



Principal's Bulletin

January 18, 2024

From the Principal

Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year will open tomorrow, Friday, January 19th. Current SJB families will receive an email from TADS with information on how to enroll your student(s). New families will also be able to begin to submit applications. All current families should have received an email this morning with the following information:

- Your child is NOT enrolled for the next school year until you log on to TADS and confirm their enrollment. It is a simple and quick process!
- It is better to enroll sooner rather than later, especially if your child's grade is nearing capacity (50 students).
- When you are enrolling your child(ren), you do have the option to add a new application if you have a child that is not yet attending our school. For example, if you have a child ready to start preschool, you will be able to fill out an application at this time.
- If you know someone interested in attending our school, please let them know that they will be able to apply tomorrow morning.
- The [tuition agreement](#) is now available on our school website. Please take note of the new volunteer requirement (25 hours or a \$600 fee) as well as the second page that includes the Tuition and Fees Billing and Collection Policies.

Preschool Families:

- Your child is automatically put in the next level of preschool or moved to kindergarten based on their age. If you see that the grade is not correct, you will see a dropdown menu that will allow you to change the grade. For example, if your child is able to go to kindergarten based on their age, the system will place them in kindergarten. You will have the option to put them into another year of Pre-K if that is what you would like to do.
- If you are ready to enroll in kindergarten, you will have until January 26th at 12pm to enroll your child. We will begin to accept new families into our kindergarten class that day. If you have not yet enrolled, you could forfeit your spot.
- In order for your child to enroll in kindergarten, he/she **MUST be 5 by September 1, 2024.**

If you have any questions, please contact [Michelle Barsness](#).

The Preschool and Kindergarten Information and Registration Night will be held tonight, Thursday, January 18th from 6-7:30pm. Invite families interested in SJB to attend and learn more about our Preschool and/or Kindergarten and to show them why St. John's is the perfect fit for their family! Share the flyer with them: [2024 Information Night Flyer](#).

There will be NO BUSSING for the MV district buses on Thursday, January 25th and Friday, January 26th. Morning drop off for K-8 students will be at the gym doors by way of 2nd Ave NW from 7:30-7:50am. Blaine buses will run normally on these two days. Afternoon pickup will be from the main Church parking lot at 2:30pm. Preschool drop off and pick up will be the same as normal on these two days.

Upcoming Events:

Reconciliation Retreat
Jan 21

No Busing
Jan 25 & 26

First Reconciliation
Jan 27; 9-11:00am

CSW Sunday Mass
Jan 28 @ 10:30am

Winter Used Uniform Sale
Jan 28; 11:30-12:30

Wines to Wishes
Feb 3

PTO Non-Uniform Day
Feb 6

We will kick off Catholic Schools Week with the CSW Mass on Sunday, January 28th at 10:30am. The following week will be filled with special activities and dress days for our students. The week will wrap up with Wines to Wishes on Saturday, February 3rd. Look for more information on CSW below.

Wines to Wishes is just two weeks away! We are looking forward to this event and need help from all our families for a successful night! 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.

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



We have recently reached a HUGE milestone for our school and church! The Restore to Gather campaign has **surpassed \$4 million in gifts and pledges!** This means that we are 81% to our \$5 million goal. We are very close to being able to *Restore* our school campus and accomplish the necessary upgrades. We need your help to accomplish these improvements as well as fund our school operations endowment.

Matching Gift Challenge! YOUR GIFT WILL BE DOUBLED!

You still have the opportunity to double your pledge with our matching gift challenge! A group of parishioners and friends are matching any pledge up to a total of **\$200,000** through the month of January. This means that for every \$1 given to the campaign, the donors will give \$1. If you pledge a gift of \$3,000 (\$1,000 per year for three years), the donors will give a matching gift of \$3,000, making your total gift \$6,000!

CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS

Many companies will match charitable contributions to qualifying non-profits. We have already received word of \$57,000 in matching gifts from corporations that employ current or former school parents. Please check with your employer if they match funds made to our school. Most companies will only match gifts made directly to the school and not the church. In most cases you will need to designate your gift to a specific school project in order to be eligible for the employer match.

Here is a link to [businesses in Minnesota who will match charitable donations](#). If the business you work for is not on this list, I still encourage you to check with your human resources department to see if there are matching gift opportunities. You may also contact Mary May, Director of Development, at 651-633-8333, ext. 1253 or email maym@stjohnnyb.org with questions.

Thank you for your generous support of this important effort!

As the Father loves me, so I also love you!

Fr. Paul Shovelain
Pastor

Scan the QR code to learn more about our *Restore to Gather* campaign, our goals, our progress and how to make your pledge.



Wines to Wishes 2024

Event Website: www.winestowishes.com

Wines to Wishes is just **two weeks away!** Please take note of the following reminders from Michelle Barsness, our event chair.

