

November 21, 2023

From the Principal

Happy Thanksgiving! There is no school for all students in preschool through grade 8 Wednesday, November 22 - Friday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving break. School will resume on Monday, November 27th. We wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend.

Here are the important events that will be coming up quickly after Thanksgiving break:

- 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 in the Church.
- The Christmas Concert for our 3rd through 8th Grade students will be held on Tuesday, December 19th at 7pm in the Church.
- 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.

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](#).

As we inch closer to the eventual arrival of snow and the possibility of severe weather school cancellations, I wanted to remind you of our notification policy regarding school closures. SJB typically follows the Mounds View Public School District for severe weather school cancellations or early dismissal. If we are canceling school, we will notify you as soon as possible via the following methods:

1. All families will be emailed with the notification of the closure. This email will be sent to the same distribution list as the Principal's Bulletin each week.
2. Notification of the school closure will be shown on the school website (www.stjohnnyb.org)
3. The school closure will be listed on all four of the local news channels (WCCO - 4, KSTP - 5, KMSP - 9 and KARE - 11). The notification will be listed as St. John the Baptist or St. John's with New Brighton noted.



Upcoming Events:

No School - Pre - gr. 8 Thanksgiving Break Nov 22-24
End of First Trimester Dec 1
First Sunday of Advent Dec 3
Reconciliation Gr 3-8 Dec 5-6
Band Concert Dec 11
SJB Christmas Shoppe Dec 12-13
Christmas Concert, Pre-2 Dec 15
Christmas Concert, 3-8 Dec 19

4. If significant winter weather develops during the school day, the district may decide to stage buses early. If this happens, we will again email families this information and post it on our school website. Please note that we do our best to notify families as soon as we get the information from the school district, but sometimes we are not able to give you much advance notice.

Additionally, please make sure your child comes appropriately dressed for the weather and recess. Students will continue to go outside for recess everyday unless it is raining or the temperature, including the wind chill is below 0°F. Once we have snow, please remember boots and snowpants. Remember to label everything!

The entire staff of St. John the Baptist joins me in wishing all our families a blessed Thanksgiving. We are thankful for all of our students and their families. Know of our gratitude for all your support. See you Monday, November 27th.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal



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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