

October 12, 2023

From the Principal

We are coming up on mid October and just over two school weeks away from November. With fall officially upon us and the weather turning colder, please remember to dress your children appropriately for the weather - including jackets, hats, gloves and once it snows, snow pants and boots. All students will go outside for recess unless the temperature (including the windchill) is below 0°F. **Remember to label all clothing and accessories with your child's name.**

Next week we have a three-day week due to MEA break which is Thursday, October 19th and Friday, October 20th. There is no school for all students in grades preschool through eight on both days but J-Care (grades K-8) and Care Crew (preschool) are open. See below for information on how to register your child for either of these options on our school release days next week.

We will celebrate Unity Day on Wednesday, October 18th. During this day we focus on those things that unite us and how we can honor each other. As children of God we all have unique gifts and talents, but we are all also created in God's image and likeness. We need to respect and honor everyone's gifts and talents as well as our common attribute of being children of God. To show unity, we ask students to wear an orange shirt or sweater with their uniform pants, skirts, or jumpers. Additionally, Climb Theater will be here to help our students learn how to get along and appreciate each other.

Below are a few other upcoming events in October to be aware of:

- Our fourth grade Faith, Family and Fellowship Morning will be held on Wednesday, October 25th. We invite parents, grandparents or other special guests of our fourth grade students to join us for Mass at 8:30am, followed by a short 4th grade presentation and fellowship. Following the fellowship, 4th grade will be doing their saint wax museum in the youth room.
- The All Saints Party will be also be held on Wednesday, October 25th. We invite you to come dressed as your favorite Saint, trick or treat, play some games and have fun! More details are below.
- Our students will celebrate Halloween at their class parties on Tuesday, October 31st. All students on Halloween may come to school out of uniform wearing Halloween colors or an appropriate Halloween-themed shirt/outfit. Jeans/sweatpants are okay to wear - no costumes please for students in K-8. Preschool students may have a different day for their parties and a different policy for costumes. Preschool parents should refer to the information that comes from their child's teacher.

Every year, we are required to practice safety procedures. These procedures include fire, lockdown and severe weather/tornado drills. We have had several fire drills already this school year including a fire department coordinated drill with the alarms this past Tuesday. Tomorrow, Friday, we will practice our first lockdown drill of the school year. We know that lockdown drills in particular can cause some unease for students and parents, so we wanted you to be aware of the upcoming drill in case your child comes home to tell you we were

Upcoming Events:

Climb Theater
Wed, Oct 18

MEA - No School
Oct 19-20

Grade 4 FFF Morning
Wed, Oct 25

All Saints Party
Wed, Oct 25

Grade 5 - Wolf Ridge ELC
Wed, Oct 25 - Fri, Oct 27

Halloween Class Parties
Tues, Oct 31

All Saints Day Mass
Wed, Nov 1 at 8:30am

SJB School Amazon Wish List

We are asked frequently by generous friends of SJB what items the teachers need or want for their classrooms and school. We have an Amazon Wish List that we add to as those needs are communicated to us. For anyone who might be interested, this list is below:

[SJB School
Amazon Wish List](#)

in lockdown or has questions or concerns.

We wanted to let you know about two individuals that have joined our SJB School staff.

1. Mrs. Michelle Stori has joined us as an Intervention Teacher. Mrs. Stori spent many years as a teacher before staying home with her children and has volunteered with the parish at many events. She will be working a couple days each week with small groups or individual students.
2. Mr. Jake Wacek has joined our Student Resource team. Mr. Wacek will be assisting in various classrooms and with several students during the week along with some lunchroom and Middle School study hall supervision.

Please join us in welcoming both Mrs. Stori and Mr. Wacek to our St. John's staff.

We want to bring your attention to a calendar item coming up in November. During Thanksgiving week, we will have two in-person half days of school on Monday, November 20th and Tuesday, November 21st. The school day for students will run from 7:55am to 11:30am. J-Care will be available beginning at 11:30 both days. Following morning classes, we will be holding parent-teacher conferences in the afternoon/evenings. There is no district busing on either of these days and students will need transportation to and from school both days (the charter buses to Blaine will run these days). There will be no breakfast or lunch served on these days. More information on these days to come in the coming weeks.

Finally, thank you to all who volunteered and donated to help make this year's non-public school marathon a success. It was wonderful to see so many families last Saturday at the marathon and even though it was chilly, it was a fun community event. We are still finalizing numbers, so if you have any additional donations to bring in, please do so as soon as possible. A reminder that as part of the tuition agreement, all students in grades K-8 are required to bring in \$175 for the marathon. All families that have not met that obligation will have the amount charged to their Tads accounts. The online donation link is still open for those who would like to donate this way: [Marathon Donation Link](#).

Have a wonderful weekend-
Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Art at SJB

Magazine Donations:

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!



ART CLASS

After-School Art Classes:

Fall after-school art classes are being offered this October for students in grades K-8. View the class list and register your child for a class or two on the [SJB Art Page](#) of the school website or by clicking on the links below. Be sure to note the age requirement for each class as some classes are appropriate for different ages. Fees for classes will be charged to your Tads accounts.

[After-School Art Class
Descriptions](#)

[Fall Art Class
Registration](#)

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 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!



BE SURE TO DRESS YOUR PRESCHOOLER FOR THE WEATHER EACH DAY!

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](#)

Questions? Contact Mrs. Andrea Schroeder at schroedera@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-1522 ext. 1209

OUR PRESCHOOL IS HIRING!

Preschool Assistant Teacher Monday - Friday 7:30am - 12:30pm	Preschool Assistant Teacher Tuesday and Thursday 7:30am - 12:30pm
After School Care Crew Staff Monday - Friday 2:30pm - 5:30pm	Contact Our Preschool Director Andrea Schroeder schroedera@stjohnnyb.org

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**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 25
5PM TO
7:30PM**

**5PM - 6PM - PIZZA (\$2 PER SLICE,
\$1 DRINKS - ST. JOE'S HALL)**

**6:10PM - BLESSING IN
CHURCH, TRICK-O-TREATING
AND GAMES TO FOLLOW IN
PLAZA**

SJB Parish News

Becoming Catholic – Sacraments, RCIC and RCIA

We hold in prayer **Mason Belanger** (kindergarten) and **Mya Belanger** (grade 2) who will be baptized this Sunday, October 15 at 12:15pm in the Church. Mrs. Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship at St. John's Parish has been working with the family toward this special day. Our kindergarten and grade 2 classrooms had presentations about baptism and Mason and Mya shared what they learned and received the prayers of their classmates. If you are interested in the Sacrament of Baptism contact Jill at finkj@stjohnnyb.org or 651.633.1540 ext. 1280



Rite of Christian Initiation of Children RCIC. Our sessions with families and students in grades 3-8 desiring the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and/or Eucharist are about to start. If you are interested for this year contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship at finkj@stjohnnyb.org or 651.633.1540 ext. 1280



Friday Morning RCIA Session

There has been some interest in having a Becoming Catholic RCIA session on Friday mornings from 9:15-11:15am. If you are interested in this session, contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship at 651.633.1540 ext. 1280 or 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. This session is set to begin the end of October and the candidates come into the church in late March at the Easter Vigil.