email with your volunteer hours noted is fine. We ask that you have these hours submitted by Thursday, May 25th. You may estimate any volunteer hours you plan to complete through the end of the school year.

Happy Mother's Day to all moms! Good luck and safe travels to all those heading out for fishing opener this weekend!

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Open Positions at SJB

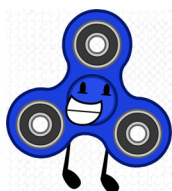
We currently have openings in the following positions for next school year:

- Teacher - Grades KG, 4 and 5
- School Kitchen Assistants
- [Kindergarten Aide](#)
- [Instructional Aide](#)
- [J-care Coordinator](#)

If you or someone you know is interested in any of these positions, please check out the [Career Page of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis](#) or have them send a resume and cover letter to Ms. Ann Laird at lairda@stjohnnyb.org

Support our REACH Students!

Many of our REACH students used Tinkered to design a fidget and then printed it on our 3D printer. They have created advertisements to sell them to our families. Your support and contributions will help us purchase more materials and new experiences in REACH. Fidgets can be picked up at school or sent home with a student. Watch for updates to the page. There are more fidgets in the process of being created!



[FIDGET WEBSITE](#)

Read-A-Thon at SJB!

WOW! We surpassed our school reading minute goal! We have some amazing readers at SJB!

As a school, we read over 83,000 minutes!

The read-a-thon may be over, but we encourage you to **Keep Reading!!**

THANK YOU to all our financial donors!

We raised a little over \$6,300 and all funds will be used purchase new books for our media center.

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



Read·A·Thon

Summer J-Care

Summer J-Care registration is now open. 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.



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.

Summer Piano Lessons



Mr. Moore will be offering piano lessons this summer for students at any skill level, with the opportunity to continue into next school year. To receive information on rates, scheduling, or to ask questions, please fill out [this form](#) or email mooret@stjohnnyb.org. Filling out the form is not a commitment to enrolling in lessons.

May After-School Art Classes

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

Tie Dye T-shirts - Two Class date options

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

15 students each class; 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.

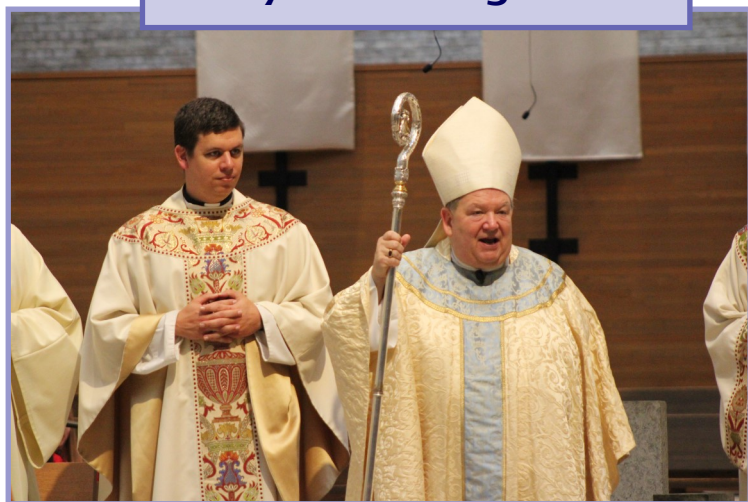
Day 2- paint and decorate.

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.



May Crowning 2023



8th Grade Graduating Class

SJB Parish News

First Sacraments at St. John the Baptist

First Sacraments Registration is open for the fall.

The preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion are completed during second grade. Preparation includes parents guiding their children through weekly home lessons, attending parent/child orientations, retreats and celebrations. An early rate price is in effect now until August 1. This program is in addition to the religion classes your child receives in grade 2. Questions can be directed to Jill Fink, Director of Catechesis at 651.633.1540 ext. 1280 or

finkj@stjohnnyb.org Parents who have older children who desire the sacraments for their children are welcome to contact Jill for our RCIC program.

Here is the link for more information on the First Sacraments program: [First Sacraments](#)

Here is the link to register: [Register for First Sacraments](#)

