

## From the Principal

We celebrated with our second grade students this week during our Wednesday all school Mass and the 2nd grade Faith, Family and Fellowship Morning. It was a special celebration for those students who recently received their First Communion. It was a wonderful morning and we were so happy to see so many of our families here with us. Please continue to pray for our students that they may take advantage of every opportunity to receive the Lord regularly.



Our 8th grade students are currently in Washington, D.C. along with Mrs. Carroll, Mr. Steffl, Ms. Reina, Ms. Laird and a few parent chaperones. They are having a wonderful time and learning about our nation's history. Below are a few photos from their trip so far.



## Upcoming Events:

- Staff Appreciation Week**  
May 13-17
- Band Concert**  
May 16
- Round Up No Uniform Day**  
May 21
- Last Open Youth Room**  
May 21
- No School Pre - Gr. 8**  
May 24 & 27
- Gr 8 Recognition Program**  
May 29
- Last Day - Gr. 8**  
May 29
- Gr 8 Graduation Mass**  
May 30 @ 6:30pm
- End of the Year Picnic**  
June 3
- Track & Field Day**  
June 4
- Last Day - Pre - Gr. 7**  
June 4

Some of the places that the groups have visited include the Franklin Institute, Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell on day 1. Day 2 included the National Shrine of the Immaculate Mary, National Cathedral, Lincoln Memorial, and the Korean and Vietnam War Memorials. Today, on day 3, they went to Mass at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle and so far have visited Arlington Cemetery and Mount Vernon. We look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return. Please continue to keep them all in your prayers for safe travels.

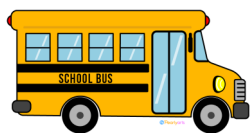
Below are a few upcoming events we would like you to be aware of:

- 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.
- As part of our Wines to Wishes Fundraiser, parents were able to "Round Up" their students and their classmates to earn a non-uniform day along with a visit to the SJB Snack Shack. We are happy to announce that ALL students in grades K-8 were "rounded up" and may come to school out of uniform on Tuesday, May 21st.
- 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. We are looking for some volunteers to help that day. Please check out the [Picnic Volunteer Signup](#)
- Track and Field Day and the last day of school for students in preschool through grade 7 is Wednesday, June 5th.

Finally, we wish all of our mother's a very happy Mother's Day! For your children, you are the witness of strong, caring, positive, loving, and faith-filled women who like our mother Mary, desire the best for all of God's children. We hope you have a wonderful weekend and be assured of our prayers for you.

Good luck and safe travels to all those headed out for the fishing opener.  
Have a wonderful weekend!

## 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

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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](mailto: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

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**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

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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](mailto:kantorm@stjohnnyb.org)



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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!

*Thur*

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!**

