

September 7, 2023

## From the Principal

Blessings to you all on this first week of school. We are off to a great start! I hope everyone has had a good first week and is settling into the routine of the new school year. It has been wonderful having our classrooms and hallways busy with students again!

Part of our curriculum each year is to teach our students virtues or good habits. We use the Virtue in Practice curriculum developed by the Nashville Dominicans. The main virtue for the school year and the month of September is hope. Hope is trusting in God's loving plan. We will be practicing this virtue during this month of September and through other virtues during the school year. Please take some time to talk with students about God's plan for their life. Some saints our students will be learning about this month who demonstrated great hope in their lives are St. Joseph, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and Saints Louis and Zelig Martin.

Yesterday we had our Middle School Parent Meeting. Thank you to all that attended. We have had a couple of new policy changes and documents for parents to sign. If you were not able to attend, please look for an email from the Middle School staff about how to get any information missed.

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.

As we move into the second week of school we would like to remind you of a couple of things:

- General morning drop off for students in kindergarten through grade 8 is at the flag pole door (door 6). Please do not drop off your students at the gym door (door 7). That school entrance is reserved for bus drop off unless it is a non-bussing day.
- Please strive to get your students to school on time each day. There are important routines and learning that happens right away at the beginning of the school day. If your student arrived late, please bring them to the school office and sign your child in. If your student needs help getting to his/her class, someone in the office will assist them.
- If you have not already done so, please return your parent student handbook signature sheet. The handbooks were distributed at Meet My Teacher Night to the oldest child in the family (or sent home with your child on the first day of school) for grades K-8. School administration will be reaching out to all those families who did not turn in the signature sheet or pick up their handbook.
- School breakfasts and lunches are free this year to all students in grades preschool through 8. We still ask families to complete the Educational Benefits form as we have done in past years. You may find this form on the lunchroom page of the school website or by clicking [HERE](#). SJB receives additional benefits from those applications.

### Upcoming Events:

MS Open Youth Room  
Tues, Sept 12; 2:30-4pm

Gr K-5 Parent Night  
Wed, Sept 13

SJB FallFest  
Sept. 22-24

No District Busing Day  
Mon, Sept. 25

Marathon  
Sat, Oct 7; 8am-1pm

### Sunday Evening Mass Time Change

A reminder that beginning 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 family.



Below are a few other important upcoming events:

- Wednesday, September 13th is the K-5 Parent Information Night. 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.
- Marathon Kick Off is Friday, September 15th. More information will be coming next week.
- St. John the Baptist will hold a Catechist Blessing during the weekend Masses September 16-17. Please join us for Mass and receive a blessing on your work as the primary educators in your family and partners with St. John's.
- Altar Server Training will be held on Monday, September 18th and Tuesday, September 19th from 2:45-4:45pm. See below for more information and the link to register your child to be an altar server.
- Middle School Open Youth Room begins next week on Tuesday, September 12th. It is open to all students in grades 6-8 and is held in the youth room 2:30-4pm.

Finally, tomorrow is our first School Spirit Day of the year. Students may wear a SJB spirit wear top with either SJB spirit wear bottoms or uniform bottoms. All new students should have received a spirit wear t-shirt (some brought them home today) that they can wear tomorrow. Remember your non-perishable food item or personal care item for the SJB food shelf to help Feed our Neighbors. The first online spirit shop is open now through, September 14th at 11:59pm. Find more information and the link to the store below or on the SJB School website.

Have a blessed weekend.  
Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

## School Spirit – Online Store NOW OPEN!

Our school spirit store is open now until Thursday, September 14th. You may place an order online through Lettermen Sports and all items will be delivered to school. Delivery the week of October 16th.

[SJB School Spirit Store](#)

**This first online window is only open until 11:59 pm on September 14th.**

There will be two additional ordering opportunities this year:

Ordering Opportunity #2: November 3rd – November 12th , 2023  
Delivery the Week of: December 18th

Ordering Opportunity #3: February 23rd – March 3rd , 2023  
Delivery the Week of: April 1st



A couple notes on spirit wear and spirit wear days:

On School Spirit Days students may wear a SJB spirit wear top with either SJB spirit wear bottoms or uniform bottoms.

All new students should have been given a SJB spirit shirt to start off the year. If your child has not received their spirit shirt please contact the school office.

Lastly, remember that we combine Spirit Wear Fridays with Feed Your Neighbor Day so we ask that students bring a non-perishable food item or personal care item for our food self on Fridays. Thank you for helping support our community!

## 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 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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.stjohnnb.org) and click on the Register for Programs tab.

Contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship for more information at [finkj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto: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](mailto: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** will begin on Tuesday September 12th. 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](mailto:wilders@stjohnnyb.org).



**OPEN  
YOUTH  
ROOM**

**SNACKS, GAMES,  
COMMUNITY, PRAYER**

<b>Tuesdays</b> <b>2:30-4pm</b>	<b>YOUTH ROOM (DOWNSTAIRS)</b>
	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