

November 14, 2024

From the Principal

November is a time to remember and be thankful. We would like to express gratitude for you and your family. We are blessed to have each of you as part of our community. Thank you for the many ways you support your children and our school. We are so very grateful for this partnership. THANK YOU!

Tonight is our Fall Open House from 5:30-7:00pm. The event is a drop-in event for those who would like to know more about enrolling their child at St. John's. Check out our [website](#) for more details. Please share this with families who may be interested in learning more about St. John's.

It's time to sign-up for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Click on the following link to access the signups: [Parent-Teacher Conferences](#). Please be sure to read the information on the website regarding the details for each grade. For questions about your child's conference, please email your child's teacher directly. For technical help, please contact [Mrs. Barsness](#). Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences for grades K-8 will be held in-person on November 25th and November 26th from 12:20-8:00pm each day. Preschool families will receive information on their conference information from your child's teacher.

The book fair will be at St. John's beginning next week. Students will be visiting the book fair during their regular media class time. The book fair will also be open during conferences in the Science Lab on Monday, November 25th and Tuesday, November 26th or online for the next two weeks. See below for more information.

Monday, November 25 and Tuesday, November 26 will be half days of in-person school. Preschool will be hosting their Grandparent/Special Person Days on these mornings at 10:30-11:30am. Couple of items to note about these two days:

1. There will be no district buses on either day. SJB chartered buses to the Blaine areas will run in the morning and at the 11:30 dismissal times only.
2. There will be no breakfast or lunch served at school on either day.
3. J-Care and Care Crew are available beginning at 11:30 each day. If you need care, please sign up on the school website:

[J-Care \(K-8\) Signup](#) [Care Crew \(Preschool\) Signup](#)

As the weather starts to turn colder, please be sure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather, including coats, hats, mittens/gloves and if there is snow, boots and snowpants. Students will go outside for recess unless it is raining heavily or the temperature, including the windchill, is below 0°F. **Label all clothing with your child's name.**

Upcoming Events:

Fall Open House	Nov 14
No School Pre - gr. 8	Nov 15
Give to the Max Day	Nov 21
End of 1st Trimester	Nov 22
Student Half Days	Nov 25-26
No School Preschool - Gr 8	Nov 27-29



Saint Philip the Apostle



Saint Elias



Saint Gianna Beretta Molla



Blessed Carlos Acutis - Saint Lucy - Our Blessed Mother

Congratulations!

Winners of our Facebook Saint-in-Training Contest!

Finally, a reminder that there will be no school for all students in preschool through grade 8 tomorrow, Friday, November 15th for a teacher/staff workday.

We hope everyone has a wonderful weekend. See you on Monday!

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

I:55 Book Fair coming to SJB

The I:55 BOOK FAIR is coming to SJB!

The book fair will be open for students to attend and shop during their regular class media times next week and will be open from 12:00-8:00pm on Mon, Nov. 25 and Tues, Nov. 26 during conferences.

I:55 BOOK FAIRS
Where Faith Matters

Can't make it during conferences? Shop online at <https://i55bookfairs.com/collections>

PAYMENT AND GIFT CARDS:

We will be accepting cash, check (to St. John's), and credit card during the fair, as well as gift cards. To purchase an I:55 gift card for your student, follow the link below. Our fair number is MN041, so enter that when purchasing. **WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED PURCHASING YOUR GIFT CARD**, forward your confirmation email to your child's teacher and they will print out the gift card and bring it with the class as they attend the book fair. Also, consider purchasing gift cards for your children's teachers so they can also buy books for their classrooms! <https://i55bookfairs.com/products/i55-book-fairs-gift-card>

VOLUNTEERING:

Lastly, book fairs can not run without YOUR HELP. Please consider volunteering for a slot (or two or three) so that our book fair can run smoothly and the students can have as much help as they need while shopping! Please see below for the signup. Each signup slot for next week has the teacher's name next to it so you can volunteer to help your child's classroom. Middle school just has class sections, so ask your middle schooler what section they're in if you'd like to help your student's class.



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Volunteers MUST be up-to-date on their Virtus Training to help at the book fair.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Tina Bobnick at bobnickt@stjohnnyb.org

SJB Hockey – Registration Now Open

Hockey at St. John's is open to girls and boys in grades 5-8. It is a mixed team – all those who sign up will play on the same team. Please note the following:

- Equipment will not be provided by SJB. The athlete must supply their own equipment.
- Athletes who sign up **MUST** have prior hockey experience.

Registration will be open through November 27th. November 27th is the deadline to register your child(ren) for hockey.

Questions? Contact [Mr. Cole Van Beusekom](#)



Register on the [Athletics Page](#) of the SJB website. Register each student separately

Give the Max Day – November 21st

What is Give to the Max Day?

Give to the Max is a statewide giving campaign where thousands of individuals and organizations across the state of Minnesota support nonprofits and schools.

When does Give to the Max happen?

The official Give to the Max Day is on Thursday, November 21st. Early giving has started, though, which means you can show your support any time now through November 21st.

What is St. John's raising money for?

Check out our [Give to the Max site](#) to learn more about our goal of raising \$5000 for teacher and student technology needs.

How can I support St. John's?

There are three amazing ways to support our campaign!

1. If you are financially able, please donate to our campaign through our [Give to the Max site](#). Donations are tax deductible.
2. Share our campaign with family and friends through email, social media, and word of mouth.
3. Prayers are always appreciated for a successful giving campaign!

Questions? Contact Michelle Barsness at barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org



Early giving for Give to the Max has officially begun! Our goal this year is \$5,000, which will assist us with technology costs for our teachers and students. Read more on our site!

www.givemn.org/organization/stjohnnyb

SJB Preschool Corner



CARE CREW TEACHER OPENINGS:

SJB Preschool is looking to hire additional Care Crew teachers for our after-school program. Hours are approximately 2:30-5:30pm Monday - Friday. If you or someone you know may be interested, contact Andrea Schroeder at schroedera@stjohnnyb.org

UPCOMING PRESCHOOL DATES:

GRANDPARENT/SPECIAL PERSON DAY: Nov 25 and 26; 10:30-11:30am; student dismissal at 11:30am

Care Crew available beginning at 11:30am - signup [HERE](#)

PRESCHOOL CONFERENCES: November 25 and 26

NO PRESCHOOL (THANKSGIVING): November 27-29, No Care Crew