- We are currently seeking donations for the silent auction. We do not have an auction without the generous donations of our families - thank you so much to those who have already donated!! **We have tried to make this extremely easy as you can shop from your home and have items shipped to school!** Please visit the Donation page on our 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.



- We are continuing our tradition of a separate **8th grade donation** of wine and beer, which will be used for the live auction. An email was sent to all 8th grade families with details. The letter may be found on the Donation page of our event website.

- 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. The form may be found on the Donation page of our event website.

- We are looking for **event sponsors**. Information is available on the Sponsor Page of our event 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 event website with them!

- Invitations went home with the oldest student from each family before Christmas break. All registration takes place online. You can find the registration link through on the Event Registration page of our event website. As a reminder, K-8 families are asked to purchase two tickets as part of the tuition agreement.

- Volunteer opportunities will be coming soon, so stay tuned.

Please reach out to Michelle (barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org) with questions.

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



Totino-Grace Girls Basketball invites you to attend our Youth Night Game vs Osseo on Jan 23 at 7 pm at Totino-Grace High School. All youth players will be given free entrance to the game and a free snack & beverage.

SJB Winter Used Uniform Sale

The SJB Used Uniform Winter Sale will be held on Sunday, January 28th following the 10:30am Catholic Schools Week Mass.

Used Uniform Winter Sale

Sunday, January 28th

11:30 am– 12:30 pm (following the CSW 10:30am Mass)

School Cafeteria

****Payment by cash or check only****

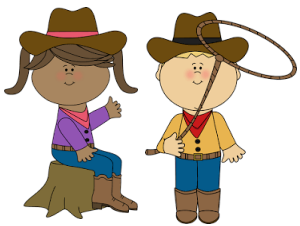


The Used Uniform Sale is an opportunity to purchase gently used uniforms at greatly discounted prices. The uniforms are donated by the families of St. John the Baptist School. If you have any uniforms that your child(ren) have outgrown, please consider donating them for this sale. You may turn in gently used uniform pants, shorts, shirts, skirts, jumpers and spirit wear to the school office anytime during the school year. Please no clothing with ripped hems, tears, holes, multiple stains or missing buttons. Thank you.

We could use a few volunteers to help with the sale. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact

Jenna Cummings 612-236-7481 ~OR~ Liz Grosjean at 419-559-1215/grosjean@umn.edu

Catholic Schools Week 2024



Catholic Schools Week is a week where we celebrate our wonderful school and to thank those who help to make it a great place to be! We are excited for the fun activities planned for our students and community!

Join us in thanking all those who help our school be a better place during CSW 2024!



Teacher Raffle: One fun activity we do each year for CSW is the Teacher Raffle. Teachers and other school staff put together fun baskets for a student raffle. Students may purchase tickets to try their luck at winning a basket. Tickets are 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.00.



Each student will receive an order form on January 25th to complete and return with money to purchase tickets (ticket purchases are optional). Ticket orders will be filled by the student ambassadors and returned to the students beginning on January 26th thru January 31st. **No tickets will be sold after Wednesday, January 31st and all tickets are due back by Thursday, Feb 1st.** Students are strongly encouraged to not wait until the last minute to purchase or turn tickets in. Buckets for each basket will be in the hallway by the resource rooms for the completed raffle tickets. Look for the list of baskets in next week's bulletin.

Catholic Schools Week 2024 – Daily themes

Sunday, January 28th - Celebrating with the SJB Parish Community

Catholic Schools Week Mass at 10:30am

Students should wear their school uniforms and sit with their class during Mass. All K-8 students will sit in the middle sections of the Church - the front rows will be reserved. The front pews to the left of the altar will be reserved for preschool students and their parents/families

*School Open House following Mass until 12:00pm. KC Waffle Breakfast in St. Joseph Hall.

*Used Uniform Sale in the school cafeteria following Mass until 12:30pm

Monday, January 29th – Celebrating our Community / Circle the Wagons

Dress Day: Stay in your covered wagons - dress cozy – Wear something comfortable - sweats, sweatshirts, jeans - no pajamas, pajama pants or leggings.*
Movie and snack in the afternoon.

*Middle School students will be attending the CSCOE Mass of the Holy Spirit at Xcel Energy Center.
MS students should come in uniform today.



Tuesday, January 30th – Celebrating Vocations / Hear the Call

Dress Day: Dynamic Duos or Terrific Trios - Find your partner(s) and dress alike.



Wednesday, January 31st – Celebrating our Nation / From Sea to Shining Sea

Dress Day: Dress your best – Students should dress up, not down today. Please wear nice pants, shirts, dresses, skirts, etc. Students can also wear their school uniform if that is most comfortable.



Thursday, February 1st– Celebrating our Volunteers / Community Hoedown!

