

May 2, 2024

From the Principal

Happy May!

The month of May is a time of joy and hope as we celebrate many milestones for our students - First Communions, graduations, and the end of school year. It is also one of two months where we honor Mary in a special way. Yesterday, our 8th graders helped us honor Mary during our May Crowning Mass and also received their graduation ribbons.



8th grade Class of 2024



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Upcoming Events:

Spring Family Night
Friday, May 3

First Eucharist Weekend
Weekend Masses
May 7-10

**2nd Grade FFF Morning -
First Eucharist Celebration**
Wednesday, May 8

8th Gr. Washington DC Trip
May 7-10

7th Grade Retreat Day
Thursday, May 9

Staff Appreciation Week
May 13-17

Join us tomorrow evening, Friday, May 3rd for our annual Spring Family Night. The event will be in the north (gym) parking lot and the school gym 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. Just a couple of the volunteer spots remain open to help run the evening. If you are able, consider taking one of the remaining open shifts - sign up [HERE](#). Thank you to all who have already signed up!

At weekend masses on Saturday, May 4th and Sunday, May 5th, our second grade students will be receiving the sacrament of First Communion. Please join us in praying for them as they receive this important sacrament.

Monday, May 6th we are having our "Move-Up Day." This day is a chance for our students to visit their next grade level teachers to learn about what the next year might look like. Students in grades K-7 will "move-up" on Monday morning for a short visit. Students should report to their normal classes on Monday morning and their teachers will bring them to their next level later in the morning.

The virtue for the month of May is diligence which is doing your best and working hard until you are finished. This is a timely virtue as we near the end of the school year. It is important for both students and staff to continue to work hard. Some saints that the students may be learning about are St. Andre Besette, St. Francis de Sales and St. Catherine of Siena.

**Tuition SJB Discipleship
Grant & KC Grants**

**FINAL CALL for
grant applications!**
**Today, Thursday, May 2nd is
the LAST day to apply.**

SJB Discipleship Grant is available to all those who are active parishioners at St. John's Church.

[SJB Discipleship Grant](#)

KC Grants: 3 - \$500 grants. for those who are current KC members and 2 - \$500 grants for any family that is active within the school or church community.

[Knights of Columbus Grant](#)

Below are a few upcoming events we would like you to be aware of:

- The 2nd grade Faith, Family and Fellowship Morning and First Eucharist Celebration will be held next Wednesday, May 8th. We invite our second grade guests to join us this morning. Please [RSVP here](#) if you haven't done so.
- Staff Appreciation Week will be held May 13-17. St. John's PTO is graciously organizing a wonderful week for our staff. See below for more information.
- There will be no school for all students in preschool through grade 8 on Friday, May 24th and Monday, May 27th for the Memorial Day weekend. J-Care and Care Crew will NOT be available on either day.
- 8th Grade Recognition Program will be held on Wednesday, May 29th. This is also the last day of school for our eighth grade students.
- 8th Grade Graduation Mass will be held on Thursday, May 30th at 6:30pm.
- End of the year picnics will be held on Monday, June 3rd.
- Track and Field Day and the last day of school for all students is Wednesday, June 5th.

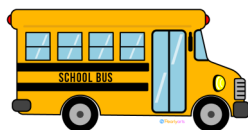
Finally, please pray for the safety of our 8th grade students, staff and chaperones as they travel to Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, May 7th. They will be visiting many historic sights and learning about our nation's history throughout their trip and will be back on Friday, May 10th. I will be travelling with the group this year along with Mrs. Carroll, Mr. Steffl and Mrs. Reina. Look for pictures of our adventures in upcoming Principal's Bulletins.

I hope to see many of you at our Spring Family Fun Night tomorrow! Have a wonderful weekend.

Ms. Ann Laird

District Busing for the 2024-2025 School Year

For those families that reside within the Mounds View District or utilize busing from an address within the MV district, you must complete the online Transportation Registration. This form must be completed in order for your child to have busing. Please be sure to note if you owe a fee for this bus service. Payments should be directed to the district offices.



Complete the following link to register your child for district busing for the 2024-2025 school year:

[MV District Busing Registration 24-25](#)

*Note: Information on the Blaine charter buses will come out this summer.

Volunteer Hours 2023-2024

Volunteer hours are part of the tuition agreement each school year. We ask families of students in grades K-8 to complete 20 hours of volunteer time in the school or Church during each school year.

NOW IS THE TIME TO TURN IN YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR!



Please send your hours to the school office or via email to Joy Thienes at thienesj@stjohnnyb.org. You may use this [Volunteer Tracking Form](#), your own tracking form or just simply an email with your volunteer hours noted is fine.

We ask that you have these hours submitted by Friday, May 17th. You may estimate any volunteer hours you plan to complete through the end of the school year.

The hour commitment for the 23-24 school year is 20 hours or \$500. Any hours not completed will be charged to your Tads accounts at a rate of \$25 per hour up to \$500.

May After-School Art



Crazy Daisy Painting, Grades 3-5

Monday, May 6, 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.

Saint Stick Puppets: Marian Edition, Grades 3-8

Monday, May 13, 2024 or Monday, May 20, 2024: 12 students; \$25

Students will create 4 well-known Marian titles from our Catholic faith. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Grace, and Our Lady of Lourdes. Perfect for imaginary play or a mini plant stake for a Mary Garden.



Mixed Media Air Dry Clay Birds, Grades K-5

Thursday, May 16, 2024 or Tuesday, May 21, 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!

Register for any of these classes on 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, registration materials and more.

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

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**

THANK YOU FOR

BEE-ING

THE SWEETEST

Teachers & staff!

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 13-17
DUTY FREE WEEK | PTO TAKES ON LUNCH & RECESS DUTY ALL WEEK

Mon

Enjoy a grab and go breakfast served in St. Joseph's Hall. Enter the basket raffle!
6:30-8:30AM

Tues

Coffee cart and donuts in the church parking lot.
7:00-8:00AM

Wed

Your wish is our command! Today is teacher wish list day and a surprise gift from your SJB PTO!

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Lunch served in St. Joseph's Hall!
10:25AM-12:30 PM

Fri

Drinks on us! Appreciation happy hour, bingo, and prizes in the science lab. 2:40-5:00PM

Daily Raffle!

- Tues:** Buzzing About Summer Basket
- Wed:** Bee a Baker Basket
- Thur:** Honey, I'll have an Old Fashioned Basket
- Fri:** You BEE-long Relaxing Basket
- Every Day:** \$25 Visa Gift Card

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!

