

## From the Principal

We are just a little over two weeks from the start of the 2023-2024 school year. Many staff have already begun to work in their classrooms to get the rooms ready to go and to start planning for the year ahead. All staff will return on Wednesday, August 23rd to begin workshop week. Please pray for us that our workshop meetings will be productive and fruitful and that we all begin the year refreshed after the summer break and ready to go!

We have a couple of staffing updates to share with you:

- While we will continue to search for a permanent qualified candidate for our third grade teacher position, in the interim, we are pleased to announce that Mrs. Mary Jordan will be fulfilling this role. Mrs. Jordan is a licensed teacher and has been a substitute at St. John's for the last couple of years. Some of you may remember her as our long-term substitute in grade 3 when Mrs. Meyer was out on maternity leave this past spring. We are excited to have her join our team and know she will be a wonderful addition to our community.
- Ms. Arlene Aparicio will be joining our kindergarten team as our new kindergarten aide and will work with both teachers and classes. Some of you and your children may know Ms. Aparicio because she has been working in J-Care this summer. She will continue to work J-Care in the afternoons during the school year as well as school release days.
- We will have two new staff joining us in the school kitchen this year - Mrs. Julie Modahl and Mrs. Julie Anderson. Both of them come to us with experience in food service and school kitchens and they will be great additions to our school community. They will join our current staff of Mrs. Walker and Mrs. McMahon.

Meet My Teacher Night will be held on Wednesday, August 30th. With the increased enrollment at SJB, we are switching the timing up slightly to ease some of the craziness and congestion of that evening. This year, we will be splitting the times up for families to come by last names. We ask the families plan to come during the times below:

**Student last names A-L from 4:00-5:00pm**

**Student last names M-Z from 5:30-6:30pm**

More information on Meet My Teacher Night may be found below.

This coming Monday, August 21st and Tuesday, August 22nd, are the reading assessment days for students in grades 1-5. If you have signed your child up for assessments, your child will be with their English Language Arts (ELA) teacher between 15 and 30 minutes depending on the grade. Please enter the building through door 4 or 12 (by the school office), go up the steps to the upper floor of the school, and use the door by the first grade classrooms (by Room 101) to enter the upper hallway. Assessments will take place in the classroom of your child's ELA teacher (follow the signs when you enter the building). A note for those students attending either day: students will need headphones for this test. If your child already has headphones for the upcoming year or has a working pair from last year, please bring them with you. After the assessment, you may either take

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Upcoming Events:

- 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



## BACKPACK BLESSING

**August 26 & 27, 2023 at the end of all Masses**

**Say goodbye to summer and start the school year off right with a backpack blessing!**

*Kids bring their backpack and receive a keychain!*



them home and bring them back for Meet My Teacher Night or you may leave them at school for the year. If you haven't purchased headphones yet or forget to bring them, we will have some your child can use.

We are looking forward to welcoming our incoming kindergarten students and their families at the Kindergarten Picnic next 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 regarding this picnic. If you did not receive anything, please email Joy Thienes in the school office at [thienesj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:thienesj@stjohnnyb.org).

Have a wonderful weekend. We pray that you all enjoy the remaining days of summer break and look forward to seeing you all soon!

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

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## Meet My Teacher Night – Wednesday, August 30th

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Meet My Teacher Night (MMTN) for students in grades K-8 will be held on Wednesday, August 30th. We ask students and families to come based on the times below:

**Student last names A-L from 4:00-5:00pm**

**Student last names M-Z from 5:30-6:30pm**



You may stop anytime during that hour time frame to meet your child's teacher along with receiving information and registering for other programs at school or parish. We encourage your child to bring his/her school supplies that evening to make the first day of school a little easier.

Park in the North lot and enter the school through door 7 (gym entrance). Stop in the school gym to check out the areas below:

**School GYM:**

- School Office - tuition, busing, Virtus or just general questions
- Health Office - medication drop off or ask questions of the district nurse (Mrs. Colleen Moore)
- J-Care - register for before/after school care
- Band - meet Mrs. Amy Nelson and get information and register for band for the year
- Office of Discipleship & Mission - Sacramental Registration, Youth Group, etc.
- Lunchroom - Educational Benefits applications, food allergies, etc.
- SJB PTO - come and see how to get involved at SJB!

