

From the Principal

Happy May Day!

The month of May is a time of joy and hope as we celebrate many milestones for our students - First Communions, graduations, and the end of the school year. It is also one of two months where we honor Mary in a special way. Today, our 8th graders helped us honor Mary during our May Crowning Mass and also received their graduation ribbons.



SJB Class of 2025



Upcoming Events:

- Spring Family Fun Night
May 2; 5:30-7:30pm
- Gr. 8 Washington, D.C. trip
May 6-9
- Gr. 2 FFF Morning
May 7
- No School - Memorial Day
May 23 & May 26
- End of the Year Picnic
June 2
- Last Day of School
June 4

Join us tomorrow night, May 2nd for our annual Spring Family Fun Night from 5:30-7:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community for some fellowship and fun. This is a free event for our SJB school families and there will be games, inflatables, a book fair and ice cream! We Cater to Go food truck will be onsite for those who would like to purchase dinner that evening (see below for the menu options). Events will be held in the north (gym) parking lot and in the downstairs MS classrooms and hallway. As you can imagine, this event takes many volunteers to be successful and we need a few more to run our games and activities for the evening. Please consider signing up for a shift or two to help out: [SFFN Volunteers](#)

We are pleased to announce that Miss Katelyn Livermont will be our second grade ELA, Science and Religion teacher next school year. Miss Livermont is an alum of SJB, long time active parishioner, aide in our preschool and J-Care programs, and most recently completed her student teaching here this spring with Mrs. Benson and Mrs. Simon. We are excited to have her join our community as a second-grade teacher next school year.

Below are a few upcoming events:

- Our 8th grade students will be traveling to Washington, D.C. May 6-9.
- The second-grade Faith, Family and Fellowship Morning and First Eucharist Celebration will be next Wednesday, May 7th. Gr 2 families are invited to hospitality that morning - [RSVP here](#).
- There will be no school for all students in preschool through grade 8 on Friday, May 23rd and Monday, May 26th for the Memorial Day holiday weekend. J-Care and Care Crew will be closed both days.

Thank You

A special **THANK YOU** to two school families

Sara and Joe Collins
and
Christi and Eric Laumeyer

For their donation of the new USA flag for our school.

Thank you for your generosity!

- May 28th is the 8th Grade Recognition Program and the last day of school for our 8th grade students.
- May 29th is our 8th grade Graduation Mass at 6:30pm
- Monday, June 2nd will be our End of the Year Picnic Day - see below for details and a link to sign up to volunteer.
- Wednesday, June 4th is the last day of school

Finally, our second grade students will be celebrating the sacrament of First Eucharist at this weekend's masses. Please keep these students in your prayers as they receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.

See you at the Spring Family Fun Night tomorrow!
Ms. Ann Laird, Principal



We Cater To Go food truck **will** be at SJB for families to purchase dinner
(cash or card accepted)

Menu will consist of:

- Made to order loaded nachos (\$12.00)
- Grilled burger basket with chips (\$6.50)
- Grilled hot dog with mac and cheese (\$6.50)
- Bottle water or pop (\$2.00)
- Juice box (\$1.00)

Stop by the school gym for the **1:55 BOOKFAIR**

I:55 BOOK FAIRS
Where Faith Matters

SJB Read-A-Thon – Begins TODAY!

We are excited to once again host a Read-A-Thon at St. John the Baptist School that will benefit our school media center! Our Read-A-Thon starts today and will end on May 13th!

At St. John the Baptist School, our priority is to make sure that our students have the tools they need to learn and grow. Funds from the Read-A-Thon will go towards purchasing books for the media center. We would love to have your support! Use the link below to donate.



https://www.read-a-thon.com/school/_65819

SJB Family Night with the Twins!

St. John's is having a family night at the Twins game!

You are invited to attend the game with our first graders. This is a fun first grade tradition and we love to have students in the older grades join us. Order forms were offered to older students. If your child didn't bring one home and you'd like to attend, please email Miss Ptak at ptakd@stjohnnyb.org



What: Minnesota Twins vs. Cleveland Guardians

When: Tuesday, May 20th at 6:40pm

Cost: Tickets are \$14.00 each

Transportation: Each family is responsible for their own transportation.

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Please return your child's order form tomorrow, May 2nd, to order tickets. Don't have an order form? Email Miss Ptak (ptakd@stjohnnyb.org) no later May 4th.

Summer J-Care – Registration NOW Available

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 (coming soon!), registration materials and more.

Contact MacKenzie Kantor- J-Care Director with any questions: kantorm@stjohnnyb.org

Volunteer Hours for the 2024-2025 School Year

Volunteer hours are part of the tuition agreement each school year. This school year we asked families of students in grades K-8 to complete 25 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 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR!

Please send your hours to the school office or via email to Joy Thienes at 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 16th. You may estimate any volunteer hours you plan to complete through the end of the school year.

The hour commitment for the 24-25 school year is 25 hours or \$600. Any hours not completed will be charged to your Tads accounts at a rate of \$24 per hour up to \$600.



