



Principal's Bulletin

October 19, 2023

From the Principal

HAPPY MEA WEEKEND!

We hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable long weekend. It is a good time for both students and staff to relax and recharge as we know that the fall will continue to move quickly once we return.

Join us on Wednesday, October 25th for the SJB All Saints Party. Dinner will be available for purchase from 5-6:00pm. We will gather in the church at 6:10pm for prayer followed by trick-or-treating through the school and games in the plaza. Come dressed as your favorite saint for fellowship and fun. We are looking for some volunteers to help with the evening. Check out the options and sign up for a shift if you are able: [All Saints Party Volunteer Signup](#)

Our fourth grade students will host their parents, grandparents and other special guests at the Grade 4 Faith, Family, and Fellowship Morning next Wednesday, October 25th. Please join us for Mass followed by a short program by the students and hospitality in St. Joseph Hall.

Our fifth grade students will be going on a class trip to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center (ELC) next week. They will leave early Wednesday morning, October 25th and will return Friday evening, October 27th. This is always a fun learning experience for our students and a great bonding trip. Please keep the students, staff and chaperones in your prayers - for safe travels and a positive time together. We look forward to hearing about their experiences and fun.

Below are a couple other upcoming items:

- Tuesday, October 31st is Halloween. Students may come out of uniform on this day in Halloween colors or an appropriate Halloween-themed shirt - jeans and/or sweatpants are okay on this day. No costumes for grades K-8, please. Each grade will have a short class party on this day.
- Join us for All Saints Day Mass on Wednesday, November 1st at 8:30am. On this Holy Day of Obligation, we celebrate the saints of the Church who teach how to love the Lord.
- Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up on Monday, November 20th and Tuesday, November 21st. Sign up opportunities will be coming out on November 3rd. As we have done in previous years, families with three or more students at SJB will have the first opportunity to sign up. Please note that you will have until November 16th at 4:30pm to sign up or make any changes. After that time, you will need to contact the school office should you need to make any changes to the schedule. Watch for more information to come on conferences.
- Students in grades K-8 will have two, in-person half days of school on November 20th and 21st. The school day for students will run from 7:55am to 11:30am. J-Care will be available beginning at 11:30am 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

Upcoming Events:

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](#)

buses to Blaine will run these days). There will be no breakfast or lunch served on these days.

Blessings and safe travels to all during this weekend. We look forward to having the students back on Monday!

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Hallograms/Saint Grams and Coloring Contest

The SJB Student Ambassadors are hosting two activities for our students this Halloween and All Saints Day. These are both optional activities for students.

Hallograms and Saint Grams

Student Ambassadors are sponsoring Hallograms & Saint Grams. These are notes that may be purchased to send to other students or staff at SJB. They are 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.00 and will be sold in the classrooms next week, October 24 - 25. All grams should be filled out and returned to school no later than Friday, Oct. 27th and will be distributed on Tuesday, Oct. 31st.



Coloring Contest

Ambassadors will also be sponsoring a coloring contest for our students. Coloring sheets will be distributed to students on Monday, October 23rd and are due no later than Friday, October 27th. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each grade.

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!



After-School Art Classes:




ART CLASS

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](#)

SJB Athletics – Basketball and Wrestling Registration



Youth Wrestling Opportunities

FREE Youth Wrestling Clinic
WHO: Boys in grades K-8

WHEN:

- Monday, November 6
- Wednesday, November 8

TIME: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. (Wrestlers will be split up based on age and experience).

WHERE: Totino-Grace Wrestling Room

No experience is necessary. Following the clinic, wrestlers can join the Totino-Grace Youth Wrestling Club.

REGISTER: totinograce.org/wrestling/youthclinic

Youth Wrestling Club
WHO: Boys in grades K-8

WHEN: Mondays and Wednesdays

- Session 1: November 13 - December 20 - \$75
- Session 2: January 8 - February 21 - \$75

TIME: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. (Wrestlers will be split up based on age and experience).

COST: You can pay per session (\$75 each) or pay for the whole season for \$125 (a \$25 discount).

WHERE: Totino-Grace Wrestling Room

No experience is necessary. Individual instruction will be geared to age and experience level, with a focus on the fundamentals of wrestling. No equipment needed – can wrestle in shorts, t-shirt and wrestling or tennis shoes (although wrestling shoes are strongly encouraged).

REGISTER: totinograce.org/wrestling/youthclub

For questions and additional information:
Call Dan Vandermyde at 763.586.6305 or dan.vandermyde@totinograce.org

Upcoming Wrestling Events

November

Mondays and Wednesdays November - February

SJB Basketball

Basketball registration is underway! Basketball is open to both girls and boys in grades 5-8. Please click on the registration link below if your child is interested in participating.



Registrations will only be accepted through Wednesday, November 1st.

SJB BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Any questions should be directed to Athletic Director, [Mr. Cole Van Beusekom](#).



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

CLICK FOR [**PRESCHOOL CALENDARS**](#)

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



— JOIN OUR — **FUNDRAISER** AT RAISING CANE'S

Mention the fundraiser at the register or put "Fundraiser" in the special instructions section of your mobile order and Cane's will donate 15% of sales to:

St. Johns 8th Grade Fundraiser

DATE & TIME:

Tuesday, November 7th from 4:00PM - 9:00PM

LOCATION:

**3780 Lexington Ave N, Shoreview, MN 55126
1560 109th Ave NE, Blaine, MN 55449**



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NEW BRIGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT **OPEN HOUSE** OCTOBER 30, 2023 | 6-8PM



NFPA ANNOUNCES "COOKING SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU" AS THEME FOR FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

785 OLD HIGHWAY 8 NW

JOIN ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY

COME DRESSED UP AS YOUR FAVORITE SAINT



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

St. John Baptist
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

**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

Congratulations to Mason (grade K) and Mya (grade 2) who were baptized at St. John's on Sunday, October 15. May you continue to grow in grace and love of Jesus Christ. If you are interested in the Sacrament of Baptism contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship 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.

November Formation

Wednesday, November 1

5:30pm All Saints Mass

6:00pm Dinner

6:30-7:30pm Formation - children in classrooms, Parent Program in St. Joseph Hall

WHERE HEAVEN & EARTH MEET PART 2

Our November Parent Formation will continue our discussion on how we can encounter Christ more deeply at Mass with our children. The night will be crafted from parent feedback and led by Jill and the Parent Core Team.



JILL FINK, DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP



Knights of
Columbus®

WAFFLE BREAKFAST

Join us on October 29
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

All you can eat: waffles, sausages, regular and sugar-free syrup, fruit for the waffles, orange juice, coffee, milk, and water. A gluten-free option is available on request. Prices: \$10 per person, children 5 and under free, family maximum \$50. Cash, check, or credit card. Come and enjoy some breakfast and some fellowship, and support the Knights!

JOIN US AT SJB FOR OUR ANNUAL

TURKEY DINNER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

PRICES:
\$13 - ADULTS
\$6 - CHILDREN
\$40 - FAMILY DEAL

Please bring a pie to donate!