

August 10, 2022

From the Principal

The countdown is on! School is just over three weeks away and things are beginning to come together. Here are the important things as we inch closer to the first day of school on Tuesday, September 5th.

- The New Brighton Stockyard Days Parade is this Saturday, August 12th and SJB will once again be part of this great community event and will be walking in the parade. Please consider joining us that morning and help us promote our parish and school. Look for parade details below.
- Grade 1-5 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. Parents should have received an email with signup information. For those who are unable to make these dates, the teachers will find time during the first couple weeks of school to complete the assessment with your child. Below are the signup links for each grade:

ELA Assessment Signups

- [GRADE 1 Signup](mailto:ptakd@stjohnnyb.org) - contact Miss Diane Ptak ptakd@stjohnnyb.org
- [GRADE 2 Signup](mailto:krohn@stjohnnyb.org) - contact Mrs. Betsey Krohn krohn@stjohnnyb.org
- [GRADE 3 Signup](mailto:thienesj@stjohnnyb.org) - contact Mrs. Joy Thienes thienesj@stjohnnyb.org
- [GRADE 4 Signup](mailto:reinac@stjohnnyb.org) - contact Mrs. Christy Reina reinac@stjohnnyb.org
- [GRADE 5 Signup](mailto:ziebolr@stjohnnyb.org) - contact Mr. Robert Ziebol ziebolr@stjohnnyb.org

- The 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 should have received information in the mail this past week - if you did not receive anything, please email Joy Thienes in the school office at thienesj@stjohnnyb.org.
- 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.
- 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. 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.



Upcoming Events:

- Stockyard Days Parade
Sat, Aug 12, 10:00am
- All Staff Return
Wed, Aug 23
- Kindergarten Picnic
Thurs, Aug 24, 5-6:00pm
- Preschool Meet My Teacher Meetings
Aug 29-31
- Meet My Teacher Night
Wed, Aug 30
- First Day of School, Pre-8
Tues, Sept 5

Finally, it is with sadness that we announce that Ms. Joni Sundstrom will not be returning to SJB this fall. Ms. Sundstrom has taken a teaching position closer to her home. We are thankful to her for the last five years as a Middle School ELA teacher and the many gifts she brought to our MS students and our community. We wish her well in her new endeavor. We have already begun the interview process for both this position and our open 3rd grade position and will continue to keep our families notified of any changes.

Have a wonderful weekend. Hope to see many of our families at the parade on Saturday!
Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Stockyard Days Parade – Saturday, August 12th

We are looking for students and parents to wear their **SJB Spirit Wear** or school colors (blue and white) and join us in promoting our school. Participating students will earn a non-uniform pass, and parents will earn volunteer hours. **All students must be accompanied by an adult.** This is a great way to earn some volunteer hours before the school year begins! As a reminder, all families with students in grades K-8 are asked to volunteer for 20 hours (per the tuition contract).

We will be walking the route again this year. Strollers and/or wagons are encouraged. Please wear comfortable shoes, bring a water bottle, and wear sunscreen – a backpack may be a good idea to carry belongings.

We will be handing out candy along the parade route and providing postcards to those who inquire. We will also have two individuals carrying a sign to identify who we are. Below are the details and directions for the parade line up:

- The parade begins at 10:00am – please arrive by 9:45am.
- Line up is on the surrounding streets near St. John's. Our number is #37, and we will be located right in front of the main church doors. Please meet us there!
- Because the parade begins at St. John's, please be aware that the streets around the church and school will be closing for staging by 9:30am so plan accordingly (the best idea is to have someone drop you off and meet you at the end point). **Please note: 8th Street NW will be a ONE WAY heading east as most units will be lined up on that road.**



From the parade committee: THERE IS NO PARKING IN THE LOT AT ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH. Because units will be parking on both sides of 8th St this year, please use EXTREME caution when finding your lineup number, as there will be many people on foot. To avoid congestion in the lineup area, we ask that parade participants are dropped off in the neighborhood (1st-4th Ave) and walk to their unit. Parking is allowed in the neighborhood. Please be mindful of fire hydrants and driveways.

- The route runs from St. John's to approximately the corner of 17th Avenue NW and 7th Street NW. Please see the attached map for the route.
- The New Brighton Rotary Club will be providing hot dogs and chips for each parade participant at the end of the parade (Hanson Park Parking Lot - 17th Ave NW and 7th St NW). Feel free to stop by after the parade!

Busing for 2023–2024 School Year

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 and indicated your interest in the Blaine charter routes or utilized the buses last school year, you should have received an email with instructions for registering for these buses. If you did not receive this information, please contact Joy Thienes at thienesj@stjohnnyb.org.

SJB Preschool Corner



Preschool families should have received a **Welcome email** from Mrs. Andrea Schroeder, Preschool Director. If you did not receive this email, please let her know by emailing her at schroedera@stjohnnyb.org

Be sure to visit the Preschool Forms, Policies, and Resources Pag for information and links to forms needed before the first day of school.

Forms, Policies + Resources - St. John the Baptist Catholic School



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Meet My Teacher Meetings for preschool students and their families will be held on Tuesday, August 29 - Thursday, August 31. Information on signing up for a time came in the Welcome email from the director.

SJB Preschool is looking to hire additional Care Crew teachers for our after-school program. Hours are approximately 2:30-5:30pm Monday - Friday. If you or someone you know may be interested, contact Andrea Schroeder at schroedera@stjohnnyb.org

SJB Parish News

Thinking of Becoming Catholic?

Becoming Catholic
RCIA Information Session

Sunday, August 27
9:30 am

(time convenient between the morning Masses)

Room 206/208

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



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

St. John's FallFest and Booya



Be sure to join us when fall rolls around here at St. John the Baptist for our annual FallFest and Booya Celebration!

SAVE THE DATES!

FallFest will be held the weekend of September 22-24. There will be even more excitement and fun this year so we hope to see you there!

The FallFest Golf Tournament will take place on Saturday, Sept. 16th.

Click on the link below to find all the **FallFest 2023** information on the SJB Parish webpage:

[FallFest 2023 Information](#)