

Tonight we will host our Preschool/Kindergarten Parent Information Night from 6-7:30pm. Please encourage anyone interested in our preschool or kindergarten to attend this event. Attendees will begin in St. Joseph Hall and will receive an overview of St. John's and then have the opportunity to learn more about our preschool and/or kindergarten programs specifically. Please help us spread the word.

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year begins tomorrow, January 17th. As was communicated via email this week, registration opens for St. John's families at approximately 8:00am tomorrow morning. All current families will receive an email from TADS in the morning with information on enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year. The [tuition agreement](#) is available to view on our school website. The agreement includes information about all fees as well as the Tuition and Fees Billing and Collection Policies.

Please note the following information regarding enrollment:

- Your child is NOT enrolled for the next school year until you log on to TADS and confirm their enrollment. It is a simple and quick process - less than 5 minutes!
- It is better to enroll sooner rather than later, especially if your child's grade is nearing capacity (50 students).
- When you are enrolling your child(ren), you do have the option to add a new application if you have a child that is not yet attending our school. For example, if you have a younger child ready to start preschool, you will be able to fill out an application at this time.
- If you know someone interested in attending our school, please let them know that they will be able to apply on Friday morning after 8am.

Preschool families:

- Your child is automatically put in the next level of preschool or moved to kindergarten based on their age. If you see that the grade is not correct, you will see a dropdown menu that will allow you to change the grade. For example, if your child is able to go to kindergarten based on their age, the system will place them in kindergarten. You will have the option to put them into another year of Pre-K (via the drop-down menu) if that is what you would like to do.
- If you are ready to enroll in kindergarten, you will have until January 24th at 12:00pm to enroll your child. We will begin to accept new families into our kindergarten class that day. You are welcome to enroll after that date, but you are risking losing your spot to a new family if the grade fills up. Note that in order for your child to enroll in kindergarten, he/she MUST be 5 by Sept. 1, 2025.

Please be on the lookout for these emails from TADS on Friday morning. If you have any questions regarding enrollment, please contact [Michelle Barsness](#).

Tuition assistance applications for the 2025-2026 school year are available now and we encourage you to complete these applications as soon as possible at www.mytads.com. For current families to receive aid, the deadline for applying for our school is March 15th, however, to be eligible for AIM Higher or CSAF grants, these applications must be submitted by February 28th. For those families who received one of these grants this school year, note that you must reapply each



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Upcoming Events:

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| SJB Registration Info Night
Jan 16 |
| No School - staff workday
Jan 20 |
| No District Busing
Jan 23 & 24 |
| Catholic Schools Week
Jan 26-31 |
| Wines to Wishes
February 1 |

year to continue to receive them.

Below are a few upcoming items to be aware of:

- Monday, January 20th is Martin Luther King Jr Day and a professional development day for our staff. There is no school for all students in preschool - grade 8 and both J-Care and Care Crew will be closed.
- Next Thursday and Friday, January 23-24 are no district busing days. The district buses will not run on these two days and students will need transportation to/from school both days. The charter routes to the Blaine area will run normally.
- Sunday, January 26th is our Catholic Schools Week Mass at the 10:30am Sunday service time. There will be a short open house following Mass until 12 Noon for you to visit your child's classroom, collect their out of uniform slip, see the Teacher/Staff Raffle Baskets, and stop by the used uniform sale in the school cafeteria. Also, the Knights of Columbus are serving a waffle breakfast following the 8:30 am and 10:30am Masses in St. Joseph Hall. Join us for this official kick off of Catholic Schools Week. See below for more details.
- Monday, January 27th – Friday, January 31st is Catholic Schools Week. Throughout the week, we will be celebrating and learning together about all the wonderful things Catholic schools offer. We will be celebrating our community, learning about vocations, worshiping God, sharing our talents, and having some fun. Look for more information below.
- Saturday, February 1st is our Wines to Wishes event from 5:30 - 10:30pm. It is our major fundraising event of the year for adults only. We have games, a silent and live auction that supports our Fund-A-Need or Wish of the event. We are busy planning for this wonderful night, but we need your help to ensure a successful event. Register online now on the [wines to wishes website](#). We are looking for donations for our silent and live auctions. Thank you for your generosity and support in making our Wines to Wishes 2025 a successful event! See below for more information.

Finally, as is usually the case at this time of the year, we have had an uptick in students out with illnesses - Influenza A, strep, and stomach bugs have all been reported along with various other viruses and colds. We ask that you please follow the following general guidelines for keeping your student home when he/she is ill:

- If your child has a fever of 100° degrees or more, he/she should stay home for 24 hours **AFTER** their temperature returns to normal without fever reducing medication.
- If your child has vomited or has had diarrhea, the student should stay home for a **full 24 hours after the last episode.**
- If your child has a rash that may be disease-related or the cause is unknown, check with their health care provider before sending your student to school.

