

July 27, 2022

## From the Principal

The 2023-2024 school year is quickly approaching and we are getting excited to have students filling our hallways and classrooms once again. We welcome all our new families to St. John's and look forward to getting to know you and your students this year.

As we approach the beginning of the year, we want to make you aware of the following events that happen before the first day of school on September 5th.

- New Parent Meeting - Tuesday, August 1st at 6:00pm in St. Joseph Hall. New parents are invited to come to this meeting to get an overview of some of our policies and procedures as well highlight some programs, events, and groups that are an important part of our community.
- Kindergarten Parent Gathering at the Rectory on August 2nd and August 3rd. This community building event is to welcome our kindergarten families to St. John's School and Parish. An invitation was sent from Father Paul Shovelain to our kindergarten families. If you have an incoming kindergartener and did not receive an invite, please let the school office know. I am looking forward to visiting with you! If you are unable to attend one of these sessions, there will be other community building events this fall and throughout the school year.
- Used Uniform Sale hosted by our PTO is Monday, August 7th from 4:00-7:00pm in the school gym. Please enter through the gym doors (door 7) off of the north parking lot on 10<sup>th</sup> Street NW. This sale is an opportunity to purchase used uniform pieces for your child at discounted prices. Items are donated by current and former students and proceeds benefit the SJB PTO.
- The New Brighton Stockyard Days Parade is on Saturday, August 12th and St. John's will once again be walking in the parade. The parade begins at 10:00am and more information to come on the details of when and where to meet, but save that Saturday morning and plan to walk with us to show the local community our wonderful school.
- Grade K-5 ELA Assessments will take place on Monday, August 21st and Tuesday, August 22nd. These assessments with your child's ELA teacher this upcoming school year, will assist our teachers in gaining valuable information about your child's literacy skills so that we hit the ground running once school starts. Look for signup information to come out in the next week or two.
- Kindergarten Picnic for our incoming Kindergarten families will be held on Thursday, August 24th. This is a wonderful event to meet other kindergarten families, current SJB families, teachers and staff. Thank you to our SJB PTO for hosting this event. Families will receive more details regarding the picnic in the mail from the kindergarten teachers.
- Meet My Teacher Night will be held on the evening of Wednesday, August 30th. On this night you will be able to drop off school supplies, meet your child's teacher, sign up for sacraments, and drop off medications or paperwork to office staff. Watch for more details to come.

We would like to provide you with a couple of staffing updates:



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### Upcoming Events:

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| New Family Meeting<br>Tues, Aug 1, 6:00pm     |
| Stockyard Days Parade<br>Sat, Aug 12, 10:00am |
| Used Uniform Sale<br>Mon, Aug 7, 4-7:00pm     |
| Meet My Teacher Night<br>Wed, Aug 30          |
| First Day of School, Pre-8<br>Tues, Sept 5    |

- Mrs. Heather Meyer has made the very difficult decision to leave teaching at St. John's to allow her more flexibility to be home with her infant son, Gunnar. We are grateful to Heather for all she has done for our school and for the students and she will be greatly missed by all of us. We have already begun the process of interviewing for the third grade teacher position and we hope to have an announcement soon.
- Miss MacKenzie Kantor is joining us as the new J-Care Director. MacKenzie previously worked in our preschool and has also helped out with the youth in the parish. We are excited to welcome her to this new role and look forward to her bringing her enthusiasm and new ideas to our J-Care program.

We wish all our families a continued enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you all soon! Blessings to you and your family.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

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## Tuition Accounts for 2023–2024 School Year

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Families should have received an email from TADS Tuition Management Company with information and a link to set up your tuition payments for the 2023-2024 school year. Please complete this setup as soon as possible as payments should begin in August. Payment options are outlined in the agreement but families will have the following options:

1. Pay tuition in full by August 20th and receive \$100 off.
2. Pay tuition in 2 installments - the first half in August 2023 and the second in January 2024.
3. Pay your tuition in 10 monthly installments - August through May.

Additional charges will be added to your accounts throughout the school year as necessary. These charges include athletic fees, activity fees, etc. These fees will be added to your regular tuition bill if possible. Preschool Care Crew and SJB J-Care charges will be billed separately and their due dates will be determined by Preschool and J-Care Directors. All extra charges will be withdrawn automatically from your account on file if your account is set for automatic withdrawal. If you manually make tuition payments, it will also be required to do so for any incidentals that are charged to your account.

If you have questions or problems with the set up of your account, please contact the Tads helpline directly at 612-548-3320. If you have questions regarding the charges on your account, please contact Joy Thienes at [thienesj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:thienesj@stjohnnyb.org).

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## Busing for 2023–2024 School Year

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If you live within the Mounds View School District and wish to receive bus service for your student for the 23-24 school year, you must register at the link below (if you haven't done so).



Visit the Mounds View District [website](#) for more information and instructions regarding registration and payment. The registration form will ask for your student's ID number, but it is not required.

If you have any questions, please contact the [Mounds View Transportation](#) Department at [651-621-6027](tel:651-621-6027).

If you live in the Blaine area, are new to St. John's and interested in the Blaine charter routes and haven't yet indicated that interest, please contact Joy Thienes at [thienesj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:thienesj@stjohnnyb.org). More information will be coming out next week on these routes.

## School Supplies

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The School Supply list for the 2023-2024 school year is available on the SJB website. These items may be brought to Meet My Teacher Night on Wednesday, August 30th. Teachers will have directions that evening for the students on where to put all their items. Bringing supplies that night helps the students so they are ready to go the first day of school.



[2023-2034 School Supply List](#)

## Donald's Uniform

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Donald's Uniform is the designated supplier of the SJB uniforms to assure a commonality and uniformity in dress. New monogrammed shirts, fleece, sweaters and plaid jumpers or skirts must be purchased through Donald's Uniform. When you order from Donald's, you have the option to ship the items directly to SJB for free. Use the following coupon code: **SJBNBSTS**

Shipments will go out approximately once per month. If you need your items sooner, please choose the Call When Ready In-Store Pickup option (no charge) or pay to have your items shipped to your home.



Note: when items arrive at St. John's, the office staff will contact you to let you know that items are here.

SJB Uniform Policy may be found on the school website: [SJB Uniform Policy](#)

## Used Uniform Sale – Monday, August 7th

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The Used Uniform Sale is an opportunity to purchase gently used uniforms at greatly discounted prices. The uniforms are donated by the families of St. John the Baptist School. We have two used sales each year - August and January. Our August sale will be held on Monday, August 7th from 4:00-7:00pm in the school gym. Please enter the school through the gym entrance (north parking lot) - door 7. Cost for school uniform items at the sale is \$5 per item. Note that payment accepted at the sale is cash or check (to St. John's) only.



We accept donations of gently used uniform pants, shorts, shirts, skirts, jumpers and spirit wear to the school office anytime during the school year. If you are dropping any uniform items off in the next couple weeks and we are not in the school office, you may leave them outside the door - thank you!

\* PLEASE NO CLOTHING WITH RIPPED HEMS, TEARS, HOLES, MULTIPLE STAINS OR MISSING BUTTONS \*