Classroom teachers will be in their rooms. Class lists will be posted outside the doors for each room. Middle School Advisory groups will also be posted outside the class, but there will also be a master list by the school gym and up by the Science Lab. Below are the rooms for each grade:

Kindergarten - Rooms 7 & 8  
Grade 1 - Rooms 101 & 102  
Grade 2 - Rooms 103 & 104  
Grade 3 - Rooms 105 & 106

Grade 4 - Rooms 107 & 108  
Grade 5 - Rooms 109 & 110  
Middle School - Rooms 111, 112, 3, 4, 5, or 6

## J-Care for the 2023–2024 School Year

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J-Care is a non-contracted before/after school and summer school-age program for students in kindergarten through 8th grade. Our mission is to provide high quality child care at an affordable price in an engaging, active, and comfortable environment while maintaining a safe and JOY-filled place for your child(ren). J-Care provides homework support; physical, recreational, and educational activities; interactive games; field trips; swim trips; crafts; and a healthy snack and milk to participants each day.



On regular school days, J-Care is available 6:30am – 7:45am and 2:30pm – 6:00pm

For those will or may use J-Care during the 2023-2024 school year, please complete the registration form and return this form at Meet My Teacher Night on Wednesday, August 30th. Find this form and more information about J-Care on our website. [2023-2024 J-Care Information](#)

Questions? Contact MacKenzie Kantor at [kantorm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:kantorm@stjohnnyb.org) or via the J-Care cell phone 651-261-9113.

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## SJB Preschool Corner

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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](mailto:schroedera@stjohnnyb.org)

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

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



[stjohnnyb.org](http://stjohnnyb.org)

**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 from your child's preschool teacher.

Items to bring to your Meet My Teacher Meeting:

- \* Health Summary Form
- \* Immunization Record
- \* Emergency Contact Form
- \* Allergy Information
- \* Family Photo
- \* [School Supplies](#)

### Care Crew Teacher Openings

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](mailto:schroedera@stjohnnyb.org)

# SJB Parish News

## SJB Parish Job Opening – Bookkeeper

St. John's is hiring a bookkeeper to assist with accounting operations and generating financial statements for both the parish and school. Help to ensure that deposits are made, bills are paid and government-mandated reports are prepared according to required procedures. Coordinate purchasing for the church office, maintain cemetery records and provide cemetery customer service, coordinate delinquent tuition collection, and assist with other administrative tasks.

If interested, please submit your cover letter, resume, and list of professional references to Mark Dittman, Director of Business Operations at [dittmanm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:dittmanm@stjohnnyb.org). Fax: 651-633-7404.

<https://stjohnnb.com/contact/job-opportunities/>

### *devoted*

We invite all women of the parish to the next devoted on Wednesday, August 23rd. This month we will add "Dinner with devoted" with a dinner Salad Bar beginning at 6:30 pm. Our speaker, Jacinta Lagasse, Executive Director of Women's Life Care Center, will begin her talk "Know and Be Known" at 7:30 pm. This talk will include video testimonials from women who have benefited from the Center's services, which is one of the many care centers that the St. John's Respect Life group and parishioners support. Following the talk, we will have table discussions and prayer time in the Chapel of the Angels ending at 9:00 pm.

[RSVP for dinner](#) (salad bar) - Suggested donation \$10

### Men's Steak Fry

On September 10 from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm, we will be having a steak fry that is free and open to all men! There will be superb sirloin steak, delicious drinks, and fantastic fellowship! Plus we will watch the MN Vikings take on the Buccaneers in their noon game on the big screen in St. Joseph Hall.

Event sponsored by: Men's Fellowship, Knights of Columbus, and Catholic Watchmen

## 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!***

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](#)

## 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  
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