If your student is ill, please keep your student home and report the symptoms or illness using the attendance line (651-633-2211 ext. 1119) for tracking and attendance purposes. If your child has a contagious illness such as chicken pox, strep throat, pertussis, influenza, or COVID-19, please indicate that in your message.

Please see the [Health Office](#) page of the school website for a link for specific conditions and the exclusion from school periods for each. Thank you for your help in trying to keep all our students and staff healthy.

Have a wonderful long weekend.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Wines to Wishes 2025

Wines to Wishes 2025 is just two weeks away!
We need your help to make this event a success for SJB!

REGISTER NOW! Invitations went home with students before Christmas. All [registration](#) takes place online. As a reminder, K-8 families are asked to purchase two tickets as part of the tuition agreement. Please note that our preschool families (with no K-8 students) receive complimentary tickets - a code was in the envelope with your invitation.

DONATIONS NEEDED: [We are still looking for donations for our silent auction.](#) All donations (either individual items or baskets) need to be to the school office by Thursday, January 23rd. If you are looking for donation ideas, visit the event [website](#) where you will find an Amazon Wish List, a Target Wish List, and a Gift Card Wish List. We also have an option for donating money online if you would rather that we do the shopping for you. You can shop from the comfort of your home for the items on our wish list, and items will be delivered directly to St. John's. We are also looking for **donations for our live auction.** These are "big ticket" items such as hotel stays, concert tickets, sports tickets, etc. If you are able to donate or have a connection to someone who is able, please let [Michelle Barsness](#) know.

8th Grade Families: We are continuing our tradition of a separate **8th grade donation**, which will be used for the live auction. Please be sure to check out the [8th Grade Donation Letter](#) for more information.



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

Have a basket you don't want or need? Donate it to Wines to Wishes for our silent auction!

Drop any baskets at the school office.



Note that all families who donate will receive a non-uniform pass for their child(ren) after the event takes place. Once you have donated, please fill out a short [Google Form](#), so we can ensure your child(ren) get their pass.

Sponsors: We are still looking for **event sponsors.** Information is available on the Sponsor Page of our Wines to Wishes [website](#). Thank you to those who have already signed up to be a sponsor - our website will be updated soon with their information!

Thank you in advance for helping to make our 20th Wines to Wishes a success!

8th Grade Washington, D.C. Fundraiser – Frozen Pizzas

BELLA NAPOLI
FROZEN NAPOLI-STYLE PIZZAS

The 8th grade students travelling to Washington, D.C. this spring are holding a frozen pizza fundraiser. Orders will be accepted online now through January 21st. The pizzas will be available for pick up outside the school office on Friday, February 7th from 2:30-4:00pm.

Thank you for your support!

To order, click the link or scan the QR code. [Pizza Order](#)



Catholic Schools Week 2025

Sunday, January 26th - Celebrating with the SJB Parish Community

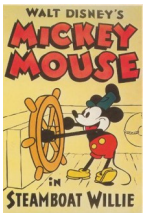
Catholic Schools Week Mass at 10:30am

Students should wear their school uniforms and sit with their class during Mass. All K-8 students will sit in the middle sections of the Church - the front rows will be reserved. The front pews to the left of the altar will be reserved for preschool students and their parents/families

*School Open House following Mass until 12:00pm. KC Waffle Breakfast in St. Joseph Hall.

*Used Uniform Sale in the school cafeteria following Mass until 12:00pm

NOTE: STUDENTS MAY COME IN THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORM ON ANY DAY THIS WEEK IF THEY CHOOSE TO NOT DRESS IN THE THEME OF THE DAY IF THAT IS MOST COMFORTABLE



Monday, January 27th - Celebrating our Community Yesterday's Legacy, Tomorrow's Promise

Dress Day: Animation Day - Dress as your favorite animated character or wear a shirt with an animated character on it

Movie and snack for student activity.

Tuesday, January 28th - Celebrating Vocations From Past Callings to Future Vocations

Dress Day: Biblical Times - Dress as your favorite person from the Bible.

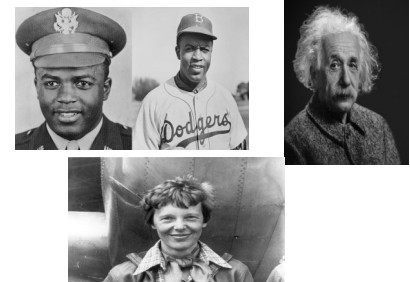


Wednesday, January 29th - Celebrating our Nation Celebrating our Nation, Across Time and Beyond

Dress Day: Dress your best - Students should dress up, not down today focusing on red, white and blue (if possible). Please wear nice pants, shirts, dresses, skirts, etc.

