



From the Principal

January 30, 2025

Happy Catholic Schools Week! We hope everyone has enjoyed the week so far. It was great to see all the students and families at Mass on Sunday to kick off the week. Today was the variety show which is always a lot of fun and showcases our talented students! Tomorrow we will celebrate our students with a day of fun. This day includes the teacher basket raffle, all-school music BINGO, games with prayer partners and wrapping up with fieldtrips! We hope the students enjoy their day.

Catholic Schools Week wraps up with the adult-only Wines to Wishes event. Join us on Saturday, February 1st as we go back to the "Roaring 20s" and celebrate the 20th anniversary of fulfilling wishes at St. John's. This evening is a night of fun, fellowship and fundraising and we look forward to seeing you all there! The event runs from 5:30 - 11:30pm with the following times for the schedule of events:

- Silent Auction 5:30pm - 8:00pm
- Casino Games 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- Live Jazz Music 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- Live Presentations 8:30 - 10:00pm

There are still some open volunteer positions for the event. Sign up for a spot here: [W2W Volunteer](#)

A reminder that registration for next year is now open. If you haven't yet re-enrolled your child(ren), please do so ASAP. Students are not registered unless you follow the steps in the email from TADS to enroll. We will now accept new students so if you want to ensure that your child has a spot at St. John's next year, you must enroll them. If you have any enrollment questions, please contact Michelle Barsness at barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org.

Just a reminder of upcoming events:

- The next PTO Non-Uniform for Teacher Day is Tuesday, February 4th. Students who bring a minimum of \$1.00, may come to school out of uniform. All money raised is used to show appreciation for our teachers and school staff.
- The final online school spirit clothing store will open tomorrow, January 31st and run through Sunday, February 9th. This is the FINAL store that we will have this school year. The link to the store may be found on the [Uniform page of the school website](#).
- We will be conducting Vision and Hearing Screenings for some of our students on Tuesday, February 11th. Students in kindergarten, grade 1 or those new to SJB will be tested for both vision and hearing. Students in grades 3 and 5 will have their vision tested only. If your child does not fall into these grades but you have concerns about your child in either area, please let their teacher know and he/she can request to have them tested on this day.
- Third grade Faith Family and Fellowship is Wednesday, February 12th. Join us for Mass at 8:30am followed by a short program and fellowship in the hall. Please rsvp for the morning by completing the short google form here: [Grade 3 FFF](#)
- Valentine's Day Classroom Parties are Friday, February 14th. Students may come to school out of uniform on this day dressed in Valentine's Day colors or an appropriate Valentine-themed shirt. Jeans or sweatpants are okay on this day.



Upcoming Events:

- Online Spirit Wear Shop
Jan 31 - Feb 9
- Wines to Wishes
February 1
- Non-Uniform for Teachers
February 4
- Vision & Hearing Screening
February 11
- Gr. 3 FFF Morning
February 12

2025-2026 Tuition Assistance

Tuition assistance applications for the 2025-2026 school year are available now!

Find applications at www.mytads.com.

Deadlines for assistance applications:

AIM Higher or CSAF:
February 28th

SJB Assistance:
March 15th

- There will be NO SCHOOL for all students in preschool through grade 8 on Monday, February 17th for Presidents Day. There is no J-Care or Care Crew available.
- Our 3-5 Grade Level Sunday Mass is February 23rd at 10:30am. Students should come in uniform and join us in worshipping with our parish community.
- The 6th grade Faith Family and Fellowship Morning is on Wednesday, February 26th. Plan to join us for Mass at 8:30am, followed by a short presentation by our 6th grade students and hospitality in St. Joseph Hall. RSVP information will be coming soon to 6th grade families.
- The end of the 2nd trimester is Friday, February 28th. This is also the 8th grade retreat day.

Enjoy this weather warm up and see you this weekend.
Ms. Ann Laird, Principal



THE EIGHTH
ANNUAL \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP

GIVEAWAY AIM HIGHER FOUNDATION

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2025

SCHOLARSHIP GIVEAWAY

For the eighth year, the Aim Higher Foundation is giving away \$1,000 scholarships to celebrate Catholic Schools Week!

Enter now until Sunday, February 2, 2025 at <https://aimhigherfoundation.org>



SJB PTO
TEACHER APPRECIATION

NON-UNIFORM FUNDRAISER

TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 4

To participate in the non-uniform fundraiser, on Feb 4th, put a \$1 donation (minimum) with this flyer in your child's folder and you can send them to school out of uniform that day!

Proceeds go to fund teacher appreciation events throughout the school year.

School Spirit Online Store

The FINAL online school spirit store opens tomorrow, January 31st and runs through Sunday, February 9th. You may find the link to the store on the Uniform page of the school website or by clicking the link below. This will be the FINAL opportunity to order spirit wear this school year.

[School Spirit Online Store](#)



Preschool News

Preschool is looking for additional Care Crew Teachers. Hours are Monday - Friday from 2:30-5:30pm. Contact Andrea Schroeder at schroedera@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-1522 x 1209 if interested.

PRESCHOOL PARENT REMINDERS:

- ⇒ Preschool classes will be walking to the Eagle's Nest on Friday, January 31st. Please send your child in their **BLUE PRESCHOOL SHIRT** and don't forget boots, hats and mittens.
- ⇒ Be sure to **label all winter clothing** - this includes boots.
- ⇒ Care Crew parents please be sure to bring home all of your child's belongings when picking him/her up from Care Crew. We have items left behind each night.
- ⇒ Please do NOT allow your children to bring costumes, toys, or accessories to school (other than on special dress days). These items can get lost, broken and cause distractions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



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



REGISTER NOW



**MVSA WELCOMES
BEGINNER THROUGH
ADVANCED PLAYERS
8U-18U AND INCLUDES
ALL SCHOOLS IN THE
621 DISTRICT**

**REGISTER AT
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SJB Parish News

Christian Initiation of Children OCIC

Order of Christian Initiation of Children OCIC is the process of children in grade 3+ to prepare for catholic sacraments of baptism, reconciliation and Eucharist. This year our classes will meet weekly on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:20am followed by Mass attendance for the child and parents. The celebration date is scheduled for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 27. First session begins on Sunday, February 2 at 9:30am. Student must be enrolled in our school or formation programming as well as this [registration link](#). Contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship for more information at 651.633.8333 ext. 1280 or finkj@stjohnnyb.org.

Summer Camps at SJB – Save the Date!

Save the Date for Summer Camps! Registration will be coming soon!

Vacation Bible School will be held on Tuesday, June 10 – Thursday, June 12 from 9:00am - 12:00pm for students who are 3 years old (and potty-trained) through those entering first grade.

Totus Tuus - the grade school day program - will be held on Monday, July 14 - Friday, July 18, 2025 from 9:00am - 2:30pm for children entering grades 1-5.

Employment Opportunity

St. John’s Parish is hiring a Assistant Kitchen Coordinator . The role of this position is to plan and coordinate weekend hospitality and plan, prepare, and serve dinners related to special parish events. This individual would also maintain an oversight role of Bethany Kitchen (the St. Joseph Hall kitchen).

To apply please submit your resume or employment application (found here: <https://stjohnnb.com/contact/job-opportunities/>) to Teri Shea, sheat@stjohnnyb.org. Fax: 651-633-7404.

February Family Formation
Parent Program
 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5
 5:30 DINNER (OPTIONAL)
 6:00-7:30 PM ST. JOSEPH HALL



**The Trinity:
 Now That's A Mystery!**



Our seminarian in residence, Andy Renier will present on how we can enter into a relationship with our Triune God.
 All adults are welcome.



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

