



Principal's Bulletin

August 31, 2022

From the Principal

IT'S TIME TO START THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR! WELCOME and WELCOME BACK!

It was wonderful to see everyone at our Meet My Teacher Night last night and there was great excitement in the air. Our staff has been working and planning for the first day of school and we cannot wait to get started. It is going to be a great year!

Important upcoming events:

- Please join us for our first all-school Mass on Wednesday, September 6th at 8:30am. Following the Mass, Fr. Paul and Fr. Joseph will walk through the school and bless each classroom. It is a wonderful way to begin the school year.
- Middle School Parent Information Night is on Wednesday, September 6th from 6:30pm in St. Joseph Hall. For Middle School families, this meeting will give you important information on policies, procedures, and expectations for our middle school students.
- K-5 Parent Information Night is Wednesday, September 13th. K-2 presentations will be from 6:30-7:00pm and grades 3-5 presentations will be from 7:00-7:30pm. Both sessions will take place in the classrooms. Mark your calendars as this will provide you with great information about your child's grades, policies, procedures, and expectations.
- The SJB Parish FallFest will be held September 22-24. Join us for fun, fellowship, music, and more. Also there are great volunteer opportunities available for you and these hours will count toward your 20 hour volunteer commitment for the school year. Please click here for the [FallFest Volunteer Signup](#). See below for a list of events happening during the three-day FallFest or go to the [FallFest Page](#) of the parish website for more information and links to register for the activities.

We are happy to announce that school lunches will be free this upcoming school year for students in grades preschool through grade 8. Hot lunches will include the lunch and a carton of milk ([Lunch Menu](#) may be found online). If your child brings a cold lunch and would like milk, that will be charged to their lunch account at 50¢ per milk. New this year, the school kitchen will also be serving breakfast. Breakfast will also be free to all students and will be served from 7:35-7:45am each morning. This will be a grab & go style breakfast and the students will bring the items to their classroom to eat before school begins. Please note that there is a short window for breakfast service so please consider having your child eat before they leave for school, especially these first days of school when timing for drop off and bus schedules are still being fine-tuned. This is a new service for the school this year, so we ask for flexibility and patience as we work out the details. For those who have qualified for free/reduced meals in the past or believe they may now qualify, we ask that you still complete the Educational Benefits Form this year. You may find this form online ([Educational Benefits Form](#)) or we have hard-copies in the school office.

Have a wonderful weekend and see you Tuesday, September 5th!

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Upcoming Events:

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

MS Curriculum Night
Wed, Sept 6

Gr K-5 Curriculum Night
Wed, Sept 13

SJB FallFest
Sept. 22-24

Sunday Evening Mass Time Change

A reminder that beginning next Sunday, September 10th, the Sunday evening Mass will be moving back to 5:30pm. Please make note of the change and remind your friends and



General School Information

SCHOOL TIMES/DAILY SCHEDULE

- * School hours are 7:55am - 2:30pm
- * Car line drop off is at the Flagpole door #6, Flagpole door opens at 7:30am and close at 7:50am.
- * Students arriving before 7:35am will be supervised inside by the gym until 7:35am when they will head to their classrooms.
- * Any students arriving after 7:50am must be driven around the building and dropped off and checked in at the school office (door #12).
- * Any parent who would like to walk their child to the school doors should park in the Church lot or on the west side of 2nd Ave (across from SJB park). Please DO NOT park on the street along the playground - this area is for drop-off only. Extra staff will be on hand for the first few days to help students to find their classroom in the morning.
- * Afternoon car pick up will be from the main Church parking lot. Please park facing out to give better sight lines when leaving the lot to help keep everyone safe. Teachers will walk students to the sidewalk in front of the Church.

BUSES

- * District bus passes come from the Mounds View District Transportation Office. If you are within the MV district and do not have a bus pass, your student cannot ride the bus on Tuesday. If you still need to sign up for district busing, please complete the application on the MV website: [Bus Registration Form](#)
- * Registration information was sent to families to register for the Blaine charter bus. If you completed the google registration form, you will be receiving an email with the anticipated route/stop times for the first days of school.
- * **EXPECT DELAYS TO THE SCHEDULED BUS TIMES THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF SCHOOL** - it can take several days to work through any issues with busing and get the routes down.
- * **Keep this phone number handy: 651-621-8900.** This is the phone number for the American Student Transportation Bus Company. If your child's bus does not show, is late, etc. during the school year, this is the number you should call to determine where the bus might be. This is the direct dispatch number and will allow you to get a quick response from the driver.

