

From the Principal

Easter Blessings!

We hope everyone had a glorious Easter. Congratulations to the school parents and SJB teacher, Mrs. Krohn, who came into the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil. We ask you to continue to pray for them and also ask for your prayers for several SJB students who will be receiving first sacraments this weekend at the 10:30am Mass. It is wonderful to see our Church growing. We will continue to keep all of you in our prayers as you continue your faith journey.

Join us at 3:00pm in the Church this Sunday, April 7th as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, have Adoration, and also have five priests available for Confessions.

This month's virtue is obedience which is saying yes to the loving will of God and those who He has placed in our lives to help us live out this virtue, like our parents and teachers. Some of the saints we will be studying this month are Mary, the mother of Jesus, St. Juan Diego and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini.

There will be No District Bussing on Wednesday, April 10th, Thursday, April 11th or Friday, April 12th. Morning drop-off will be at the north/gym lot and afternoon pickup from the main Church lot. Preschool drop-off and pickup will remain the same. The two SJB charter buses to the Blaine area will run normally on these three days.

Other upcoming events:

- Vision and Hearing Screening - Monday, April 8th: Students in kindergarten, first grade, new students and those on an IEP will have both hearing and vision tested. Students in grades 3 and 5 will have vision tested only.
- Rise: All Parish retreat - April 12-13. See below for more details and the registration link.
- First Eucharist Retreat - Sunday, April 21st
- K-2 Sunday Mass - Sunday, April 21st at 10:30am. Students in grades K-2 come to Mass with your families wearing your school uniform.
- First Grade Faith, Family and Fellowship Morning - Wednesday, April 24th. Join us for Mass at 8:30am, followed by a short presentation by the first graders and hospitality in St. Joseph Hall until about 9:45am. RSVP for the morning [HERE](#).

Finally, a reminder to all families regarding afternoon dismissal. If your child's regular schedule is changed for any reason, please let your child's teacher and the school office know - preferably by 2:00pm. We want to ensure that all students are safely going home the correct way or remain at J-Care/Care Crew in the afternoons and that our buses are able to depart the school in a timely manner. If you are in the lot for pickup and do not see your child, please connect with a school staff member. Do not call or text your student on the bus to get off and come to car line. Thank you for your assistance with this and we appreciate your cooperation.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ms. Ann Laird

Upcoming Events:

Vision/Hearing Screening
Monday, April 8th

No Busing Days
Wed-Fri, April 10-12

Gr. 8 - Vocations Trip
Wednesday, April 10

Gr. 2 - Mill City Museum
Friday, April 12

Gr. 4 - History Center
Wednesday, April 17

FINAL DAYS TO ORDER YOUR 2023-2024 YEARBOOK!

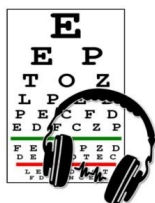
Our yearbook includes student pictures from preschool through 8th grade as well as candid photos that are taken throughout the school year. The cost is \$12 per book, and the books will arrive before the end of the school year.

Orders need to be placed by tomorrow, April 5th using the link below:

[SJB Yearbook Order](#)

YEARBOOK

Vision and Hearing Screening



Vision and Hearing Screening for students will take place at St. John's on Monday, April 8th. The following students will be tested: Students in kindergarten, 1st grade, new students and those on an IEP will have both vision and hearing tested. Students in 3rd and 5th grade will have vision tested only. If teachers and/or parents have any concerns, those students will be tested as well.

We could still use a few volunteers who would be available to help with our screening. No prior training or education is necessary. If your Virtus training is up-to-date and you are able, please consider volunteering for this important screening. Please contact Joy Thienes at thienesj@stjohnnyb.org if you are interested and available.

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

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

SUMMER AT SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY HAS MANY OPTIONS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS!

In addition to our traditional sports, engineering, and other hands-on [SUMMER CAMPS](#), we are also offering [SUMMER PREP](#) - which offers a multitude of academic courses for students in grades 7-12. You can learn more about Summer Prep on April 10th on our [webinar](#) at 12:00 p.m.

Youth Lacrosse Night

You're also invited to Youth Lacrosse Night on Thursday, May 16! [See all the details here](#), which includes a free t-shirt and Dippin' Dots!



**SAINT THOMAS
ACADEMY**

Minnesota Twins Tickets

Students in grades 2-8 are invited to attend a Twins family night with the first graders. This is a fun first grade tradition and we love to have students in the older grades join us. Order forms went home today. If your child didn't bring one home and you'd like to attend, please email Miss Ptak.

What: Minnesota Twins vs. Kansas City Royals

When: Wednesday, May 29th 6:40pm

Cost: Tickets are \$13.00 each

Transportation: Each family is responsible for their own transportation.



All Students must be accompanied by an adult.

Ticket orders are due on Monday, April 8th. You will be billed through TADS for all tickets.

Please email Miss Ptak at ptakd@stjohnnyb.org with any questions.

April After-School Art Classes

To register for any of the classes below, go to the [Art Page](#) of the school website. Please be sure to note the grade requirements for each class. All billing will be done through Tads.



After School Art 2024



Three Little Birds Watercolor Drawing

Grades K-5

Monday, April 15, 2024

12 students; \$25

Draw some sweet little bird friends and then use some special watercolor techniques to create your drawing into a painting.



Crazy Daisy Painting

Grades 3-5

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

12 students; \$25

Students will use acrylic on canvas to create a fun and unique floral painting with simple flower shapes and added pattern details.



Glass Mosaic Crosses

Grades 5-8

Thursday, April 18, 2024

12 students; \$25

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



Mixed Media Butterfly Wings

Grades 3-8

Monday, April 22, 2024

12 students; \$25

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.



Mixed Media Air Dry Clay Birds

Grades K-5

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

12 students; \$25

Students will learn how to dye air dry clay to create bird figures in their own little nest. A variety of materials will be used to create unique new species!

SJB Parish News

Becoming Catholic OCIA

Congratulations to all our new Catholics enrolled in our Becoming Catholic OCIA process. They celebrated the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and first communion at The Great Vigil on March 30. May they continue to walk as disciples of Jesus Christ. Contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship regarding Becoming Catholic OCIA at finkj@stjohnnyb.org or 651.633.1540 ext. 1280.



Youth 365 Resurrection Feast

All are welcome to St. John's this Sunday, Easter, April 7th for a resurrection feast in support of youth ministry. All proceeds (free will offering) will go to the Youth 365 fund which provides scholarships for camp, helps to provide quality resources to our youth ministry programs and updates to the youth room! The feast will be from 9:00am to 1:00pm and will serve a variety of breakfast foods



Rise

An All Parish Retreat

April 12 & 13

- This parish-wide retreat is open to all adult parishioners
- We will have Adoration, Reconciliation, Eucharist, inspiring presentations, time for reflection, and more!
- Continental Breakfast and lunch provided on Saturday
- Retreat concludes with 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday
- \$20 Registration fee until April 1 then price goes up to \$40 until registration closes April 8

[Register and/or Learn More](#)

Speakers:
Bishop Williams
Ryan O'Hara
Father Paul

Schedule
April 12
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
April 13
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
(Childcare available)

Register online at
stjohnnyb.com or
scan the QR code

