

August 24, 2022

From the Principal

The 2023-2024 school year is just 12 days away! Teachers started back full time Wednesday and they are busy getting their rooms ready for the students and the upcoming school year. We are looking forward to once again having the hallways filled with students and the excitement and anticipation of those first days of school!

We had a wonderful evening yesterday with so many of our kindergarten families at the Kindergarten Picnic! It was so much fun to meet you and see the excitement in our newest students. We welcome you all to our SJB community!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Meet My Teacher night next 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

Classrooms will be open for parents and students to drop off school supplies and to meet the teachers. The school gym will be host to many school and parish groups for you to get information or your questions answered. See below for more details on the evening.

Other important dates during the first couple weeks of school are:

- First day of school is Tuesday, September 5th for students.
- We invite all middle school parents to the Middle School Parent Information Meeting on Wednesday, September 6th beginning at 6:30pm. This will be a chance for parents to learn what MS will look like for their students this upcoming school year.
- We invite parents of students in grades K-5 on Wednesday, September 13th to the K-5 Parent Information Meeting. More information to come, but please put the date on your calendar.

A reminder to all families that if you haven't yet set up your tuition payment accounts through TADS, please do so as soon as possible. All families should have received an email with a link to set up your account (if you haven't, please let Joy Thienes in the school office know - thienesj@stjohnnyb.org). We appreciate your attention to this matter.

We are saddened to announce that for personal reasons Mr. Tucker Moore will not be returning to his position as Music teacher at St. John's this school year. Mr. Moore was a wonderful addition to SJB and his musical and personal gifts made a big impact on the students and the community this past year. We will miss him and wish him well in his new endeavors.

The St. John the Baptist Parish Fall Fest will be held September 22-24. This is always a fun community event and we encourage all our families to come join us at one or all three days. There are many events to get involved in

Upcoming Events:

Preschool Meet My Teacher Meetings
Aug 29-31

Meet My Teacher Night
Wed, Aug 30

First Day of School, Pre-8
Tues, Sept 5

MS Curriculum Night
Wed, Sept 6

Gr K-5 Curriculum Night
Wed, Sept 13



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!



and many ways to help. See the [Fall Fest page](#) on the parish website for more information.

Finally, a reminder that there will be a Backpack Blessing following all weekend Masses this Saturday and Sunday, August 26-27. We invite students to bring their backpack to be blessed as we say goodbye to summer and begin a new school year.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Meet My Teacher Night – Wednesday, August 30th

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.

SJB Fall Athletics

There are still some openings for SJB fall athletics and registrations are still open for the following sports:

Soccer - open to boys and girls in grades 5-8

Cross Country - open to boys and girls in grades 4-8

Volleyball - open to girls in grades 5-8 **New this year!!**



All registrations should be completed online - go to the [Athletics page](#) of the SJB website. Questions? Contact Mr. Cole VanBeusekom at vanbeusekomc@stjohnnyb.org

J-Care for the 2023-2024 School Year

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 or via the J-Care cell phone 651-261-9113.

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 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



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

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. Fax: 651-633-7404.

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

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



Men's Steak Fry

September 10
12:00 pm ~ 4:00 pm
in St. Joseph Hall

Free and open to all men! Join us for superb sirloin steak, delicious drinks, and fantastic fellowship. We will also watch the MN Vikings football game!

Event Sponsors





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**](#)