ABSENCES

If your child will be absent or late for ANY reason (illness, vacation, appointment, etc.) please let the school office know by 8:30am. This needs to be done for **each** day the student is absent. For a known multiple day absence (for a vacation, for example) one call or email with all dates of the absence is sufficient.

Attendance line: 651-633-2211 ext. 1119 leave message on absences.

You may also email the school office (thienesj@stjohnnyb.org).

CHANGES TO SCHEDULE MID-DAY

If you need to change your child's dismissal schedule at any point during the school day, please contact the school office at 651-633-1522 ext. 1118. You may also email Joy Thienes at thienesj@stjohnnyb.org. Teachers may or may not be able to access email during the school day so contacting the office is the best way to ensure your child gets the message.

HEALTH OFFICE/MEDICATIONS

If your child needs to take any medications during the school day or needs emergency meds (epi-pen, inhaler, etc.) or over-the-counter meds (ibuprofen, Benadryl, etc.) available if needed, please bring those medications to the school office. Complete the appropriate form to include with the medications.

[Prescription Medication Form](#) [Over-the-Counter Medication Form](#)

Note: SJB does NOT supply over-the-counter meds. All medications need to be in original packaging or prescription bottle and must be labeled with your child's name.

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. 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 to the school office. Find this form and more information about J-Care on our web-site. [2023-2024 J-Care Information](#)

Questions? Contact MacKenzie Kantor at kantorm@stjohnnyb.org or via the J-Care cell phone 651-261-9113.

Updating Information in Educate

The window is now open to update personal information and give permission to view contact information in the School Directory found in Educate. **The window to complete this will be open through Friday, September 22nd.**

Please log into your Educate home page using your parent username and password.

- **New families:** You will receive an email from Educate with your username and a temporary password. This email will be sent to every primary parent within a household.
- **Returning families:** You will receive an email from Educate with your username. If you cannot remember your password, there will be directions on resetting it.
- Each parent will need to log in separately to change any personal information. If your cell or email has not changed, only one parent will need to update the household information and permissions.

Steps to update information and viewing permissions:

1. Log on to your Educate account: <https://educate.tads.com/educate/>
2. Click on the circle with your initials located in the upper right corner. If you are doing this on a mobile device, you will see the circle with your initials by clicking MENU.
3. Choose ACCOUNT from the drop down box.
4. Click on the first tab titled USER.
5. Review the information. If you see something that needs to be updated, click on the empty EDIT box on the right side, and update the information. Be sure to click save at the bottom of the page.
6. Click on the second tab titled HOUSEHOLD.
7. Review the information. If you see something that needs to be updated, click on the empty EDIT box on the right side, and update the information. Be sure to click save at the bottom of the page.
8. SCHOOL DIRECTORY SHARING PREFERENCES is the last option at the bottom of the HOUSEHOLD page. Choose YES or NO for each preference.

Please be aware: If one parent gives permissions and the other parent goes in and changes, the last entered data will default all previous permissions. By choosing YES to all three permissions, you are only allowing SJB parents to see this information. If you choose NO for all permissions, your child's name will not appear in the directory. Please keep in mind that parents typically use the directory information for inviting others to playdates, birthday parties, etc.

Click on SAVE USER INFORMATION at the bottom of the page. The task is accomplished!

If you should have any questions or issues, contact Michelle Barsness at barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-1522 ext. 1114

SJB Parish News

SJB Altar Server Training

"The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve." ~ Matthew 20:28 / Mark 10:45 ~

St. John the Baptist welcomes children in 5th grade and older to become Altar Servers. If your child is interested, please fill out the online form by clicking the button below. (Parents are welcome to attend the training sessions with their children)

Training Sessions: Monday, September 18th from 2:45 - 4:45 pm
Tuesday, September 19th from 2:45 - 4:45 pm

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Server Installation: Wednesday, September 20th during the 8:30am Mass with a reception to follow in St. Joseph Hall.