Thursday, January 30th - Celebrating our Volunteers Honoring the Past and Shaping the Future with Every Act of Service

Dress Day: Dress as a famous historical figure from any time period
Variety Show in St. Joseph Hall in the afternoon at 12:50pm



Friday, January 31st - Celebrating our Students Students Today, Changing the World of Tomorrow

Dress Day: School Spirit and hat day

Teacher Raffle Basket Drawing (information coming next week on raffle baskets!)

Student Activities: Top Golf (gr. 6-8), Bowling (gr. 3-5) and Zero Gravity (gr. K-2)

Saturday, February 1st - Wines to Wishes

Adult only event - Register to attend at www.winestowishes.com





Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Catholic Schools Week is a week where we celebrate our wonderful school and to thank those who help to make it a great place to be!

We are excited for the fun activities planned for our students and community!

Join us as we travel 'back in time' and thank all those who help our school be a better place during CSW 2025!



Teacher Raffle: One fun activity we do each year for CSW is the Teacher Raffle. Teachers and other school staff put together fun baskets for a student raffle. Students may purchase tickets to try their luck at winning a basket. Tickets are 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.00.

Each student will receive an order form on January 23rd to complete and return with money to purchase tickets (ticket purchases are optional). Ticket orders will be filled by the student ambassadors and returned to the students beginning on January 27th and sold through January 29th. **No tickets will be sold after Wednesday, January 29th and all tickets are due back by Thursday, January 30th.** Students are strongly encouraged to not wait until the last minute to purchase or turn tickets in. Buckets for each basket will be in the hallway by the resource rooms for the completed raffle tickets. Look for the list of baskets in future bulletins.

Community News



February 11, 2025

**TOTINO-GRACE
OPEN HOUSE**

Time to see why you belong at TG!

6:15 p.m. Check-in
6:30 Presentation
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Learn and Explore





HOME OF YOUTH LACROSSE FOR MOUNDS VIEW AND IRONDELE

TRY LACROSSE FOR FREE!

JANUARY 17 FOR 12U/14U
7:30-8:30PM
JANUARY 18 FOR 6U-10U
8:30-9:30AM
at Playmakers in Vadnais Heights

Boys and girls
Sticks provided
Registration details to come.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 16
MVI.LACROSSE.ORG

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!





HOME OF YOUTH LACROSSE FOR MOUNDS VIEW AND IRONDELE

SJB Parish News

MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT

Friday January 17th 6-9pm
& Saturday January 18th 9:30am-5:30pm
@St. John the Baptist & Green Acres



THE WEEKEND WILL OFFER GAMES, TALKS, PRAYER,
SMALL GROUPS AND SNOW TUBING!
LUNCH SATURDAY WILL BE PROVIDED. COST: \$40



THIS YEAR'S THEME:
CHRIST THE HEALER

Email Sarah Wilder with questions at wilders@stjohnnyb.org

This isn't just
another book.
IT IS AN INVITATION TO
PARTICIPATE IN A
SACRED JOURNEY—
*a Spiritual
Pilgrimage*



Eucharistic Consecration

Join parishioners as we journey daily through the Christmas Give Away Book entitled 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory. Each day there is a reflection, Virtue and Spiritual Communion prayer preparing you for Eucharistic Consecration on the weekend of February 1-2 Feast of the Presentation at all Masses.

Pray along each day at the 3:00pm Prayer time.

Go to www.stjohnnb.org for Resources -

3:00pm Prayer Video, Daily Conversation Starters & Small Group Materials.



Register Now Ice Fishing with Father Tournament

When: February 22, 2025

11:00 am-1:00 pm

Where: Long Lake Beach

Who: 50 parishioners and
friends of SJB!

- Participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult
- Ages 16 and older must have a MN fishing license



Register by scanning the QR code
or on our parish website: stjohnnb.com



JOIN US FOR AN EVENING ON

DIVORCE

Transformed by the Healing of God

SPEAKER: DR. KATE WALSH-SOUCHERAY, ED.D.

M.A. THEOLOGY; M.A. MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY
LICENSED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST, EMERITUS

ST. JOSEPH HALL

WEDNESDAY, 2/12

6:30-7:30 PM



FOR ALL ADULTS WHO ARE DIVORCED OR HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY DIVORCE

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE WITH REGISTRATION



**Knights of
Columbus**
Council #14250

WAFFLE BREAKFAST

Join us on January 26
9:00 am - Noon



All you can eat: waffles, scrambled eggs, sausages, syrup and sugar-free syrup, butter, fruit for the waffles, orange juice, coffee, milk, water. A gluten-free option is available on request.

Prices: \$14 per person, children 5 and under free, family maximum \$50. Cash, check, or credit card. Come and enjoy some breakfast and some fellowship, and support the Knights!