

## From the Principal

Happy October!!

Even though the weekend weather is no indication, fall is upon us and October starts Sunday. We hope you all had a wonderful time this past weekend at our Parish Fall Festival. Thank you to all those who volunteered and helped in various ways to make it a wonderful success.

Schools and classrooms have many routines. As part of our lunch routine here at St. John's, students from each grade (1st-8th) are assigned to clean up (wash tables and sweep the floor) after their grade's lunch period. They are doing a wonderful job and learning a great life skill. Hopefully they will volunteer to do the same at home!

Our second collection for the Non-public School Marathon was this past Wednesday. Volunteers will be coming Friday to count, so we don't quite yet know the school-wide total for this week. Students who brought in a total of \$125 will be visiting the SJB snack shack tomorrow following lunch. Our next collection day is Wednesday, October 4th. If students bring or have brought in at least their full total of \$175 they will get to go the snack shack on October 6th. Our total school goal is \$70,000.00. If we reach our goal, the school will have a day off in February. We have an online donation option again this year so family and friends may donate online towards the marathon using the following link: [Marathon Donation Link](#). The Marathon will be held on Saturday, October 7th at Central Park from 8am-1pm. Make sure check in at the "St. John's" pavilion in order to receive your out of uniform pass. Join us for prayer and a walk around the lake at 9am.

Here are some other important October dates:

- Tuesday, October 3rd is the first Non-Uniform for Teachers. Students who bring in \$1.00 or more may come out of uniform on Tuesday, October 3rd. This is a PTO sponsored fundraiser. All money raised is used to provide small teacher appreciation events during the school year like coffee and doughnuts and the remaining benefits student activities (like the end of the year picnics).
- The Non Public School Marathon is Saturday, October 7th at Central Park in Roseville.
- Middle School Sunday Mass with the Parish is Sunday, October 8th at 10:30am. This is wonderful way to celebrate our Catholic faith with our parish community and be of service to them in the liturgy. Please join us for Mass.
- School pictures are October 10th and 11th. More information will be coming out soon. Families should receive information directly from Jostens.
- MEA is Thursday, October 19th and Friday, October 20th. There is no school for all students in grades preschool through grade 8. J-Care (grades K-8) and Preschool Care Crew will be open. See below for more information and directions for registering your students for these school release days.
- The parish All Saints Day Celebration and Trunk or Treat will be held on the evening of Wednesday, October 25th. Dress up as your favorite saint and



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### Upcoming Events:

Marathon Collection Oct 4
Marathon Sat, Oct 7; 8am-1pm
Middle School Sunday Mass Sun, Oct 8; 10:30am
Final Marathon Collection Oct 11
School Pictures Oct 10-11
Preschool Fire Dept Visits Oct 11-12

Join us for a night of fun and trick or treating. Watch for more information coming soon!

Have a blessed weekend and enjoy the lovely weather.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

## Art Room Needs Magazines

Ms. Perez is looking for a specific donation for the Art Room for use in a future middle school art project! If you have magazines at home currently that you are no longer interested in keeping, please feel free to send them with your child to school on their Art day. Magazines that showcase



themes focused on homes and gardens are greatly appreciated as they often carry an array of color, and are more school appropriate for use (i.e.,

Martha Stewart Living, Better Homes and Gardens, Real Simple, Magnolia Journal, etc. ...). Thank you!

Please join us for the first  
St. John the Baptist School's PTO

# NON-UNIFORM FUNDRAISER

Tuesday  
Oct. 3rd  
of the 2023-2024 School Year



Help us appreciate our teachers all year!

PTO Non-Uniform Day  
Tuesday, Oct. 3rd

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

\$1 Minimum Donation

PROCEEDS WILL GO TO SUPPORT PTO SPONSORED  
ACTIVITIES FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS!

## 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](mailto: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 [kantorm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:kantorm@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](mailto:schroedera@stjohnnyb.org)

# SJB Parish News

## Becoming Catholic – Sacraments, RCIC & RCIA

**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.


To register for First Sacraments, go to St. John's website at [www.stjohnnb.org](http://www.stjohnnb.org) and click on the Register for Programs tab.

### Another RCIA Session Offering Time Friday Mornings.

Becoming Catholic RCIA sessions on Thursday evening from 7:00-9:00pm have begun. There is still room for more participants. There has been some interest in having a Friday morning class from 9:15-11:15am. If you are interested in either sessions contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship at 651.633.1540 ext. 1280 or [finkj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:finkj@stjohnnyb.org). Becoming Catholic RCIA is for any adult who is thinking about the catholic faith and desires to be baptized, confirmed or receive holy Communion. Sessions begin in the fall and candidates come into the church in late March at the Easter Vigil.



Contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship for more information at [finkj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:finkj@stjohnnyb.org) or 651.633.1540 ext. 1280



**Animal Blessing**

October 3 at 7:00 pm  
in the St. Paul Plaza

Please bring your pets to receive a special blessing on the Vigil of the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi