

From the Principal

Happy August!

We are counting down the days to the start of the school year. We welcomed some of our new families this past week at the New Parent Night and the Kindergarten Parent Gathering. It was wonderful to meet so many of you! For those who were not able to attend, we look forward to getting to know you in the coming weeks!

There are a couple of important dates coming up:

- The 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 10th 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 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. This is a great way to get some volunteer hours in early in the year as well as getting your steps for the day. The parade begins by SJB at 10:00am - look for details to come regarding where/when to meet for those who will be joining us.
- 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](#) - contact Miss Diane Ptak ptakd@stjohnnyb.org

[GRADE 2 Signup](#) - contact Mrs. Betsey Krohn krohnb@stjohnnyb.org

[GRADE 3 Signup](#) - contact Mrs. Joy Thienes thienesj@stjohnnyb.org

[GRADE 4 Signup](#) - contact Mrs. Christy Reina reinac@stjohnnyb.org

[GRADE 5 Signup](#) - 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 will receive more details early next week in the mail regarding the picnic from the kindergarten teachers.
- Meet My Teacher Night will be held on the evening of Wednesday, August



Upcoming Events:

Used Uniform Sale
Mon, Aug 7, 4-7:00pm

Stockyard Days Parade
Sat, Aug 12, 10:00am

All Staff Return
Wed, Aug 23

Kindergarten Picnic
Thurs, Aug 24, 5-6:00pm

Meet My Teacher Night
Wed, Aug 30

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

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. For those who have preschool students, more information on the preschool's back to school meetings will come from Mrs. Andrea Schroeder or your child's teacher.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Tuition Accounts for 2023–2024 School Year

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.

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, 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. Stay tuned for more information - we are awaiting confirmation on approximate pickup and drop off times and then the registration information will be sent to families.

School Supplies

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

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

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 *

SJB Parish News

Registration for Fall Formation Programs

Registration is now open on our website for all Fall Formation programs, including:

- * Sunday School
- * First Sacraments
- * Middle School Formation
- * Sister Clarinda's Classes

Please see the St. John the Baptist Parish website for information regarding specific programs and who to contact with questions.

Find a link for registration [HERE](#)



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

St. John the Baptist
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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

SUMMER ADULT LIFELONG LEARNING



At our final August 8 Session of The Chosen Summer Series, we'll look at the healing of the woman with a hemorrhage from Season 3 episode 4 and 5. Drop in and invite others for viewing, commentary, discussion, and prayer.

The Chosen is a popular series depicting the life of Jesus and his disciples. This summer, gather to discuss an encounter event from the Gospels. We will watch the portion of this encounter from The Chosen, then go to the scriptures to study and compare followed by small group discussion. Jill Fink will lead the study and we'll draw upon the wisdom of the church from scriptures and tradition. Each night will have a different Gospel encounter to reflect on and pray with. No advanced study or viewing of The Chosen needed.

TUESDAY EVENINGS
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
ROOM 206
AUGUST 8

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED.
DROP IN AS YOU ARE ABLE.
INVITE A FRIEND.
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

Questions? Contact Jill Fink at 651.633.1540 ext. 1280 or finkj@stjohnnyb.org

MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN PATIO

Food, Games, and Prayer
August 6 11:30 am-1:00 pm