

From the Principal

May 18, 2023

We are entering the home stretch of the 2022-2023 school year and we are already looking ahead and excited about our plans for next year. Here are some of things we are planning for the 23-24 school year:

- We will be adding Believe and Read to our K-2 ELA curriculum. Believe and Read is a literacy program funded by Catholic Schools Center of Excellence and created by Grove's Academy that helps students build strong skills. While many of the skills students will learn are already being taught by our ELA teachers, we feel that this program will only enhance our curriculum.
- Our staff just finished a year-long book club. We read *Hacking School Discipline* which led to good discussions, allowed for staff to practice some ideas, and will help guide us as we review our school discipline policy over the summer.
- We have been revising our school handbook and we will be completing this revision over the summer and will be publishing the new handbook in August.

Yesterday, we celebrated our second graders at their Faith, Family and Fellowship Morning. It was a special celebration for those students who recently received their First Communion. It was a wonderful morning and we were so happy to see so many of our families here with us. Please continue to pray for our students that they may take advantage of every opportunity to receive the Lord regularly.

Here are some events coming up these last few weeks of the 2022-2023 school year:

- 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.
- As part of their spring baseball unit, our first and second grade families had the option to purchase tickets to an evening Twins game. These families will be attending the game on Monday, May 22nd. We are praying for good weather for the game that night!
- 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.
- Tuesday, June 6th will also be our Preschool Spring Program at 6:30pm. Preschool families will receive more information on this program from your child's teacher and/or the Preschool Director.
- 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.

Upcoming Events:

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.moundsvIEWSchools.org/transportation](https://www.moundsvIEWSchools.org/transportation)

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

We have an additional staffing update to share with you. Miss Katie Beitz, third grade teacher, will not be returning to St. John's next school year. Miss Beitz has been a welcome addition to our school and even though she has only been here one year, she has made a big impact on our students. We wish her the best as she moves on to other opportunities next year.

The Knights of Columbus Council 14250 is offering four \$500 tuition scholarships for SJB students for the 2023-2024 school year. These scholarships are available for families whose fathers are members of the Knights of Columbus Council 14250 at St. John's. Applications will be accepted through Thursday, June 1st. Please apply [HERE](#).

Finally, our End of the Year Picnic will be held on Monday, June 5th. St. John's PTO has been hard at work planning a fun day for the students. We are still in need of a few parents to help out that day. If you are up-to-date with your Virtus training, sign up for a shift (or the whole day) [HERE](#). Thank you - this is always a fun day for the students! See below for a list of activities planned for that day.

Have a great weekend.
Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Volunteer Hours

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. The hour commitment for the 22-23 school year is 20 hours or \$400. Any hours not completed will be charged to your Tads accounts at a rate of \$20 per hour up to \$400.



Open Positions at SJB

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

- Teacher - Grades KG, 3, 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!



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

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 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.



SJB Parish News



First Communion Weekend



First Sacraments at St. John the Baptist

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](#)

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Date: May 24

Time: 7:30 pm Social Time
8:00 pm Event Start

Where: St. Joseph Hall

Devoted is a monthly gathering for ALL women. Our next guest speaker is Heidi Giebel. She is a professor at the University of St. Thomas and the St. Paul Seminary.

Sunday Night Mass Time Change!

Starting on Sunday, May 28, the Sunday evening Mass will be changed to **6:15 pm**. Additionally, the Confession time will move from 5:00 pm to **5:45 pm**.

We shall return to the 5:30 pm Mass and 3:00 pm Confession times on September 10, the Sunday following Labor Day. Please mark your calendars and plan accordingly



[Volunteer](#)
[HERE!](#)

9-10am: PreK @ Vet's Park

K - 4th Grade	5th - 7th Grade
10-11:45am @ Vet's Park	10-11:45am @ Gym Parking Lot
11:45 -12:30pm - Lunch Break	11:45 -12:30pm - Lunch Break
12:30 - 2pm @ Gym Parking Lot	12:30 - 2pm @ Vet's Park

VET'S PARK - 2 Inflatable Obstacle Courses, Soccer Inflatable, large Bounce House w/ Slide, Mini Bounce House, Dunk Tank, Kick Ball, & Putting Game
LUNCH - Hot Dogs, Chips, Grapes, Cookies, Iced Tea, & Freezies! **Please bring a water bottle!!!!**
GYM PARKING LOT - Wacky Hair Station, Temporary Tattoos, Cake Walk, Spin Art, Minute to Win It, Non Uniform Cash Grab, & more!

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