

From the Principal

May 4, 2023

May blessings to all of you! We are remembering you, our students, and your families everyday this month as we pray the rosary. Thank you for many ways you support us and partner with us.

This month's virtue is zeal, being driven by a love for God. The virtue of zeal helps us to do all things for the glory of God. What will you or your family do for the glory of God? Will you be someone who builds up the kingdom of God or tear it down? These questions are hard but good to reflect upon as we practice this virtue.

Remember that we have our Spring Family Fun Night tomorrow from 5:30-7:30pm. There will be inflatables, games, a food truck, and a book fair. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there. See below for details. If you're able, please consider signing up for a shift or two to help at the event: [Family Fun Night Volunteer](#)

As you all know, May is a busy month. Here is look at the upcoming events:

- First Communion Weekend: Saturday, May 6th and Sunday, May 7th at weekend masses. Our 2nd graders will be receiving their First Communion at either 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, 8:30am Mass on Sunday, or the 10:30am Mass on Sunday. Join us in praying for them as they receive this important sacrament.
- May Crowning Mass: Next Wednesday, May 10th at our 8:30am school Mass, we will celebrate our annual May Crowning Mass and the beginning of our 8th grade celebrations. This year we are honored to have Archbishop Hebda joining us for Mass. Our 8th grade families are invited to hospitality in St. Joseph Hall following Mass. Please RSVP at [Grade 8 FFF Morning](#). For 8th grade parents, Mikayla Anderson will be available beginning at 8:00am on this day in the plaza to provide information about the confirmation program at St. John's.
- First Communion Celebration Mass: We are excited to celebrate our First Communicants at our 8:30am school Mass on Wednesday, May 17th followed fellowship for our second graders and their families in St. Joseph's Hall. Please RSVP at [Grade 2 FFF Morning](#)
- Spring Band Concert: Come and see our talented students in the Spring Band Concert on Thursday, May 18th. There will be a school performance/rehearsal at 1:00pm and a performance at 6:30pm in the church.
- Memorial Day Weekend - No School: 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.

In staffing news, we would like to announce that Mr. Adam Kiwus, grade 4 teacher, will not be returning to St. John's next school year. We are grateful for all he has done at St. John's and wish him well in his next chapter. Along with this open position, we will also be hiring for several other positions for this summer and next school year. We currently have openings in the following positions:

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

Upcoming Events:

Move Up Day
Friday, May 5

Staff Appreciation Week
May 8 - May 12

May Crowning Mass
Wednesday, May 10

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
Wednesday, May 31

Grade 8 Graduation Mass
June 1 at 6:30pm

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>

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

- [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 me at lairda@stjohnnyb.org.

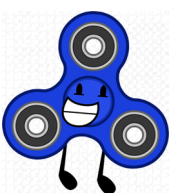
Our 8th grade students are currently traveling in Washington, D.C. They are having a great time visiting the historic sights and learning about our nation's history throughout their trip. They will be returning tomorrow, Friday, May 5th. Please continue to keep them and the teachers and chaperones in your prayers for continued safe travels. Check out our [St. John's School Facebook page](#) for photos.

Finally, thank you for your flexibility with the construction and road closures around SJB. We know that it has made morning drop off difficult. Xcel Energy is doing some work and they anticipate that it will be wrapped up by the end of the week.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

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 have some amazing readers at SJB! We are almost to our school goal of **70,500 minutes of reading between April 24th and May 5th**. Way to go!!

Keep Reading!!

THANK YOU to all our financial donors!

We have raised a little over \$5,500 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



Read·A·Thon

[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



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](#)

MAY 8TH - MAY 12TH

Thank You
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!!

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

SJB Parish News

Weekend Experience Survey

Last Tuesday, May 2nd, an email was sent containing a survey focused around your Sunday experience at St. John's. We are looking for feedback so that we can better understand and serve our parish flock.

Thank you to all who have already completed the survey! If you haven't finished it yet, please do so either with the email you received or with a paper copy of which you may find at the Harvest Table. Paper copies may be turned in at the Welcome Desk or Parish Office.



First Sacraments at St. John the Baptist

Please pray for our second graders enrolled in our First Sacraments program who will be receiving their First Communion this weekend at the Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. May you rejoice in the gift of the Eucharist.

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](#)