

From the Principal

The SJB Read-A-Thon has begun and goes through next Thursday, April 25th. The students are doing a fabulous job reading! As of this morning, their reading total was just over 58,000 minutes! The students spent some time reading with their prayer partners today. Below are a few pictures of our first graders and their sixth grade prayer partners.



This Sunday, April 21st, we will celebrate with the parish at our grade K-2 Mass at 10:30am. Join us as we live out our relationship with God by leading and celebrating Mass together with the parish community. Students in grades K-2, please wear your school uniform to Mass this day.

Next week, we will celebrate with our first graders and their families at the Faith, Family and Fellowship Morning on Wednesday, April 24th. We invite you to join us for Mass at 8:30am, followed by a short presentation in the Church by our first graders and ending with hospitality in St. Joseph Hall. If you haven't done so, please RSVP for the morning [HERE](#).

Last year, we began sending midterm progress reports home to our middle school parents to give them a snapshot of how their child is doing in the trimester. This year, we decided that we would add our 3rd - 5th graders for the last trimester. MS midterm reports were sent home or mailed today. The midterms for students in grades 3-5 will go out tomorrow. We hope this is helpful as we partner with you to help your children grow to be the best that they can be. If you have any questions or concerns about these midterms, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Our special May Crowning Mass will be held on Wednesday, May 1st at our 8:30am school Mass. At this Mass we will honor our spiritual mother, Mary. This Mass is also the beginning of our 8th grade celebrations. Our 8th grade families are invited to hospitality in St. Joseph Hall following Mass. Please RSVP [here](#).

Our annual Spring Family Night will be held at SJB on Friday, May 3rd from 5:30-7:30pm. This is a fun family event with games, inflatables, a book fair, and ice cream! See below for the details. We will need some volunteers to help run the evening. Please consider signing up for a shift or two [HERE](#).

Spring NWEA testing will take place for students in grades K-8 over the next two weeks. Please try to limit student absences so we can successfully complete the tests for students. Check with your child's teacher for days your child will be testing.

Upcoming Events:

- K-2 Sunday Mass**
Sunday, April 21; 10:30am
- First Eucharist Retreat**
Sunday, April 21
- 1st Grade FFF Morning**
Wednesday, April 24
- May Crowning Mass 8:30am**
Wednesday, May 1
- 8th Grade FFF Morning**
Wednesday, May 1
- Spring Family Night**
Friday, May 3

Drama at SJB

For several years, SJB had a drama program and the students put on a performance for family and the community. We are looking to see if there are any parents who would be interested in directing a performance next school year? Please let us know by April 19th if you are interested in this volunteer position for the 24-25 school year. If we do not have any interest, we will donate our drama collection.

Finally, Fr. Paul is encouraging every adult in the parish to take the time to complete a brief survey to benefit your own understanding of your spiritual growth as well as to help our staff chart the path forward in discipleship efforts. The survey is brief, confidential, and open for just thirty days, so complete it soon. Click [here](#) to fill it out. See below for more details on this survey.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Ms. Ann Laird

Read-A-Thon at SJB



Read·A·Thon

Our second annual Read-A-Thon is underway! Our Read-A-Thon started last week and our students have already read over 58,000 minutes of our school-wide goal of 84,420 minutes! Way to go SJB students! If we meet our goal we will have a pizza party!

If your child is not registered for the Read-A-Thon yet, you can go to www.read-a-thon.com/readers to register. Contact your child's reading teacher for the correct reading code.

Please consider donating to our Read-A-Thon. Profits from our Read-A-Thon will go towards purchasing books for our media center. You can donate by going to your child's class page and choosing the DONATE button. We have already raised a little over \$6000 for our library! Thank you!



*We would like to thank our sponsors
Moore Than Dance and Tina Bobnick Photography.*



April After-School Art

There are still some spots open for the **Mixed Media Butterfly Wings** art class.

Who: Grades 3-8

When: Monday, April 22nd

Time: 2:30-4:00pm

Cost: \$25 (billed through Tads)

Students will create unique butterfly wings using oil pastel blending techniques and then use a unique watercolor technique for their background. A simple take on a beautiful image of spring.



To register for this class, go to the [Art Page](#) of the school website.

Summer J-Care at SJB

With summer quickly approaching, we are busy planning for a fun-filled summer of activities and events. J-Care offers a fun and unique experience that gives kids the opportunity to meet new friends and socialize, explore and discover new interests, be physically active and create lasting memories. J-Care will be heading off to all kinds of different places.