Questions? Contact Lee Trembl at tremll@stjohnnyb.org

Becoming Catholic – Sacraments, RCIC & RCIA

In addition to being a part of a school community, you also receive a faith community. We warmly welcome and invite you to the Catholic faith through the sacraments. School parents who attended RCIA last year are hosting a social for any parents interested on Thursday, September 14th at 7:00pm.

Baptism begins the Christian life. The Church joyfully baptizes all ages with varying preparation toward the celebration. If you have an infant child to age 6, the first step is to register and attend the Parent Baptism Prep Class. Children ages 3-6 attend a few short Parent-Child sessions to prepare them for their special day.

First Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist are prepared for and completed during grade 2. Registration is needed. Parent Orientation Meeting is Tuesday, October 12 at 6:00pm in room 206.

Children ages 8 and older who are in need of the sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation or First Communion enter our **RCIC – Rite of Christian Initiation of Children** program with sessions during the year and one Sunday morning a month with reception in April.

Adults looking to be baptized or come into full communion with the Catholic Church with First Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation enter our **Becoming Catholic RCIA** program which meets on Thursday evenings starting September 21 with reception of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

To register for Baptism, First Sacraments or RCIC, go to St. John's website at www.stjohnnb.org and click on the Register for Programs tab.

Contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship for more information at finkj@stjohnnyb.org or 651.633.1540 ext. 1280



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





Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Social

Come to an RCIA Social on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm in Room 206. Converse with school parents who were able to balance work, home, and children's activities to come into full communion with the Catholic Church.



Contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship,
at 651-633-1540 ext. 1280 or
finkj@stjohnnyb.org

St John Baptist
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

FALLFEST SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

September 16, 2023

FallFest Golf Tournament
4-person "Best Ball" ~ 7:45 am Start
Brightwood Hills Golf Course

FRIDAY

September 22, 2023

5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Inflatables for all ages ~ 5:00 pm-7:00 pm
Kids Games ~ 5:00 pm-9:00 pm
Silent Disco ~ 5:00 pm-9:00 pm
Adult Games ~ 5:00 pm-10:00 pm
Men's Fellowship & Knights of
Columbus Pig Roast ~ 5:00 pm
Grill the Priests ~ 5:30 pm-6:30 pm
The Good, The Bad and The Funky ~ 7:00 pm

SATURDAY

September 23, 2023

2:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Fun Run, 5K & 1 mile ~ 9:00 am
Food and drink concessions ~ 2:00 pm-10:00 pm
Kids Games ~ 2:00 pm-10:00 pm
BINGO hosted by Knights of
Columbus ~ 2:00 pm-4:00 pm & 5:30 pm-9:00 pm
Car Show ~ 2:00 pm-5:00 pm
Inflatables for all ages ~ 2:00 pm-7:30 pm
"Bags" Tournament ~ 2:00 pm
Silent Disco ~ 2:00 pm-10:00 pm
Adult Games ~ 4:00 pm-10:00 pm
Mass with Multi-Cultural Music ~ 4:30 pm
Shane Martin ~ 5:30 pm-7:00 pm
The Belfast Cowboys ~ 7:30 pm-10:00 pm
Fireworks ~ 10:00 pm



[FallFest 2023
Information](#)

SUNDAY

September 24, 2023

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Mass with Polka Music ~ 10:30 am
Booya ~ 11:00 am 'til gone
(Take-out starts at 12:30 pm)
Kids Games ~ 11:00 am-3:00 pm
Inflatables for all ages ~ 11:00 am-3:00 pm
Silent Disco ~ 11:00 am-3:00 pm
The Baron of Bubble ~ 11:00 am-3:00 pm
Football Tailgate Party ~ 11:00 am-3:00 pm
Food and drink concessions
~ 11:00 am-3:00 pm
Silent Auction Closes ~ Noon
Music with Janice Shovelain ~ Noon-1:00 pm
Designer Purse Bingo ~ 1:00 pm-3:00 pm
Grand Raffle ~ 3:00 pm

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VOLUNTEER](#)

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S GAMES

- Bottles of Gatorade, Powerade, Prime, Sparkling Ice
- Nonperishable food items - chips, cookies, cereal, jello and pudding packs, pop tarts, etc.
- Candy - Fun Dips, airheads, suckers, theater sized candy, etc. Any candy kids like!!
- Monetary donations are also welcome.



Any questions call Jeanne Breske at 651-633-4270