



Principal's Bulletin

December 21, 2023

From the Principal

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a wonderful and blessed Christmas holiday and a wonderful start to the New Year! We are so incredibly grateful for all our students and their supportive families. We hope you are able to spend time with family this break and are able to spend some time relaxing and having some fun. We will see you all next year!

St. John's School will be on Christmas break from Friday, December 22nd through Monday, January 1st. We will resume school on Tuesday, January 2nd.

As we approach Christmas, we want to make you aware of all the great liturgies happening at St. John's and invite you to come celebrate the birth of Christ with us. Christmas will be celebrated at SJB on Sunday, December 24th with 4:00pm, 6:00pm and 10:30pm Masses and on Monday, December 25th with 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. Please note that the Christmas Eve Mass does not count as your Sunday Mass commitment for the 4th Sunday of Advent. For other Mass times over the break, please see the parish website: [SJB Mass Times](#)

We have our Journey to the Inn event on Saturday, January 6th following the 4:30pm Mass. Join us as we travel with the three kings to the stable. There will be caroling and live animals. Dinner (by Knights of Columbus) available for purchase at 5:30pm. Beginning at 6:15pm there will be a Bible reading and songs in the Church followed by the candlelight procession to the stable. For more information please see below.

As we near the January re-enrollment period, we would like to make families aware of our tuition payment policy. If you are currently behind on tuition payments, please note that your family may not be permitted to reenroll unless delinquent tuition is paid or a reasonable payment arrangement has been agreed to in writing. If you are not current or on a reasonable plan by June 1st, your child(ren)'s spot(s) may be forfeited. As many of our grades are at or nearing capacity, we have the right to give your spot(s) to a family on a waitlist. Please contact Trina Brinda from the St. John's Business Office at brindat@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-8333 ext. 1255 to make arrangements if you are behind on your tuition payments.

When we return from Christmas break, we are excited and looking forward to welcoming our new music teacher, Miss Anna Marie Ingalls. Please join us in welcoming her to our SJB community.

Finally, our Wines to Wishes event is just a little over a month away. We are looking forward to this night, but it doesn't happen without help from all of our families. Please see below for information on how you can help - with donations for the silent and live auctions, sponsorship or just simply registering to attend. Contact our chairperson, Michelle Barsness, at barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org with any questions.

Wishing all of our families a very Merry Christmas!

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Upcoming Events:

Christmas Break
Dec 22-Jan 1

School Resumes
Jan 2

SJB Athletics – Swimming Registration Now Open

Registration for the SJB swim team is now open! Swimming is open for boys and girls in grades K-8.



ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE ABLE TO SWIM AT LEAST 25 YARDS (ONE LENGTH OF THE POOL) UNASSISTED AND WITHOUT STOPPING.

All registration will be done online on the SJB Athletics page: [SJB Athletics Registration](#). Questions? Contact Mr. VanBeusekom at vanbeusekomc@stjohnnyb.org

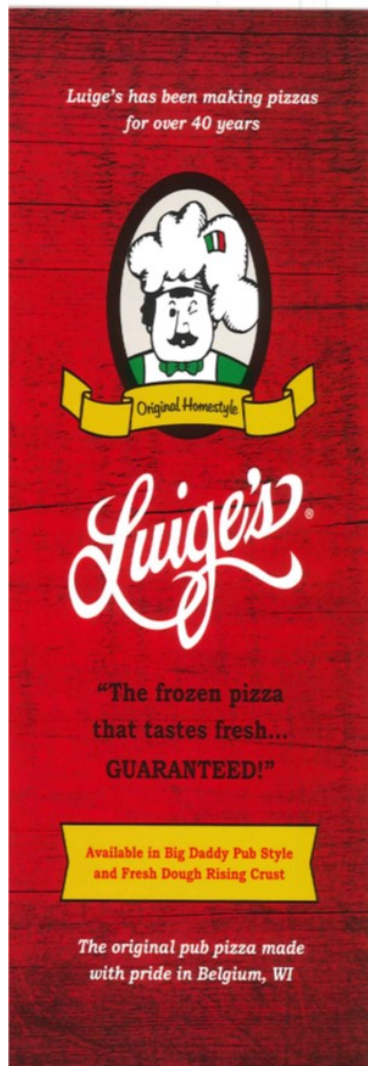
8th Grade Washington, D.C. Fundraisers

Our 8th grade students who will be traveling to Washington, D.C. this spring are holding two upcoming fundraisers: Pizza Fundraiser and a Culver's Concretes for a Cause.

Orders for Luigi's Pizza will be accepted now through January 11th. Please use the link below to place your order.

<https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/SelectProducts/afa87fdb-5747-411c-89ac-9ddf16ace2e4/3006161>

Pizza order pick-up in St. Paul Plaza – Sunday, January 28th from 11:30am – 12:00pm



Wines to Wishes 2024

Wines to Wishes is a little over a month away, and we are headed to the Wild West! Below is some important information about the event:

- Are you a **new family** at St. John's and not quite sure what Wines to Wishes is? Check out our [New Parent Letter](#).
- We are currently seeking donations for the **silent auction**. Please visit the [event website](#) to learn more about ways in which you can donate. We have an Amazon Wish List, a Target Wish List, and a Gift Card Wish List. We also have an option for donating money online if you would rather that we do the shopping for you. Our wish lists are constantly being updated, so please check back as new items are added.
- We are looking for items for our **live auction**. These are "big ticket" items such as hotel stays, concert tickets, sports tickets, etc. If you are able to donate or have a connection to someone who is able, please let me know.
- We are continuing our tradition of a separate **8th grade donation**, which will be used for the live auction. Please be sure to check out the [8th Grade Donation Letter](#) for more information.
- All families who donate will receive a non-uniform pass for their child(ren) after the event takes place. Once you have donated, please fill out a short [Google Form](#), so we can ensure your child(ren) get their pass.
- We are looking for **event sponsors**. Information is available on the [Sponsor Page](#) of our Wines to Wishes website.
- If you work for a business or know someone who might be interested in donating an item for the auction or becoming a sponsor, please share our [website](#) with them!



- Invitations were sent home with the oldest student from each family this week. All registration takes place online. You can find the registration link through the [Event Registration Page](#) on our website. **Each individual who is registered by January 5th will receive one complimentary drink ticket, and your child(ren) will receive a visit to the SJB Snack Shack sometime after Wines to Wishes takes place.** As a reminder, K-8 families are asked to purchase two tickets as part of the tuition agreement. Please note that our pre-school families (with no K-8 students) will receive complimentary tickets.
- **Volunteer opportunities** will be coming mid-January, so stay tuned.

Thank you for helping to make our 19th Wines to Wishes a success!

Questions? Contact Michelle Barsness, W2W Chair at barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-1522 x 1114

JOURNEY TO THE INN

with the Wise Men

Saturday, January 6, 2024

4:30 pm Mass

5:30 pm Dinner by Knights of Columbus

Mostaccioli, salad and bread

GF and vegetarian options available

Pay at the door

\$7/person

\$30/family (*kids plus 2 adults only*)



6:15 pm Bible reading and songs

in the Church

Candlelight procession

Christmas carols following Wise Men

Live animals at the stable

Hot cocoa and cookies - St. Joe's Hall





Christmas Coloring Contest 2023

