

From the Principal

The 2024-2025 school year is quickly approaching and we are getting excited to have students filling our hallways and classrooms once again. We welcome all our new families to St. John's and look forward to getting to know you and your students this year.

Construction in the school is ongoing and coming together. Upstairs bathrooms are being tiled and fixtures are going in. Downstairs bathrooms are framed and sheetrock installation is almost complete. Carpeting is being installed in classrooms. New middle school lockers are here and will be installed once hallway carpeting is complete. We are excited to see the changes and we are looking forward to the finished product!

As we approach the beginning of the year, we want to make you aware of the following events that happen before the first day of school on September 3rd.

- K-8 New Parent Meeting - Monday, August 5th at 6:00pm in parish room 211 (upstairs the parish center). New parents who have students in grades K-8 (this event is not intended for preschool families) are invited to come to this meeting to get an overview of some of our policies and procedures as well highlight some programs, events, and groups that are an important part of our community. This is for parents only.
- Kindergarten Parent Meet and Greet at the Rectory on August 7th and August 8th. This community building event is to welcome our kindergarten families to St. John's School and Parish. An invitation was sent from Father Paul Shovelain to our kindergarten families. If you have an incoming kindergartener and did not receive an invite, please let the school office know. I am looking forward to visiting with you! If you are unable to attend one of these sessions, there will be other community building events this fall and throughout the school year.
- Used Uniform Sale hosted by our PTO is Wednesday, August 7th from 3:00-6:00pm in the school gym. Please enter through the gym office door (door 8) off of the north parking lot on 10th Street NW. This sale is an opportunity to purchase used uniform pieces for your child at discounted prices. Items are donated by current and former students and proceeds benefit the SJB PTO.
- The New Brighton Stockyard Days Parade is on Saturday, August 10th and St. John's will once again be walking in the parade. The parade begins at 10:00am and more information may be found below. Save that Saturday morning and plan to walk with us to show the local community our wonderful school.
- Kindergarten Picnic for our incoming Kindergarten families will be held on Thursday, August 22nd from 5:00-6:00pm. This is a wonderful event to meet other kindergarten families, current SJB families, teachers and staff. Thank you to our SJB PTO for hosting this event. Families will receive more details regarding the picnic in the mail from the kindergarten teachers next week.
- Meet My Teacher Night will be held on the evening of Wednesday, August



Upcoming Events:

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| New K-8 Family Meeting
Mon., Aug 5, 6:00pm |
| Used Uniform Sale
Wed, Aug 7, 3-6:00pm |
| KG Parent Meet & Greet
Wed & Thurs, Aug 7-8 |
| Stockyard Days Parade
Sat, Aug 10 |
| Kindergarten Picnic
Thurs, Aug 22 |
| Meet My Teacher Night
Wed, Aug 28 |
| First Day of School, Pre-8
Tues, Sept 3 |

28th. On this night you will be able to drop off school supplies, meet your child's teacher, sign up for sacraments, and drop off medications or paperwork to office staff. More details will be coming in future bulletins, but be sure to put this on your calendar now. We are again planning for two time frames to ease the congestion of the evening a bit

Last names M-Z from 4:00-5:00pm

Last names A-L from 5:30-6:30pm

We wish all our families a continued enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you all soon! Blessings to you and your family.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Tuition Accounts for 2024–2025 School Year

Families should have received an email from TADS Tuition Management Company with information and a link to set up your tuition payments for the 2024-2025 school year. Please complete this setup as soon as possible as payments should begin in August. Payment options are outlined in the agreement but families will have the following options:

1. Pay tuition in full by August 20th and receive \$100 off.
2. Pay tuition in 2 installments - the first half in August 2024 and the second in January 2025.
3. Pay your tuition in 10 monthly installments - August through May.

Additional charges will be added to your accounts throughout the school year as necessary. These charges include athletic fees, activity fees, etc. These fees will be added to your regular tuition bill if possible. Preschool Care Crew and SJB J-Care charges will be billed separately and their due dates will be determined by Preschool and J-Care Directors. All extra charges will be withdrawn automatically from your account on file if your account is set for automatic withdrawal. If you manually make tuition payments, it will also be required to do so for any incidentals that are charged to your account.

If you have questions or problems with the set up of your account, please contact the Tads helpline directly at 612-548-3320. If you have questions regarding the charges on your account, please contact Joy Thienes at thienesj@stjohnnyb.org.

