

February 29, 2024

From the Principal

Happy March!

The virtue for March is temperance, which is enjoying things in a proper, balanced way. This is a great virtue for us to practice especially as we enter into the last month of Lent. Some saints that we will be studying are St. Teresa of Avila, St. Camillus de Lellis and Ven. Matt Talbot.

We continue to assist our students to prepare their hearts during this Lenten season.

- Students in grades 2-8 will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation next week on Tuesday, March 5th (grades 2-5) or Wednesday, March 6th (grades 6-8). This is a wonderful way for our students to prepare themselves to receive the graces of the sacrament and Jesus in their hearts this Lent.
- We have two opportunities for school Stations of the Cross during the month of March: Tuesday, March 5th at 12:30pm and Thursday, March 21st at 1:00pm.
- Students will also be participating in a Holy Week retreat the week of March 25th. This is an annual retreat where we spend a short time each day stepping up close to Jesus as we follow His final days on earth from Palm Sunday through the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

The second trimester ends tomorrow, Friday, March 1st and we will be holding our spring conferences next week on March 5th and 6th. These conferences will be held in-person. If you are meeting with teachers for conferences, please enter the school upstairs from the school office and walk to the appropriate classroom for your conference. We will have lost and found items on display on tables outside of the school office, so please take a look at the items there to see if any belong to your child(ren).

There will be no school for students in preschool through grade 8 for spring break on Friday, March 8th through Friday, March 15th. J-Care (grades K-8) and Care Crew (preschool) will be available on select days only and pre-registration is requested. See the school website for more information and to register.

[Spring Break J-Care](#) [Spring Break Care Crew](#)

A reminder if your child will be missing any days of school for upcoming spring break vacations, please let both your child's teacher and the school office know. You may leave a voicemail on the attendance line at 651-633-2211 ext. 1119 or email to Joy Thienes at thienesj@stjohnnyb.org. Thank you.

Finally, we have two sixth grade students from St. John the Baptist who were chosen as finalists for the CSCOE Shine On Showcase of Catholic School Talent! Maeve S. and Izzy C., both students in grade 6, will compete on Sunday, March 3rd at Benilde-St. Margaret's in St. Louis Park. The show begins at 3:00pm and there is a limited number of seats available to go and watch the show. We wish them both well and know they will do a fabulous job!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ms. Ann Laird

Upcoming Events:

End of 2nd Trimester
Mar 1

Reconciliation, gr. 2-5
Mar. 5

Stations of the Cross
Mar 5, 12:30pm

Reconciliation, gr. 6-8
Mar. 6

Spring Break - No School
Mar 8 - Mar 15

School Resumes
Mar 18

Spirit Wear Store

FINAL days to order!

The SJB Spirit wear online store is NOW OPEN until Sunday, March 3rd.

This will be the FINAL opportunity to order SJB spirit wear this school year.

[SJB Spirit Wear Store](#)



Tuition Assistance for 2024-2025

Tuition Assistance applications are available for the 2024-25 school year. **APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED EVERY SCHOOL YEAR TO BE CONSIDERED FOR AID.**

Go to www.mytads.com and click on the section marked Financial Aid Assessment

To be eligible for tuition assistance, applications must be submitted by March 15th

Tuition Paid Tax Report

To view your Tuition Paid Tax Report in TADS:

- 1) Log in to your tads account.
- 2) On the Home page, click the "Visit" button under "Billing".
- 3) Above your list of Billing Accounts, click the BLUE hyperlink for "Household Paid Tuition Tax Report"
- 4) Enter the Tax Year and click "Submit".
- 5) This will produce a tax report that you can download as needed.

Spring Break J-Care



J-Care will be available for students in grades K-8 during spring break - Friday, March 8th through Thursday, March 14th. There is no J-Care available on Friday, March 15th. Registration for spring break J-Care is now open until Monday March 4th at 9am. Register your child(ren) for one or all of the days on the J-Care page of the school website: [J-Care Spring Break](#)

Friday, March 8th - Colorful glued suncatchers for your windows

Monday, March 11th - Slime making with fun mix-ins.

Tuesday, March 12th - Field trip to Chuck E Cheese (additional \$10 will be added to bill)

Leaving SJB @ 11:15am | Returning to SJB @ 2:40pm

Wednesday, March 13th - Shrinky Dink Charms for your backpack.

Thursday, March 14th - Tie Dye Fun; students will have the option to tie dye shirts, bandanas, or canvas totes.

Questions? Contact Miss MacKenzie Kantor at kantorm@stjohnnyb.org

Spring Athletics at SJB – Registration Now Open

Registration for spring sports at SJB is now open. The following sports will be offered this spring pending enough student interest and coaches.



Softball: Girls in grades 5-8

Baseball: Boys in grades 5-8

Track & Field: Boys and girls in grades 4-8

Sign up using the following links: [Baseball/Softball](#) [Track and Field](#)
 Questions? Contact Mr. Cole Van Beusekom at vanbeusekomc@stjohnnyb.org



March After-School Art Classes

Ms. Perez is teaching four new after-school art classes this March. Below are the class offerings:

Faux Stained Glass Crosses, Grades K-4, 12 students; \$25

March 4, 2024

Using color tissue and contact paper, students will create a faux stained-glass window cross to put in a window at home to share their Catholic faith with everyone!



