



# Principal's Bulletin

From the Principal

January 25, 2024

Blessings to you all on this last full week in January!

This Sunday we kick off our Catholic Schools Week as we gather with the whole SJB parish community at Mass at 10:30am. Catholic Schools Week is a time for us to celebrate our community. We will participate in many fun activities, thank those past and present who make SJB a wonderful school, share our talents with our community, and worship and thank God. Please join us for the following:

- Sunday CSW Mass at 10:30am followed by a school open house until 12:00pm. Enjoy a waffle breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus and stop in at the Used Uniform Sale in the school cafeteria (more information on these events below).
- School Mass on Wednesday, January 31st at 8:30am.
- SJB Student Variety Show is on Thursday at 12:50pm in St. Joseph Hall. Please note that seating will be limited and we apologize for any inconvenience.
- Wines to Wishes on Saturday, February 3rd from 5:30-11:30pm. This adult-only event is our biggest fundraiser and a great time to get together. This year's theme is the Wild West so grab your best cowboy or cowgirl attire and join us for a fun evening of games, silent and live auctions, and fellowship.

The other school activities and student dress days throughout the week can be found below.

The 2024-2025 enrollment kicked off last week. Please make sure to register your child for next year ASAP. We have several waiting lists and new families looking to join St. John's next year and we will begin accepting them on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> which means that you could lose your spot if you are not registered.

Here are some other important dates/events for you to be aware of:

- Tuesday, February 6th is our PTO NON-Uniform Fundraiser for teacher appreciation. Students who bring in at least \$1.00 may come out of uniform on this day.
- We will hold our class Valentines parties on Tuesday, February 13th. This will be a non-uniform day. Students may come to school wearing Valentine colors or a Valentine-themed shirt. Jeans/sweatpants are allowed.
- February 14th is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Join us for Mass at 8:30am.
- Sunday, February 25th is our 3-5 Grade Level Sunday Mass at 10:30am.

Finally, please pray for our second graders and several third graders who will be receiving First Reconciliation on Saturday, January 27th. This is the first of two sacraments they receive this year and brings them closer to our Lord. Congratulations!

Ms. Ann Laird

## Upcoming Events:

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

## Wines to Wishes 2024

Event Website: [www.winestowishes.com](http://www.winestowishes.com)

Wines to Wishes is just **over one week away!** This weekend is the final push for donations for the silent auction! Please visit the Donation page on our event website to learn more about ways in which you can donate. We have a few items still left on the Amazon and Target Wish List, but we also have many options on the Gift Card Wish List. If you feel creative and want to put together a gift basket, we will be happy to accept your donation!



We are continuing our tradition of a separate **8th grade donation** of wine and beer, which will be used for the live auction. If you have an 8th grader and still want to donate a bottle of wine or some beer, drop it off at the school office or bring it this weekend when you are here for the CSW Sunday Mass and open house.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED  
TO HELP MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS!**



**Sign up for a shift:  
[W2W Volunteers](#)**

Note that 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.

Please reach out to Michelle ([barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org)) with questions.

**SJB PTO  
TEACHER  
APPRECIATION**

# **NON-UNIFORM FUNDRAISER**

**TUESDAY, FEB. 6TH**

To participate in the non-uniform fundraiser, on Feb. 6, put a \$1 donation (minimum) with this flyer in your child's folder and you can send them to school out of uniform that day! Proceeds go to fund teacher appreciation events throughout the school year.

## 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\*\***

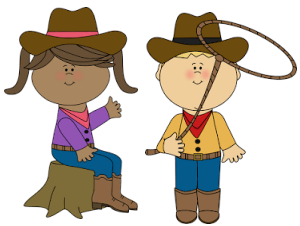


The Used Uniform Sale is an opportunity to purchase gently used uniforms at greatly discounted prices. The uniforms are donated by the families of St. John the Baptist School. If you have any uniforms that your child(ren) have outgrown, please consider donating them for this sale. You may turn in gently 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](mailto: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 below for the list of baskets

## Catholic Schools Week 2024 – Daily themes

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### 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](http://www.winestowishes.com)





## Catholic Schools Week 2024 – Teacher Raffle Baskets



Mrs. Benson – Squishmallow Valentine Basket

Miss Gernscheid – Kinetic Sand

Mrs. Koskie – Wild West Treats

Miss Ptak – Land O’Dairy Treats

Mrs. Paige – Ice Cream Treats Basket

Mrs. Krohn – Skate the Day away (Gift certificate to Roseville Oval)



Dr. Howard/Ms. Laird – S’mores Basket

Mrs. Wahl – Basketball!

Mrs. Reina – Pizza party for you and 3 friends

Mrs. Deptula – Art / Craft theme (markers, sketch pad, etc.)

Mr. Ziebol – Star Wars Themed Basket

Mrs. Maxwell – Art Themed Basket (mixed media set, sketching set with desktop easel)



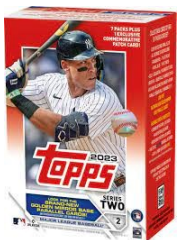
Mrs. Carroll – Lululemon Bag filled with treats and gift cards

Mrs. Troxel – Funko Pop Collection

Mr. Steffl – M&M Chocolates

Miss Fink– Cozy Day (blanket, snacks, puzzle, etc.)

Mrs. Dompierre– Stanley cup/mug



Mrs. Bobnick – \$50 Cash!

Miss Ingalls – Topps baseball trading cards

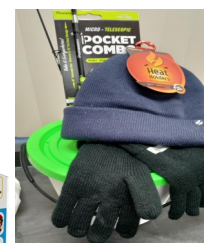
Ms. Perez – Mess Hall Art Experiences Gift Card

Mr. Van B – Knee Hockey

Student Resources – Mrs. Stori – Prime Drinks and Mr. Beast Bars

Kitchen – Ice fishing basket

Office Staff – Super Mario Bros Legos



# SJB Parish News

## First Sacraments

First Reconciliation Celebration is Saturday, January 27 from 9:00-11:00am in the Church. Please keep our students in your prayers as they receive this important sacrament for the first time.

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](mailto: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-1 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](http://stjohnnb.com)



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

**Registration will be coming soon!**

## Youth Group News

### Middle School Youth Group – Play Hard Pray Hard

Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm in the youth room.

Students in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for a version of dodgeball followed by the luminous mysteries of the rosary.



### Extreme Faith Camp

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 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 for Summer Camp – 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders

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.

#### New Youth Ministry Scholarships:

- \* St. Zechariah Liturgical Minister Scholarship
- \* St. Mary Early Childhood Volunteer Scholarship
- \* St. Martha Parish Service Scholarship
- \* St. Paul Bible Study Scholarship
- \* St. Timothy Discipleship Scholarship
- \* St. Luke the Evangelist Scholarship

See the Youth Ministry email for more information about each scholarship and instructions on how to apply

Questions? Contact Sarah Wilder at [wilders@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:wilders@stjohnnyb.org) or 651-633-1540 x 1254