

October 26, 2023

From the Principal

Blessings on this last full week of October!

As we head into this weekend, the weather is looking like it will be turning much colder with highs in the 30s and 40s into next week. Please make sure your students are dressed appropriately for the weather as they will continue to go outside for recess unless it's raining or the temperature is below 0°F (including the windchill). **Remember to label your child's hats, gloves, etc.** A reminder that beginning on November 1st, shorts are no longer to be worn as part of the uniform until April.

Looking ahead to November, this month is wonderful time to focus on all we have been given. At St. John's we are truly blessed to celebrate with each other, worship the Lord with each other, and learn with each other. We are also blessed to have you as partners in educating your children, it is a great gift. Please know of our gratitude for your support and sacrifices.

Below are some upcoming items to be aware of:

- Halloween Class Parties will be held on Tuesday, October 31st. Students may be out of uniform on this day. They should come dressed in Halloween colors or in an appropriate Halloween-themed shirt. Jeans and sweatpants are okay to wear on this day. Students in grades K-8 should NOT wear costumes to school. Preschool students may come in costume on their party days next week - please see your child's class calendar for information on what day that is. See the Preschool Section below for more information.
- All Saints Day Mass is Wednesday, November 1st at 8:30am. This is a Holy Day of Obligation and we look forward to seeing you all there. The Church has given us amazing witnesses in the saints of how to live in God's love. So please join us in gathering to witness and celebrate that love. If you are unable to celebrate Mass with us at 8:30am, the parish also offers the following Mass times on November 1st: 6:30am, 5:30pm and 7:00pm
- All Souls Day is November 2nd. This is a great day to remember all of those who have gone before us- parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. Please take some time to pray as a family for them or even attend Mass. St. John's will celebrate Mass at 8:30am and 7:00pm.
- There is No School on Friday, November 3rd for all students preschool through grade 8. This is a staff workday for our K-8 staff and preschool will be holding parent-teacher conferences. J-Care and Care Crew are available so please be sure to register for these programs online if you need them for your children.
- Fall Parent-Teacher Conference Signups for grades K-8 will begin Friday, November 3rd. As always families with three or more students will be able to sign up first and then we will open it to everyone else. Sign Up ends on Thursday, November 16th at 4:30pm. Conferences will be held in-person on November 20 and November 21 from 12:20-8:00pm on each day.
- Our 8th grade students who will be traveling to Washington, D.C. in April are holding two fundraisers to help offset the costs of this trip: Raising Cane's Fundraising Night on November 7th and Poinsettia sales. Please see below for more details on both of these fundraisers and help our students if you are able.

Upcoming Events:

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

No School pre - gr 8
Fri, Nov 3

JA Finance Park & Biztown
MS on Mon, Nov 13

Picture Retake Day
Tues, Nov 14

Book Fair - Science Lab
Nov 13-21

Hallo-grams, Saint Grams & Coloring Contest

A reminder that if your child purchased Hallo-grams/Saint Grams, they should be filled out and returned to school first thing tomorrow morning.



All coloring contest submissions should also be turned in first thing tomorrow morning.

Both items may be turned in to your child's teacher.

- SJB will be holding a Literati Book Fair in November. Students will be visiting the bookfair the week of November 13th during their Media time. The bookfair will be open in-person for parents during conferences on November 20th and 21st. There will also be an online option for book purchases as well. Look for more information to come.
- 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. There will be no district busing on either of these days. The charter buses to Blaine will run these days - a normal morning route and the end of the day route will pick up from SJB at 11:30pm and run the drop-off route. There will be no breakfast or lunch served on these days. Preschool will have normal full-day classes on both of these days.

It was wonderful to see all the saints in our building yesterday! We started off with our 4th Grade Saint Wax Museum and then last night was the SJB ALL SAINTS PARTY. It was a wonderful day!



We will be hosting our fall Open House on Thursday, November 16th from 5:30-7:00pm. Attendees will be given a tour of the school, meet staff and parents and receive information about St. John's. Current families are our best marketers so please spread the word to friends and family who are interested in learning what SJB has to offer. You can share this [Open House Flyer](#) with them.

Finally, please keep our fifth grade students in your prayers as they traveled to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center (ELC) yesterday. We hope they continue to have a positive experience and we pray they have a safe return trip on Friday. We are excited to hear about their adventures. See the end of the bulletin for a few pictures from their adventures so far!