SUMMER J-CARE IS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES K-8 AT SJB IN THE FALL OF 2024.

J-Care registration is now open. To find summer registration materials go to the [J-Care page](#) of the school website and click on [Summer J-Care](#) for calendars (coming soon!), registration materials and more.

Contact MacKenzie Kantor- J-Care Director with any questions: kantorm@stjohnnyb.org

Restore to Gather Campaign – School Endowment

What is the School Operations Endowment?

St. John the Baptist School Operations Endowment will become a new source of school funding, thanks to the Restore to Gather Campaign ([click here](#)). Endowment funds provide a continuous source of income in perpetuity. The principal for this fund will be invested, and the interest earned will be disbursed to the school on an annual basis. This ongoing income will provide benefits such as:

- Subsidize teacher salaries to attract and retain highly qualified staff.
- Provide ongoing maintenance and handle minor repairs.
- Purchase new school equipment and keep technology up-to-date.
- Supply funds for faculty and staff development and continuing education.



Have we reached our goal?

Almost! **We have reached 96% of our \$5 million campaign goal.** You can help us cross the finish line if you have not yet pledged and would like to participate.

Please visit <https://stjohnnb.com/donate/campaign/> and click “Pledge Your Support Here.” If you have any questions, please contact Director of Development Mary May at maym@stjohnnyb.org or call 651-633-8333, x1253. Thank you!

TG Summer Camps
ACADEMICS ARTS ATHLETICS

TAKE SUMMER TO THE NEXT LEVEL

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!
Totino-Grace Summer Camps are a great way to let your child explore new activities, expand current interests, discover talents and develop emerging skills. Experiences are available for students in elementary, middle and high school.

REGISTER AT TOTINOGRACE.ORG/CAMPS

Playing for #51
Lauren Olson
Senior Hopkins Girls
Lacrosse Goalie

TG/SAV Boys & Girls Lacrosse

YOUTH NIGHT

Join us for a great night of lacrosse vs.
Spring Lake Park High School
Friday, April 19th, 2024

Both games will feature:
Free lacrosse bingo!
Half-time ball toss!!
Win prizes!!!

Youth wearing a
jersey get in free!

Varsity Girls: 5:30pm
Varsity Boys: 7:00pm
@ St. Anthony Village High School

Becoming Catholic OCIA

Becoming Catholic

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Elect and Candidates 2024



**This could be YOU
next year!**

If you have been considering becoming Catholic, come to the OCIA Information Session on Sunday, April 28th at 9:30am

Questions on the program?

Contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship at finkj@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-1540 ext. 1280

Thinking of Becoming Catholic?

Becoming Catholic
OCIA Information Session

Sunday, April 28
9:30 am

(time convenient between the morning Masses)

in St. Joseph Hall

no registration necessary
come for information for yourself or to give to a friend



For more information contact
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Disciple Maker Index Survey

*We want to hear
from you*



Our parish is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ as a parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith. Father Paul is asking that each adult in the parish take this survey.

The very first step in this process involves **assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities**, and that is where the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) comes in!** The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at St. John's.

Take the DMI survey today. Scan the QR code and fill it out on your phone.

- Your input helps your understanding of discipleship and strengthens our parish.
- Results help leadership prepare for the future.
- Confidential.
- The survey takes 10 to 15 minutes to complete.
- The survey is open through May 16 - so take it today!



If you prefer a paper copy, you may pick up your survey at the Harvest Table. When you have completed a paper copy please bring it to the Welcome Desk to submit it.

Questions can be directed to Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship at finkj@stjohnnyb.org or 651.633.1540 ext. 1280.

St. John the Baptist



Friday, May 3, 2024

5:30 - 7:30 pm

FOOD TRUCK

CAKE WALK

AIRBRUSH TATTOOS

GIANT SLIDE

HUMAN FOOSBALL

GAMES

GLAMOUR HAIR

CONNECT 4 BASKETBALL

We Cater To Go food truck will be on site again
this year for families to purchase dinner.

Made to order Barbacoa beef or shredded chick-
en burrito or bowl with cilantro lime rice & black
beans and lettuce, pico, cheese, sour cheese
& guacamole. (\$13.00)

Mac and cheese with a hot dog. (\$7.00)

(cash or card accepted)

Event is **FREE**

Free-will offering will be accepted

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Stop by the School Gym for the
1:55 BOOKFAIR**