

September 21, 2023

From the Principal

Happy Fall Fest Weekend! As you know this weekend is the St. John's FallFest. It is a wonderful community event with games, inflatables, music, and fun. Please join us this weekend. There are still open [volunteer positions](#), so consider signing up for a shift or two to get some of your volunteer hour commitment out of the way now! Go to the parish website for the latest information or click [HERE](#). A list of this weekend's activities is also listed below.

Our SJB Non-public School Marathon kicked off last week with the first collection day this past Wednesday. We are halfway to our goal of \$70,000 as our students brought in \$35,079 this week! Those students who brought in at least \$75 will be making a trip to the Snack Shack Friday. Please note that students who bring in a total of \$125 by next week's turn-in will visit the Snack Shack next week too. The next turn in is Wednesday, September 27th. We again have an online donation link available. You may send the following link to your family and friends and they may donate online towards the marathon: [Marathon Donation Link](#). 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 plan to join us.

This school year one of our goals is to partner with parents on appropriate use of technology, including cell phones, watches, and social media. As we all know, technology is a wonderful resource for work, school, communication, and building connections when used properly. We want to help our students learn how to use it properly and we need your help. Here are just a few reminders of our expectations regarding technology: Students in grades 4-8 are allowed to bring phones to school, but must have a signed policy on file with their teachers and must turn the phone in to their homeroom or advisory teacher every day.

- If a student rides a bus to/from school, they should use the phone for their own personal use only – i.e. listening to a book or music, or to let you know that they have arrived at the bus stop. Students should not be taking pictures or videos while on the bus or showing other students videos from YouTube or other apps/media. Some students or their parents may not want them to see the content shown, so we ask our students to be respectful of those potential differences.
- If a student wears a smart watch of any sort, during school hours the watch should be placed on airplane or school mode during the school day and a signed policy should be kept on file with their child's teacher if required by him/her.

If these expectations are not met, students may lose the privilege of having phones or smartwatches at school or on the bus.

We strongly encourage you to check your child's activity on their phones, iPads, or social media accounts frequently as well as have conversations with them about acceptable use of these items. Here is a resource that may be helpful: www.common sense media.org

Upcoming Events:

- SJB FallFest
Sept. 22-24
- No District Busing Day
Mon, Sept. 25
- Marathon Collection
Sept 27
- Grade 7 FFF Morning
Sept 27
- Marathon Collection
Oct 4
- Marathon
Sat, Oct 7; 8am-1pm
- Marathon Collection
Oct 11
- School Pictures
Oct 10-11
- Preschool Fire Dept Visit
Oct 11-12

A reminder that there is no district busing on Monday, September 25th. This means that none of the district buses (buses that run to New Brighton, Mounds View, Arden Hills, etc.) will run on this day. All students who ride these buses will need transportation to and from school on this day. We will have a slight change to morning drop-off on this non-busing day.

- For morning drop off: All students should be dropped off in the north parking lot at the gym door (door #7). Please drive north on 2nd Avenue as normal, past the flagpole door (door #6) and make a right into the north lot. Stay in the line and exit the lot on the east side of the lot. For safety reasons, do not park in this lot and do not turn around and exit out the west side of the lot.
- Afternoon pickup will be from the main Church lot as normal. Note: there may be some residual clean up closures from FallFest so parking may need to be on the neighborhood streets on Monday afternoon.

NOTE: On district no-busing days, the SJB charter buses to the Blaine area will run normally. Preschool drop off and pickup procedures will remain the same.

The 7th grade Faith, Family, and Fellowship morning is next Wednesday, September 27th. Join us for Mass followed by a short program in the Church and then fellowship in hall. We ask our 7th grade families to please [RSVP](#) so we may plan accordingly.

Finally, below are a couple of general reminders:

- If your child will be absent or late due to illness, appointment or other activity, please be sure to notify both your child's teacher and the attendance line or school office. The attendance line is 651-633-2211 ext. 1119 or you may email Joy Thienes in the school office at thienesj@stjohnnyb.org.
- For regular morning drop-off at the flagpole door, please remember that this line is intended for a "rolling drop-off." If your child needs extra help getting out of the vehicle or assistance walking to the door, please park in the main Church lot or on the west side of 2nd Ave and walk them to the door. Please also note that we have a sidewalk that runs the length of the playground so you may drop your child off and they may walk along the sidewalk to the door. The flagpole door closes at 7:50am so that students may get to their classrooms and get ready for the day to begin. If your child arrives after 7:50am, please drive them around to the school office side of the building - door 12 and check them in at the school office. Thank you.