Have a blessed rest of your week and a wonderful weekend.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

November After-School Art Classes

Fall after-school art classes are being offered in November for students in grades K-8. View the class list and register your child for a class or two on the [SIB 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.



[November
After-School Art Class
Descriptions](#)

[November Art Class
Registration](#)

8th Grade Washington D.C. Fundraisers

Our eighth grade students have the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. with their classmates this upcoming spring. To help offset the costs of this trip, they will be coordinating a couple of fundraisers that we invite our families to participate in. Two of these fundraisers will be happening soon or are going on now - Raising Cane's Fundraiser Night on November 7th and Poinsettia sales until November 8th. Information on both of these fundraisers are below. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

8th Grade Washington D.C. Poinsettia Fundraiser

Help support the 8th graders on their annual trip to Washington D.C.

Purchase a plant between now until Nov 8th.

Order can be placed through the link on the parish website, or the QR code below or on an order form found outside the school office. Payment due at time order is placed. Checks made payable to St. John the Baptist School.

Order information

Color options: Red, Pink, White

Sizes 4.5—\$12.00

6.5—\$17.00

8.5—\$27.00

Orders can be picked up the following days
in St. Joseph's Hall:

December 1st 2:30-3:30pm

December 2nd after 4:30 mass

December 3rd after 8:30 and 10:30 masses



[Order HERE](#)

— 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



[CanesAndCommunity.com](#)

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SJB Athletics – Basketball and Wrestling Registration



Upcoming Wrestling Events

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

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](#).

[Wrestling Registration](#)



PRESCHOOLERS MAY WEAR COSTUMES TO SCHOOL ON THEIR HALLOWEEN PARTY DAY.

PLEASE SEE YOUR TEACHER'S CALENDAR FOR THE DATE OF THE PARTY.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES:

Preschool parent-teacher conferences will be held Wednesday, November 1, Thursday, November 2 and Friday, November 3.

Sign up here: [Preschool Conferences Signup](#)

CARE CREW - SCHOOL RELEASE DAY NOV. 3RD

There is no preschool on Friday, November 3rd. Care Crew will be available for those who need it.

Sign up here: [Care Crew Signup](#)



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



SJB Parish News

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

St John Baptist
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



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!

St John Baptist
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

NEW BRIGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPEN HOUSE

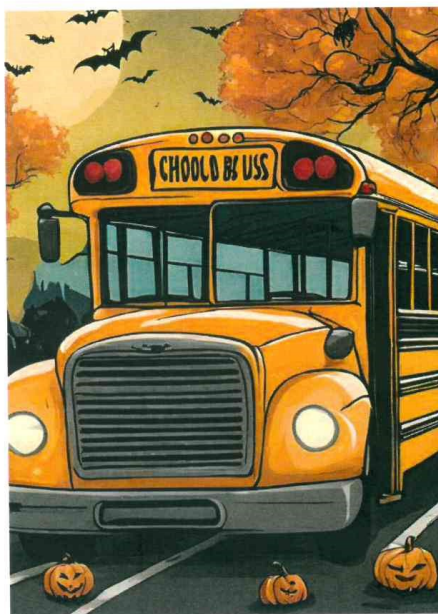
OCTOBER 30, 2023 | 6-8PM



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

785 OLD HIGHWAY 8 NW

Community Events



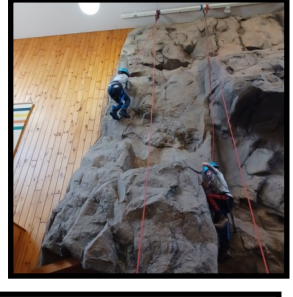
Halloween SCHOOL BUS TRUNK OR TREAT/ OPEN HOUSE!

Saturday, October 28th
10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Come and join us at Northstar Bus Lines for our School Bus Trunk or Treat and Open House! Dress up in your favorite costumes and enjoy a fun day of Trick or Treating at the Bus lot.

BUS TO BUS TRICK OR TREAT
FACE PAINTING
PICTURES
PRIZES AND MORE!!

NORTHSTAR BUS LINES:
11800 95th Ave N. Maple Grove, MN 55369



Wolf Ridge ELC 2023

