

From the Principal

HAPPY EARLY VETERANS DAY!! Saturday, November 11th is Veterans Day and a great time to remember all those who have served and currently serve our country in so many ways. We are grateful for their sacrifices to keep us safe and free. Be assured of our prayers for all of you. We are so very grateful.

We are quickly coming up on Thanksgiving Week, so we want to make sure you are aware of the following:

- The Literati Book Fair begins next Monday, November 13th. Students will visit the book fair during their regular library/media class periods next week. The book fair will also be open for parents to visit during Parent/Teacher Conferences on Monday, November 20th and Tuesday, November 21st. Stop by the Science Lab (upstairs) when you are here and check it out. You can also shop online or find information on how to purchase a gift card for your child to shop by clicking [HERE](#).
- Jostens will be here next Tuesday, November 14th for picture retakes. If your child was absent on the original picture day or you would like him/her to have their picture taken again, this can be done on Tuesday morning between 8:00-10:00am. Those students who are having pictures retaken may be out of uniform. Students at school will be called down for photos at some point during the morning. If your child is in preschool and they are not scheduled for school on Tuesdays, you may stop in with your child at any point during the 8-10 time frame.
- We will host our sixth grade families on Wednesday, November 15th at the 6th Grade Faith, Family, and Fellowship Morning. Join us for Mass at 8:30am followed by a short presentation by the students in the Church and hospitality in St. Joseph Hall.
- The SJB Open House is next Thursday, November 16th from 5:30-7:00pm. We will have school tours and information available for perspective families. If you know of anyone who is considering St. John's please encourage them to attend. You can share this [Open House Flyer](#) with them.
- Preschool Grandparent/Special Person Day is on Thursday, November 16th and Friday, November 17th. Please see your child's class calendar or teacher for information on this event.
- Students in grades K-8 will have in-person half days of school on Monday, November 20th and Tuesday, November 21st. We will have school from 7:55am-11:30am. There will be no breakfast or lunch served. There is no district bussing those days. J-Care will be available from 11:30-6:00pm on both days. Please register your child for either or both days online [here](#). Preschool will have normal full-day classes on both days.
- Parent Teacher Conferences for students in grades K-8 are Monday, November 20th and Tuesday, November 21st from 12:20-8:00pm. Please note that these conferences are for all students and an important part of our school and home partnership. Make sure to sign up before 4:30pm on Thursday, November 16th. After that time, you will need to contact the office to sign up or make any changes to your slot(s). [Conference SignUp](#)



Upcoming Events:

JA Finance Park & Biztown MS on Mon, Nov 13
Picture Retake Day Tues, Nov 14
Book Fair - Science Lab Nov 13-21
Grade 6 FFF Morning Wed, Nov 15
No School - Pre - gr. 8 Thanksgiving Break Nov 22-24
End of First Trimester Dec 1

Looking ahead to December, we want to make sure you have the following Christmas concerts on your calendar.

- * SJB Band Concert is Monday, December 11th in the Church.
- * Preschool through grade 2 Christmas Concert is on Friday, December 15th at 12:45pm in the Church
- * Grade 3 through grade 8 Christmas Concert is on Tuesday, December 19th at 7:00pm in the Church.

Finally, it is with great pleasure that I announce that Miss Anna Marie Ingalls is our new K-8 music teacher. Miss Ingalls will begin after we return to school following Christmas break on January 2nd. She is a licensed K-12 Music teacher and we are so excited to have her at St. John's! While she is new to our school, she is not new to the St. John's community. Miss Ingalls was part of the first NET team at St. John's several years ago and we happily welcome her back.

Have a wonderful weekend. Gratitude and blessings to all the veterans and all those who serve our country.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Spirit Wear Online Store Open Through November 12th

Our online school spirit store is open now 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

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 [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.



ART CLASS

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

[November Art Class
Registration](#)

SJB Parish News

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

This coming week, SJB parishioners and school families will receive a packet of materials about our campaign. A case statement brochure will be enclosed, along with a letter from myself requesting a pledge to the effort. Over the coming weeks, our team of volunteers will be reaching out to families to discuss the campaign, answer questions, and seek your support. Our parish is blessed with many faithful families so we may not be able to personally contact everyone – but we do hope that all families will choose to participate in this important campaign. If you do receive a call from one of our campaign volunteers, I ask that you please keep in mind the following:



- **Volunteers** - The volunteers who are contacting families are just that – volunteers. They have graciously agreed to donate their time and talent for the betterment of St. John the Baptist. They are serving in this role because they believe in the mission of our parish, **GO. MAKE. TEACH.**, and are passionate about its future. Thank you in advance for showing them respect and gratitude when they call.
- **Personal Touch** - I have instructed each of our campaign volunteers to request a personal visit with members of the St. John the Baptist community. If you receive a call, I kindly ask that you:
 - ⇒ Take the call or return the message. Our volunteers' time is valuable, so your prompt response is greatly appreciated!
 - ⇒ Meet face-to-face. If you are asked to meet, please give our volunteers 15 minutes of your time. They just want to briefly explain the campaign goals, answer your questions and receive a decision about your participation.
- **Pay at your pace!** This campaign seeks pledges to be fulfilled over 3 years, from 2024-2026. You can pay off your pledge at any point during these three years. Also, paying off your pledge sooner could help the parish realize cost savings. We are also accepting year-end gifts in 2023.
- **Your Gift Matters!** Remember, the letter you received from me includes a financial request. It is not an *expectation*. It is an *invitation*. I invite you to pray about this campaign and our parish. You may not be able to give what was asked. You may be able to give more than asked. Whatever that decision is, know that your commitment is deeply appreciated and a true blessing to our campaign.

In addition to the case statement, we have created photo boards in the plaza as well as posted videos on the campaign webpage that describe the projects we are undertaking. Thank you for your support and your dedication to our wonderful church and school!

To find out more about our *Restore to Gather* Capital Campaign please visit our [parish campaign website page](#)