



Principal's Bulletin

November 2, 2023

From the Principal

Blessing to you all on this All Souls Day! Throughout the month of November, we spend time thinking about all that we are grateful for. We remember and pray for those who have died and gone before us and are thankful for all that they have given us. We acknowledge those who have sacrificed and served our country and are grateful for the freedoms that provides us. We thank God for all we have been given and are grateful for the gifts He has given us.

Our virtue that we will be studying and practicing this month is the virtue of humility. Humility is accepting our God-given gifts and talents as well as understanding our limitations. This is a wonderful virtue to practice as it helps us to develop an appreciation for what we have been given as well as acknowledging that other people have gifts too. Some of the saints we can look to as models of this virtue are St. John the Baptist, St. Pio, and St. Therese of Lisieux.

Below are some upcoming items to be aware of:

- There is **NO SCHOOL** tomorrow, Friday, November 3rd for all students pre-school through grade 8. This is a staff workday for our K-8 staff and pre-school will be holding parent-teacher conferences.
- Fall Parent-Teacher Conference Signups for grades K-8 will begin tomorrow, November 3rd. Families with three or more students will be sent an email with the link for conference signups tomorrow morning. These families will have the day to schedule their conferences first. Friday evening, the link will be sent to all families. Signup ends for all families 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.
- 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.

Wines to Wishes is St. John's largest fundraising event! Save the date for Saturday, February 3rd, 2024! Our first planning meeting will be held next week on Thursday, November 9th, at 7:00pm at St. John's (specific room TBD). There are several ways to volunteer for Wines to Wishes before, during, and after the event, so please consider taking on a role. Many hands definitely make lighter work! If you are unable to attend but would still like to volunteer or if you have questions, please reach out to Michelle Barsness (barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org).

Finally, a reminder that Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend. Remember to turn your clocks back on Sunday morning.

Have a wonderful long weekend.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Upcoming Events:

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

Spirit Wear Online Store Opens November 3rd

Our school spirit store will be open tomorrow, November 3rd through Sunday, November 12th. You may place an order online through Lettermen Sports and all items will be delivered to school. Delivery the week of December 18th.

SJB School Spirit Store

**THIS ONLINE WINDOW IS ONLY OPEN UNTIL
11:59 PM ON NOVEMBER 12TH.**



There will be one more additional ordering opportunities this year:

Ordering Opportunity #3: February 23rd – March 3rd , 2023

Delivery the Week of: April 1st



Congratulations to the Totino-Grace girls soccer team for taking 3rd place in the state tournament this year!

Pictured are SJB alum that are part of the team (L-R):

Maddie P., Zaley S., Lila M., Cece L.,
Krista M., Katie T., Olivia S., Abby C.

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**



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SJB Parish News

Restore to Gather – Capital Campaign for St. John the Baptist

We are quickly approaching the public kick-off of our Restore to Gather capital campaign the weekend of November 11 and 12! We want to continue to address questions posed during the planning study.

For more information, please call Mary May, Director of Development, at (651)633-8333 ext.1253 or email maym@stjohnnyb.org maym@stjohnnyb.org.



Q: Who will be asked to support the Restore to Gather campaign?

A: We will ask every parish and school family of the St. John the Baptist faith community to prayerfully consider a financial commitment to the campaign. Each household will receive a packet in the mail with an appeal letter from Fr. Paul, a case statement and a pledge card. The appeal letter from Fr. Paul will contain a specific gift range for you to consider. Please know that the request amount in your letter is not an expectation or an obligation. It is an invitation for each family to consider what level of gift is meaningful and sacrificial to them. Any gift that is given to the campaign is greatly appreciated and helps our entire community reach our goal.



Q: How was my pledge amount determined?

A: We determine gift requests based on historical giving to the church and school. We also take into consideration the answers that were shared in the planning study. We graciously ask that you consider a gift above and beyond your normal support.

Q: Is my pledge legally binding? Will it be confidential?

A: A pledge is a meaningful commitment completed over a specific time frame. Our hope is that you do your best to fulfill your commitment and advise us of any financial changes that will impact your pledge. We will keep pledges as confidential as possible with only those responsible for maintaining the records having access to your pledge.



Pie donations are needed and appreciated. Please bring them to St. Joseph Hall on Friday, November 3 and Saturday, November 4. Favorite flavors are pumpkin, cherry, and apple. Store-bought pies are preferred. Monetary donations are also accepted.

We are still in need of a few volunteers to help. Click [here](#) to find a volunteer opening. Thank you!



All Saints Day Coloring Contest 2023