Busing for 2024–2025 School Year

If you live within the Mounds View School District and wish to receive bus service for your student for the 24-25 school year, you must register at the link below (if you haven't done so).



[MV District Busing Registration](#). The registration form will ask for your student's ID number, but it is not required. If you have any questions, please contact the [Mounds View Transportation](#) Department at [651-621-6027](tel:651-621-6027).

If you live in the Blaine area, are new to St. John's and interested in the Blaine charter routes and haven't yet indicated that interest, please contact Joy Thienes at thienesj@stjohnnyb.org. The busing company is currently reviewing ridership and routes so more information will be coming out soon on these routes.

School Supplies

The School Supply list for the 2024-2025 school year is available on the SJB website. These items may be brought to Meet My Teacher Night on Wednesday, August 28th. Teachers will have directions that evening for the students on where to put all their items. Bringing supplies that night helps the students so they are ready to go the first day of school.



[2024-2025 School Supply List](#)

Educational Benefits Form – Free/Reduced Lunch form

School breakfast and lunches will again be offered to students free of charge this school year. For those who have qualified for free/reduced meals in the past or believe they may now qualify, we ask that you still complete the Educational Benefits Form this year. This helps our school, but also offers families additional benefits such as free district busing. This form may be found online (links below) or we have hard copies in the school office. Completed forms may be turned in to the school office.

[Educational Benefits - English](#)

[Educational Benefits - Spanish](#)

Donald's Uniform

Donald's Uniform is the designated supplier of the SJB uniforms to assure a commonality and uniformity in dress. New monogrammed shirts, fleece, sweaters and plaid jumpers or skirts must be purchased through Donald's Uniform. When you order from Donald's, you have the option to ship the items directly to SJB for free. Use the following coupon code: **SJBNBSTS**

Shipments will go out approximately once per month. If you need your items sooner, please choose the Call When Ready In-Store Pickup option (no charge) or pay to have your items shipped to your home.



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Note: when items arrive at St. John's, the office staff will contact you to let you know that items are here.

SJB Uniform Policy may be found on the school website: [SJB Uniform Policy](#)

Used Uniform Sale – Wednesday, August 7th

The Used Uniform Sale is an opportunity to purchase gently used uniforms at greatly discounted prices. The uniforms are donated by the families of St. John the Baptist School. We have two used sales each year - August and January. Our August sale will be held on Wednesday, August 7th from 3:00-6:00pm in the school gym. Please enter the school through the gym office entrance (north parking lot) - door 8. Cost for school uniform items at the sale is \$5 per item. Note that payment accepted at the sale is cash or check (to St. John's) only.

We accept donations of gently used uniform pants, shorts, shirts, skirts, jumpers and spirit wear to the school office anytime during the school year. If you are dropping any uniform items off, you may leave them in the Uniform drop box that is located right outside the office door - thank you!



* PLEASE NO CLOTHING WITH RIPPED HEMS, TEARS, HOLES, MULTIPLE STAINS OR MISSING BUTTONS *

New Brighton Stockyard Days Parade – Join Us!

Please save the date! St. John's School will be participating in the New Brighton Stockyard Days Parade on Saturday, August 10th, and we would love for you to join us!

We are looking for students and parents to wear their SJB Spirit Wear or school colors (blue and white) and join us in promoting our school. Participating students will earn a non-uniform pass, and parents will earn volunteer hours. All students must be accompanied by an adult. This is a great way to earn some volunteer hours before the school year begins! As a reminder, all families with students in grades K-8 are asked to volunteer for 25 hours (per the tuition contract).



We will be walking the route again this year. Strollers and/or wagons are encouraged. Please wear comfortable shoes, bring a water bottle, and wear sunscreen – a backpack may be a good idea to carry belongings. We will be handing out candy along the parade route and providing postcards to those who inquire. We will also have two individuals carrying a sign to identify who we are.

The parade begins at 10am, so we ask all participants to arrive to our spot by 9:45am. We are typically staged in the Parish parking lot; however, we have not been given the official line-up yet. As we get closer to the day of the parade a reminder will be sent out with more specific details.

If you are planning to be there, please email Michelle Barsness (barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org), so we have an approximate count of participants (and have non-uniform passes ready for the students).

We hope to see many of our St. John's families at the parade!

SJB Parish News

Thinking of Becoming Catholic?

Becoming Catholic
OCIA Information Session

Sunday, August 18
9:30 am

(time convenient between the morning Masses)

in Room 206

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



For more information contact
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