Wood & Twine Crosses, Grades 4-8, 12 students; \$25

March 6, 2024

Using twine, wood, and paint, students will create a simple but beautiful Cross craft. Students will also have a choice to add nails or flowers as ornamentation to their crosses to reflect the crucifixion or the resurrection.

Tape Resist Cross Canvas, Grades K-8, 12 students; \$25

March 18, 2024

Using acrylic paint and tape, create this multi-layered Cross Canvas for your home. A painting that can help you be reminded of Christ's sacrifice for us!



Glass Mosaic Crosses, Grades 5-8, 12 students; \$25

March 20, 2024

Using colored glass, students will create glass mosaic crosses for their bedrooms or homes. A beautiful reminder of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Register online on the SJB Art page: [After School Art Classes](#)

Please be sure to note the ages available for each class and if you are signing up more than one student, please indicate that number when registering. Thank you.

Camp I Can

Camp I Can is an Emotional, Behavioral and Relationship skills camp. Camp I Can is staffed by experienced Phoenix School Counselors, and offers the opportunity for campers to grow their social skills, emotional management, kindness and friendship, self-awareness and conflict resolution. Camp I Can offers fun activities and lessons, team-building experiences, fun games, and more! Camp I Can is a day camp, which runs from 9 am to 2 pm for four days. Camp I Can sessions are split by grade levels, the groupings consist of students going into 1st-2nd, 3rd-5th, and 6th-8th grade. To register visit <https://form.jotform.com/campicanpsc/2024>. For more information about Camp I Can, visit our website <https://www.campicanusa.com/>.



SJB Parish News

Lent at St. John's

Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, & 22

5:30 pm ~ Mass

6:00 pm ~ Fish Fry or Soup Supper

7:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross

(Fish Frys are on March 8 and 22)



Saturdays, March 2, 9, 16, & 23

9:30 am ~ Mass



Sponsored by:
Knights of Columbus
Saint John the Baptist Council 14250
New Brighton, Minnesota



FISH FRY

Join us on March 8 & 22, 2024

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Meal includes: Fish, mac and cheese, tater tots, cole slaw, bread and butter, bars/cookies, lemonade, water, and coffee.

Prices: \$12/adult, \$8/ages 6-12, free/under 5, \$45/family maximum. Family is children and parents. Checks, cash, credit cards accepted.

The Knights use the proceeds towards SJB School Scholarships, Sharing and Caring Hands, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, KOC Free Throw contest, donations to Cana Dinner, Priests for Life, the Labour Society, and several other great organizations/events.



Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024

10:00am Blessing - West Lot

Egg hunt:

K & under at school playground

1st & up at Vet's Park

Games, Crafts, Goodie Bags

Refreshments for sale by

Youth Group

Bring your own basket or bag for the the hunt.

The event will be held outside so please dress for the weather!

Children must be accompanied by adult

Questions? Email

livermontj@stjohnnyb.org

Circle of Women



Thursday, March 7, 2024

upstairs in Room 206/208 at 9:15 am-11:30 am

We welcome women of all ages to our gathering on Thursday, March 7, 2024. Our guest speaker will be Catherine Mollner, who will present "Finding Resiliency" Join us as we share our faith and time in prayer with one another. Childcare is available. Grab one of our brochures from the kiosks or watch your Flocknote for details.

Any questions? Call Michelle (763-442-4936). Hope to see you there!



Youth Summer Camps at SJB

Totus Tuus Summer Youth Program



2024 Themes: The Apostles Creed and the Glorious Mysteries

Grade School Day Program

The day program is for students **entering grades 1-5 in the fall** and is \$75. The program runs **Monday, June 24 through Friday, June 28, 2024** from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm and includes songs, skits, games, prayer, small groups, Mass, recess and large group presentations. We will end the week with a human sundae and water fun!



Totus Tuus is a Catholic summer youth program dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel and sharing the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship taught by college students. The program is split into the grade school day program and the middle school/high school evening program.



Register and get more information on our website at:
<https://stjohnnb.com/faith-formation/totus-tuus-2/>

JESUS

is my Superhero

**VBS
2024**

9:00AM - NOON

TUESDAY, JULY 16 - THURSDAY, JULY 18

**Heroes 3 years
& potty-trained
through entering
First Grade**

Calling all heroes in training to learn to have heroic faith! VBS is a fun way to experience Christ's teachings through hands-on play, prayer, stories, crafts, snack, and playground time. Water fun on the last day!

Register online here:

<https://stjohnnb.com/vacation-bible-school/>



**\$45
(T-SHIRT INCLUDED)**



Extreme Faith Camp

When: July 29-August 2, 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 for Middle School Campers:

- Before Mar 1 - \$550
- Before April 1 - \$575
- Before May 1 - \$600
- Before July 1 - \$625

