

May 15, 2025

Hello school families! "Peace be with you!" Pope Leo XIV began his first speech with these words assuring people throughout the world to trust in God's Providence and plan. I share these words with you as well in this time of transition at SJB of school leadership.

We are grateful for Ann Laird's leadership of our school since 2013. She has completed her time as Principal and I will be serving as head of the school through the end of the school year and through the month of June. Mr. Matthew Weingartz will begin as our school principal June 30th. I am working closely with our school faculty and staff to end the year well and prepare for next school year. I have confidence that the peace of Christ will be felt through this time of transition and our community will be served well.

We will be honoring Ann with a celebration after the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, May 17th in St. Joseph's Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

God Bless you,
Fr. Paul Shovelain

Our Read-A-Thon has ended, and our students have done a great job! The students read 74,655 minutes, surpassing our school goal of 41,500 by over 33,000 minutes! For meeting our goal, all students will be having a special pizza lunch on May 22nd. In addition to reading minutes, we raised \$4,980 for our media center which will be used to purchase new books. We are able to take donations until May 24th if you would like to add a donation. https://www.read-a-thon.com/school/_65819. Thank you for your generous support in making our Read-A-Thon a success!

As we count down the last few weeks of school, please be aware of the following upcoming events and activities:

- 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.
- 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 is our End of the Year Picnic Day - see below for details and a link to sign up to volunteer. Students may be out of uniform on this day and should dress for the weather in play clothes and tennis shoes. Weather permitting they will be outside all day - remember sunscreen and a water bottle.
- Tuesday, June 3rd is a cleaning day for most of the students. They may be out of uniform.
- Wednesday, June 4th is the last day of school. We will celebrate Mass together and then host Track & Field Day. Students should wear a school spirit shirt with shorts/pants and tennis shoes.

Have a wonderful weekend!



Upcoming Events:

No School - Memorial Day
May 23 & May 26

End of the Year Picnic
June 2

Last Day of School
June 4

May Art Classes

Join Ms. Perez after school in May for art classes

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See the [Art Page](#) of the website for class descriptions and to register or click on the links below.

[Art Class Descriptions](#)

[Register Here](#)

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. Hours should be turned in by TOMORROW, Friday, May 16th.

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.



District Busing for the 2024–2025 School Year

For those families that reside within the Mounds View District or utilize busing from an address within the MV district, you must complete the online Transportation Registration. This form must be completed in order for your child to have busing. Please be sure to note if you owe a fee for this bus service. Payments should be directed to the district offices.



Complete the following link to register your child for district busing for the 2025-2026 school year:

[Mounds View District Busing Registration 2025-2026 School Year](#)

Note: This is only the registration for the district busing and NOT for the charter routes to the Blaine area. More information on those routes will come this summer.

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 as we thank Ms. Laird for her 12 years of service and celebrating all she has done for our parish and school.

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 2025.

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, registration materials and more.

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

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

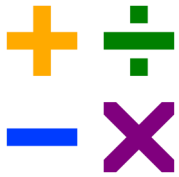
End of the year Picnic

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

Mass Time Change

Sunday evening Mass at 6:15 pm starting on May 25

Between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend our Sunday evening Mass will be at 6:15 pm. Please make note of this change so that you are able to attend Mass with no extra hassle. Confession time is also adjusted to 5:45 pm during this time.

Thinking of Becoming Catholic?

Becoming Catholic
OCIA Information Session

Sunday, May 18
9:30 am

(time convenient between the morning Masses)
in St. Joseph Hall

No registration necessary.
Come for information for yourself or to give a friend.



For more information contact Jill Fink Director of Discipleship
651-633-8333 ext. 1280 or finkj@stjohnnyb.org



Registration open for 5th-8th graders

EXTREME FAITH



June 23rd-27th, 2025

**EXTREME FAITH CAMP
REGISTRATION**

devoted

Wednesday, May 21 at 7:30 pm

All women are invited for our monthly devoted meeting. It will be a lovely evening together. We will hear a presentation by former St. John's staff member Jessica Balzarini titled "Easter: A Season of Glory."

Contact Claire Brostrom at brostromc@stjohnnyb.org with questions.

