

May 8, 2025

Habemus Papam - We have a Pope! With joyful hearts, we join with Catholics around the world in celebrating the election of Pope Leo XIV. We pray for our newly elected Pope as he begins his leadership of the Catholic Church.

Our 8th grade students are currently traveling in Washington, D.C. along with Ms. Laird, Mrs. Carroll and Mr. Steffl and several parent chaperones. This is an annual optional trip for our students coordinated by Mrs. Carroll where our students have the amazing opportunity to learn about our nation's history, make some lasting memories and have some fun as they wrap up their final 8th grade year at St. John's. Please keep the students, parents and staff in your prayers that they may have continued safe travels. Below are a few pictures:



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Upcoming Events:

- Gr. 8 Washington, D.C. trip
May 6-9
- No School - Memorial Day
May 23 & May 26
- End of the Year Picnic
June 2
- Last Day of School
June 4

Thank you to all who helped to make this year's Spring Family Fun Night a success. We are grateful for the many volunteers - both parents and staff - who helped to make this year's event a success. The weather was a bit chilly, but it was a fun evening for everyone! Thank you!

Congratulations to our second-grade students who received the Sacrament of First Eucharist this past weekend. We were able to celebrate with them and their families at our school Mass on Wednesday. May the Lord bless them as they continue to grow closer to Him.



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**

Below are a few upcoming events:

- Our 8th grade students will be traveling to Washington, D.C. May 6-9.
- 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.

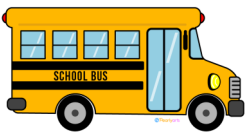
Finally, we want to wish all our mothers a very Happy Mother's Day. For your children, you are the witness of strong, caring, loving, and faith-filled women who like our mother Mary, desire the best for all of God's children. We hope you have a wonderful weekend and be assured of our prayers for you.

Good luck and safe travels to all those headed out for the fishing opener.

Have a wonderful weekend!
Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

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.

SJB Read-A-Thon – Keep Reading!

Our students are doing a fabulous job and we are more than halfway to our all school goal of 41,500 minutes. Keep reading - the SJB Read-A-Thon ends on Tuesday, 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



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 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

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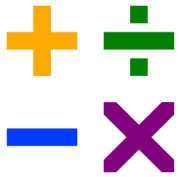
End of the year Picnic

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



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SCHOOL OF MINISTRY
TWIN CITIES CAMPUS

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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

MAY 9-10

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Registration open for 5th-8th graders

EXTREME FAITH

June 23rd-27th, 2025

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**EXTREME FAITH
CAMP
REGISTRATION**

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

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