Dress Day: Dress for the Variety Show Act (information will come from individual teachers)

Thanking our volunteers - come to our Variety Show in St. Joseph Hall in the afternoon at 12:50pm!



Friday, February 2nd – Celebrating our Students / Back to the Ranch

Dress Day: School Spirit and hat day



Teacher Raffle Basket Drawing (information coming next week on raffle baskets!)

Student Activities: Top Golf (gr. 6-8), Zero Gravity (gr. 3-5) and Bowling (gr. K-2)

Saturday, February 3rd – Wines to Wishes

Register to attend at www.winestowishes.com



SJB Parish News

First Sacraments

Keep in your prayers our children enrolled in the First Sacraments program for the following events:

- ◇ First Reconciliation Retreat is Sunday, January 21 from 2:00-4:00pm in the Church
- ◇ First Reconciliation Celebration is Saturday, January 27 from 9:00-11:00am in the Church
- ◇ First Eucharist Kick-Off Meeting is Wednesday, January 31 from 6:00-7:30pm



Questions regarding First Sacraments program can be directed to Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship finkj@stjohnnyb.org 651.633.1540 ext. 1280

Knights of Columbus Waffle Breakfast



Knights of Columbus
Council #14250

WAFFLE BREAKFAST

Join us on January 28
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

All you can eat: waffles, sausages, regular and sugar-free syrup, fruit for the waffles, orange juice, coffee, milk, and water. A gluten-free option is available on request. Come and enjoy some breakfast and some fellowship, and support the Knights!




As part of the start of Catholic Schools Week, Saint John the Baptist Knights of Columbus Council 14250 is serving a waffle breakfast on Sunday, January 28.

Cost: \$10.00 per person; children 5 & under are free; max per family \$50
(family consists of children and parents)

Saint John's Knights of Columbus are in service to the parish, the school, and the community. For the school, the Knights sponsor "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest, conduct the Free Throw contest, donate to "Wines to Wishes," as well as contribute grants to Saint John's school students and funds to the school endowment fund. Students also help at the KC Lenten Fish Fry dinners.

The Knights are glad to serve St John the Baptist Catholic School!

SAVE THE DATE!

Ice Fishing with Father Tournament



When: February 17, 2024
11 am-2 pm
Where: Long Lake Beach
Who: 75 parishioners and friends of SJB!

Register by scanning the QR code
or on our parish website: stjohnnb.com




Rally for Life!

What: Join thousands for the MN March for Life

When: January 22

Where: Bus from St. John's to the St. Paul Cathedral and then over to the MN State Capital (Bus leaves SJB at 9:15 am, returns at 1:30 pm)

Will you make a stand for Life?!



Sponsored by St. John's Respect Life group and St. John's Knights of Columbus.

Summer Events for Youth at SJB Parish

Save the Date for Summer Camps!

Totus Tuus – Grade School Day Program - Grades 1-5

Monday, June 24-Friday, June 28, 2024, from 9 - 2:30 pm for children entering grades 1-5.

Vacation Bible School – Preschool/Kindergarten Program

Tuesday, July 16 - Thursday, July 18, 2024, from 9 - 12:00 pm for children that are 3 years old (and potty-trained) through children entering 1st grade.

Registration will be coming soon!

Extreme Faith Camp - Middle School Students

This year, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and school is once again participating in summer camp for middle school students. Last year we brought 100 people from our community to camp! I encourage you to consider registering your current 5th-8th grader! Leader registration coming soon! See the Youth Ministry emails for more information as it is released.

When: July 29th-August 2nd, 2024

Where: Trinity Woods Camps in Trego Wisconsin (formerly Heartwood Resort)

Who: Our parish community! Current **5th-8th graders** attend as campers. Current **9th-12th graders** attend as leaders. **Adults** participate as leaders and chaperones.

What: High adventure activities, lake time, mass, prayer experiences, messages of God's love and so much more!

Cost: Reserve your child's spot early to get the best pricing! Use the QR code or the following link: [Registration](#)

- ⇒ Before Feb 1st \$525
- ⇒ Before Mar 1st \$550
- ⇒ Before April 1st \$575
- ⇒ Before May 1st \$600
- ⇒ Before July 1st \$625



NEW Merit-Based Scholarships!

New this year, students can apply for a variety of scholarships based on their parish involvement as altar servers, liturgical ministers, serving at parish events, and participating in bible studies and discipleship groups. Each student may apply for multiple scholarships using one application. There is no limit to the amount of money that a student can be awarded. Applications will open on May 1st and are due on June 1st and will be based on the previous program year from June-May. For now, you can make a deposit of \$100 per camper and follow up with the scholarship application later. We encourage you to set goals with your child to earn a variety of scholarships over the course of this year.

Questions? Contact Sarah Wilder at wilders@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-1540 x 1254