I hope to see you at Fall Fest.

Blessings-

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Volunteering at SJB – Virtus Requirements

As you know, each family commits to 20 hours of volunteering at St. John's over the course of the school year or is assessed a volunteer fee at the conclusion of the school year (this year that fee is \$500). Our goal is to have parent involvement at the school and parish - it is invaluable both to us and to your child and the parish as a whole. In order to volunteer at the school as a field trip chaperone, attending classroom parties, etc., each volunteer must be up to date with their Virtus. All employees, and volunteers who interact with minors, are required to complete the "Essential Three" requirements (which must be renewed every three years) and maintain safe environment credentials through the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. This includes completion of the VIRTUS training as well as submission of the Volunteer Application and a Background Check. To get started on this training, go to the [Virtus page](#) of the school website and follow the step-by-step instructions. If you have any questions regarding Virtus, please contact our Virtus Coordinator, Alison Wacek at waceka@stjohnnyb.org.

Over the course of the year as you complete volunteering, please keep track of your hours. You may print and use the [Volunteer Tracking Form](#) or keep track in your own way. We will ask for these hours in the spring. Note: Only K-8 parents are required to complete the 20 hours each year, however, preschool parents who volunteer still need to be Virtus trained.

J-Care on School Release Days – MEA



J-Care will be available during MEA break, October 19-20 for students in grades K-8. Cost for each day is \$37 per student if preregistered by 9:00am on Thursday, October 12 (\$47 if after). There is an additional \$10 fee for Thursday, Oct. 19th for the field trip cost.

Please Note the Following Regarding School Release Days:

- Hours of Operation: 7:00am-6:00pm (Hours may be altered based on number of students signed up.)
- Cancellation: If you are signed up for the school release day and cancel within one week of the actual school release day, you will be charged the full amount. No exceptions. You may cancel prior to the one-week window of the school release day. The cancellation must be written and signed by the parent/guardian.
- Lunch is not provided by the school or J-Care on school release days, so please send a lunch with your child(ren). Milk will be provided at no additional charge. If you do not send a lunch with your child(ren), you will be called to bring a lunch.
- Uniforms are not required on school release days.

All students who attend J-Care on school release days, must have a current J-Care registration on file. The registration form may be found on the SJB website and returned to the school office. Find this form and more information about J-Care on our website. [2023-2024 J-Care Information](#)

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

J-CARE MEA BREAK
OCT 19TH - OCT 20TH

Oct 19th- Field Trip: Pinehaven Farms

Additional \$10/ Kid. Join us as we play in corn pits, go through corn mazes and pick pumpkins to take home!

Bus leaves @ 9:00am returns @ 1:40pm

Oct 20th- Mystery Boxes:

Figure out all the mystery boxes before the time runs out!

SJB Preschool News



CARE CREW: Care Crew is available on October 19th and 20th from 7am-5:30pm for preschool students. Registration should be completed online at the following link:

Please register here: [Preschool Care Crew Registration](#)

PRESCHOOL CALENDARS: Preschool yearly and monthly calendars for all classes may be found on the school website: [Preschool Calendars](#)

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

Becoming Catholic – Sacraments, RCIC & RCIA

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 10 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

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FALLFEST SCHEDULE



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AT FALLFEST!



THURSDAY

September 21, 2023

Silent Auction Opens at 11:30 am

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

Model Train Display ~ 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

Princess Meet and Greet ~ 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

The Belfast Cowboys ~ 7:30 pm-10:00 pm

Fireworks ~ 10:00 pm

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

Model Train Display ~ 11:00 am-3:00 pm

Silent Auction Closes ~ 1:00 pm

Music with Janice Shovelain ~ Noon-1:00 pm

Designer Purse Bingo ~ 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Grand Raffle ~ 3:00 pm

[FallFest 2023
Information](#)

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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