

From the Principal

November is a time to remember and be thankful. We would like to express gratitude for you and your family. We are blessed to have each of you as part of our community. Thank you for the many ways you support your children and our school. We are so very grateful for this partnership. THANK YOU!

Today is Give to the Max Day! Our goal is \$10,000 which will be used to help us purchase technology needs for our teachers. Click [HERE](#) to donate now. Thank you to all that have donated or will donate. We appreciate your generosity.

Next week is Thanksgiving Week. Below are some items to note about next week's schedule:

- Students in grades K-8 will have two half days of school, in-person on Monday, November 20th and Tuesday, November 21st. School will start at 7:55am and end at 11:30am. There will be no breakfast or lunch served on either day.
- Monday and Tuesday are No Busing Days. Students who ride the MV District buses will need transportation to/from school on these two days. Morning drop off will be in the gym (north) parking lot at door 7. The 11:30am pickup will be from the main Church lot. The SJB chartered buses to Blaine will run on these two days - parents please see the email that was sent to Blaine bus riders earlier this week regarding timing.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences for students in grades Kindergarten through grade 8 will be held on Monday, November 20th and Tuesday, November 21st from 12:20-8:00pm. Please note that sign up for conferences ends today at 4:30pm. If you have a conflict that comes up before your conferences next week and you need to change your conference schedule, please contact the school office between 7:30am-3:30pm. You may use doors 4, 12 or the main Church doors to enter the building and walk to the school office area. The doors up the stairs from the school office will be the only ones unlocked during conferences.
- J-Care is available for students in grades K-8 on Monday and Tuesday from 11:30am - 6:00pm and Wednesday from 7:00am - 6:00pm. Students attending J-Care should have registered online (deadline was November 15th). If you still need care on these days, please reach out to our J-Care Director, Miss MacKenzie Kantor, at kantorm@stjohnnyb.org or on the J-Care phone 651-261-9113. Reminder that students attending J-Care should bring a lunch from home.
- Preschool has normal, full-day classes on both Monday and Tuesday. Preschool Care Crew is only available on Monday and Tuesday. There is no Care Crew available on Wednesday.
- There is no school for all students in preschool through grade 8 on Wednesday, November 22nd through Friday, November 24th for the Thanksgiving break. Classes will resume on Monday, November 27th.

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Upcoming Events:

- Book Fair - Science Lab
Nov 13-21
- No School - Pre - gr. 8
Thanksgiving Break
Nov 22-24
- End of First Trimester
Dec 1
- First Sunday of Advent
Dec 3

- The Literati Book Fair will be open next week on Monday and Tuesday afternoons during conferences. Please stop in at the book fair when you are here. It is located upstairs in the Science Lab (between 4th and 5th grade classrooms). You may also shop online by clicking [HERE](#).
- There will be tables outside the school office that will have lost and found items from the last couple of months. Please take a look when you are here. Items not claimed will be donated.

Join Phoenix School Counseling and Dr. Jules Nolan for a parent webinar on “What Can We Save Them From and What Must They Experience to Build Emotionally Strong Kids.” The webinar will take place on Tuesday, November 28th at 7:00pm. In this session, we will learn about those experiences necessary to build emotionally strong families. You will gain a good sense of when to step in and when to allow your children the space to learn that “life includes this”. [Register for the webinar here](#). The webinar will be recorded for those who are unable to attend. You can watch the recording of the [September Stress & Anxiety Webinar here](#).

When we return following Thanksgiving break, we will wrap up the first trimester of the school year and begin to prepare ourselves for Christmas and the birth of Jesus. Below is a quick look at upcoming events when we return:

- ⇒ The first trimester ends on Friday, December 1st.
- ⇒ Advent begins on Sunday, December 3rd. We will once again have an Advent Challenge for all our students. More information will be coming out in the November 30th Principal’s Bulletin.
- ⇒ SJB Band Christmas Concert is Monday, December 11th.
- ⇒ The SJB Christmas Shoppe will be open on December 12th and December 13th. SJB students in grades K-8 will have the opportunity to purchase gifts for their family at the SJB Christmas Shoppe. Look for more information coming soon.
- ⇒ The Christmas Concert for preschool through grade 2 students will be on Friday, December 15th at 12:45pm.
- ⇒ The Christmas Concert for our 3rd through 8th Grade students will be held on Tuesday, December 19th at 7pm
- ⇒ SJB Classroom Christmas Parties will be held on Thursday, December 21st.
- ⇒ Christmas Break begins on Friday, December 22nd. School will resume on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you next week at conferences.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

SJB Athletics – Hockey Registration



Registration is now open for boys and girls in grades 5-8 who are interested in playing hockey for SJB this winter. Hockey teams are coed and will consist of students in all four grades. Find registration information on the [Athletics Page of the SJB Website](#).

Any questions should be directed to Mr. Cole VanBeusekom at vanbeusekomc@stjohnnyb.org