Celebrating Principal Ann Laird

The St. John's community is warmly invited to a special hospitality gathering on Saturday, May 17th, immediately following the 4:30pm Mass, in honor of Principal Ann Laird.

Ms. Laird has faithfully served as principal of St. John the Baptist Catholic School since 2013. We are deeply grateful for her steady leadership, especially during the challenges of the pandemic, and for her role in fostering growth and excellence in our school community. Her dedication, compassion, and unwavering commitment to Catholic education have left a lasting impact on generations of students, families, and staff.

Please join us in giving thanks for her 12 years of service and celebrating all she has done for our parish and school.



Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week 2025

Each spring, our SJB PTO hosts a Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week for all the staff at St. John's. All staff are so very appreciative of the many ways our parents support us throughout the year and this week is no exception!

This year's appreciation week is May 5-9 and the schedule of events for staff for the week is shown below.

If you would like to volunteer to help with Lunch or Recess during that week (you MUST be Virtus compliant), sign up at the following link: [Duty Free Lunch Recess Signup](#)

The staff **Wish List** can be found on our school website or at the following link: [Staff 2025 Wish List](#)


**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT THE STAFF AT
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL!**

Interested in learning more about SJB PTO or want to get more involved in the organization?
Contact them at stjohnnybpto@gmail.com

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 5-9
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 Your wish is our command! Today is teacher wish list day and a surprise gift from your SJB PTO!
wed Coffee cart and donuts in the church parking lot. 7:00-8:00AM	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: Kona Coffee Paradise Basket Wed: Tropical Tranquility Basket Thur: Island Buzz Basket Fri: Ohana Adventure Basket Every Day: \$25 Visa Gift Card

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO! 

End of the Year Picnics – Volunteers Needed!

If you still need to complete some volunteer hours, this is a great (and fun!) opportunity to jump in. We're looking for help with *Lunch Service*, *Vet's Park Inflatables*, and the *Games & Activities* stations.

If you have a specific interest or favorite station in the Games & Activities side, let me know in the comments section of the form and I'll do my best to place you there. Here are the options: *Wacky Hair*, *Tattoos & Nails*, *Cake Walk*, *Minute to Win It*, *Photo Booth*, *Spin Art*, *Craft Station*, and the *Karaoke Station*.

Important: All volunteers must be *Virtus compliant* and have a current background check on file with the school. If you're unsure of your status or need to complete the process, you can find details here:

[Virtus Info & Requirements](#)

Thanks for helping us make this end-of-year celebration a success, we couldn't do it without you!

END OF YEAR PICNIC VOLUNTEERS

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SCHOOL

Hello
Summer

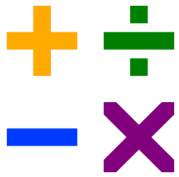
End of the year Picnic

Monday, June 2, 2025

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Summer Tutoring 2025

The teachers below will offer summer tutoring for St. John's students. Your child can work on maintaining skills they have acquired during the school year and work on acquiring new skills. Please contact a teacher below to schedule days and times.



Cost is \$25 for each half hour session and \$50 for each hour session.

Note the Cancellation Policy: We require a 24 hour cancellation notice. If you cancel less than 24 hours before your session, you will be charged for your session.

Becky Germscheid Math and Reading PK-3	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Contact Ms. Germscheid for hours ½ hour or hour sessions germscheidb@stjohnnyb.org
Maria Koskie Math K-5	Monday and Wednesday Contact Mrs. Koskie for hours ½ or hour sessions koskiem@stjohnnyb.org
Diane Ptak Reading K-5	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Contact Ms. Ptak for hours ½ hour and hour sessions ptakd@stjohnnyb.org
Christy Reina Reading K-5	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Contact Ms. Reina for hours ½ hour or hour sessions reinac@stjohnnyb.org
Laurie Maxwell Math 4-7	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Contact Mrs. Maxwell for hours ½ hour and hour sessions maxwelll@stjohnnyb.org

SJB Parish News

Congratulations to our OCIC students who received Sacraments last Sunday including two SJB students

Brielle C. and Lucia A.

Congratulations!



May Family Formation

Parent Program

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7
5:30 DINNER (OPTIONAL)
6:00-7:30 PM ST. JOSEPH HALL

On This Rock I Will Build My Church



Claire Brostrom, our Coordinator of Evangelization will present about the authority of the papacy in the Catholic Church as well as our current Year of Jubilee.

All adults are welcome.



Registration open for 5th-8th graders

EXTREME FAITH CAMP REGISTRATION

EXTREME FAITH

June 23rd-27th, 2025

Scan to Register

MAY 9-10

ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

SCHOOL OF HEALING

2-DAY WEEKEND SCHOOL

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
835 2ND AVE NW, NEW BRIGHTON, MN

PRESENTERS

DR. JAMES SHACKELFORD	FR. JOSEPH TAPHORN	TERESA SHACKELFORD	FR. NICK VANCE