

September 14, 2023

From the Principal

Happy 2nd Week of School! It was wonderful to see so many of our parents at our K-5 Parent Meeting last night. We hope the evening was informative and you were able to learn more about classroom expectations, procedures, and policies. Several new initiatives and policies were discussed, so if you were not able to attend this important informational meeting, please make sure you connect with your child's teacher.

Tomorrow we kick off our Non Public School Marathon. The Marathon is one of our major fundraisers for the school and all money raised supports our school's operating expenses. Students are asked to collect \$175.00 in pledges for walking, biking, running, etc. from family, friends, or neighbors. Please remember to check with your company to see if they will match the donation to double your contribution. More information about the Marathon and incentives will come home tomorrow along with your child's money collection envelope and slips. Collection days are the next four Wednesdays - September 20th, September 27th, October 4th, and October 11th. The Marathon is Saturday, October 7th at Central Park in Roseville from 8am-1pm with prayer at 9am. This is a great community building event so please join us.

Join us this weekend for Catechist Blessing at all our weekend Masses. As parents or grandparents, you are the primary educator of your family in the Faith as well as other areas. Come and receive a blessing upon you, your family, and the important work you do. Masses are Saturday at 4:30pm, Sunday at 8:30am, 10:30am, and 5:30pm.

The SJB Parish FallFest will be held September 22-24. This is a wonderful community event filled with games, fun, music and much more. Please join us! Fall Fest is a great volunteer opportunity to get some of your required 20 hours completed. 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 any of the many activities. One of the fun events of the weekend is the Bags Tournament. If you are up to the challenge to compete against Mrs. Carroll or Fr. Paul (they both have teams playing in it!) sign up soon before they sell out. \$200 for 1st Place, \$100 for 2nd and \$50 for 3rd...plus a free drink ticket for all participants. Saturday, September 23 at 2pm in Vets Field. Click [here to register](#)!

Here are some other events that happening this month.

- Server Training for students in grades 5 and up who want to serve at Mass will be held Monday, September 18th and Tuesday, September 19th from 2:45-4:45pm. See below in the Parish News section for more information and for the link to register.
- MS Open Youth Room had begun and is held on Tuesdays after school until 4:00pm. All middle school students are welcome to attend.
- We will be holding our first Faith, Family and Fellowship Morning on September 27th for our 7th grade students and their families. We invite our seventh grade families to join us for Mass at 8:30 followed by a short program in the Church and then treats and fellowship in St. Joseph Hall. All seventh grade families should watch for an email with more details.

Upcoming Events:

Marathon Collection
Sept 20

SJB FallFest
Sept. 22-24

No District Busing Day
Mon, Sept. 25

Marathon
Sat, Oct 7; 8am-1pm

School Spirit Online Store Closes TONIGHT!

The first online store for purchasing SJB spirit wear items closes **TONIGHT** at 11:59pm. The next ordering window will not be until November.

[SJB School Spirit Store](#)



Join Phoenix School Counseling and Dr. Jules Nolan for a Back to School: Success for Parents Webinar on Wednesday, September 20th at 7 PM. You will learn strategies for a successful back to school transition. Dr. Jules can take your questions and will present contemporary strategies based on current information we have about neurobiology, behavioral research, and family systems. The webinar will be recorded and a link will be sent out late September. Registrar for the webinar at <https://calendly.com/drjulesnolan/back-to-school-2023-success-for-parents>.

Finally, St. John the Baptist Parish is beginning a "Restore to Gather" Capital Campaign in order to fund some important improvements to the church and school buildings. Please see below a letter from Father Paul Shovelain regarding this campaign and an introduction to those who have stepped up to be leaders on this campaign.

Have a wonderful weekend!
Ms. Ann Laird, Principal



Dear St. John the Baptist school families,

We are off and running with the planning stages of our Restore to Gather Capital Campaign!

One of the biggest keys to laying a strong foundation for our campaign is that we must assemble a strong volunteer team. Any sports team that wants to have a winning season needs to have strong fundamentals, and our volunteer team will be the foundation for this upcoming campaign effort.

I am thankful to those who have responded generously to the invitation to serve as campaign leaders. These parishioners all have been a part of our school family and have agreed to not only serve as General Chairs to oversee our efforts and to implement a successful campaign but have also committed to spiritually and financially supporting the campaign themselves:

Greg and Barb Beyer (School Volunteer)
Larry Gillespie (Former school parent and school alumni)
Ricky and Stephanie Longnecker (Current School parents)
Joel and Jill Munsinger (Former Wines to Wishes Chairs and former school parents)
Mike and Beth Robertson (Former Wines to Wishes Chairs and former school parents)
Marty Schutz (former school parent)

We are grateful to have strong school connections with all of our General Chairs. Lastly, many of you will be getting calls, letters and campaign-related information over the next six months, because we count on you to be part of our team. You are also the "fuel" that will propel us forward! Please be attentive to these important communications related to our Restore to Gather campaign. If you are invited to participate with your time, your talent and/or your treasure, I pray that you will consider responding with a generous spirit.

As the Father loves me, so I also love you!
Fr. Paul Shovelain, Pastor

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



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

Middle School Youth Ministry

As school picks up again, so does youth ministry at St. John's!

OPEN YOUTH ROOM - OYR will be on Tuesdays from 2:30-4pm. It is open to any students in grades 6-8 and includes snacks, prayer, and games! No registration is necessary.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY begins on Wednesday, September 20th from 6-7:30pm. Please register in advance using the QR code below or click [HERE](#).

For more information on either of these opportunities for Middle School students please contact our Campus Minister:

Sarah Wilder at wilders@stjohnnyb.org.



**OPEN
YOUTH
ROOM**

SNACKS, GAMES,
COMMUNITY, PRAYER

Tuesdays 2:30-4pm	YOUTH ROOM (DOWNSTAIRS)
	For Students Grades 6-8 Includes a Discipleship Groups Starting in October

CONTACT SARAH WILDER WITH QUESTIONS



**MIDDLE
SCHOOL**

FAITH FORMATION

*Kick-Off
Sept 20th*

*Encounter the Story
in Scripture*

**WEDNESDAYS
6 - 7:30 PM**

**Engaging Way to Study God's Word and
Lay a Firm Foundation of Faith.**

Registration costs \$80


REGISTER HERE

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

[SIGNUP TO
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