

# PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

**August 14, 2025**



## From the Principal

Dear families,

Greetings from the Principal's office! As we prepare to begin another exciting chapter, I want to share how truly thrilled I am to welcome everyone back to campus. This past Monday, we had over 80 parents, students, faculty, and staff around the SJB campus helping to spruce up the school for the start of the school year! It was wonderful to see so many people helping out and embodying our J.O.Y. philosophy! Thank you to everyone who was able to lend a helping hand, and if you weren't able to help out this year, mark your calendars for next summer to help out!

This coming week, we will be welcoming back our amazing faculty and staff to SJB for our Teacher workshops! This is always one of my favorite times of the year! It has always been a sign to me that not far behind faculty coming back, we will be welcoming all of our students back for an exciting school year! Each new school year brings a sense of renewal — fresh opportunities to grow, to challenge ourselves, and to connect as a Catholic community. Whether you're returning for another year at SJB or joining us for the first time, know that you are an essential part of what makes our Catholic school such a vibrant and inspiring place to learn.



I'm looking forward to the year ahead of us! With your partnership, I know we can make this school year one of the best yet. Here's to a year full of discovery, innovation, growth, and success for every student and living out our J.O.Y. philosophy in everything that we do at SJB!

God bless,

Dr. Weingartz

### Upcoming Events

Teacher/Staff Workshops Begin	<b>Aug 20</b>
Kindergarten Picnic	<b>Aug 21</b>
Meet My Teacher Night (K-8 students)	<b>Aug 27</b>
First Day of School	<b>Sept 2</b>
MS Parent Information Night	<b>Sept 3</b>
Grade 5 Eagle Bluff and Information Night	<b>Sept 4</b>
K-4 Parent Information Night	<b>Sept 9</b>

### Quick Links:

- [K-8 School Supply List 2025-2026](#)
- [2025-2026 School Calendar](#)
- [Preschool Page](#)
- [Virtus Information](#)
- [Educational Benefits Form](#)

# BACKPACK BLESSING

*After each Mass on August 23 and 24*

**Say goodbye to summer and start the school year off right with a backpack blessing!**

*Kids bring your backpack and receive a keychain!*



**SPRUCE UP THE SCHOOL**

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

A huge thank you to the over 80 volunteers who came out to help "Spruce up the School" this week! We look forward to continuing this new tradition.

SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR:  
MONDAY, AUGUST 9TH

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to the 80+ parents, students and staff who came to help us Spruce Up the School this week! It was a wonderful group of hard-working people and we were able to check off most of the "to-do" list!

It was a fun gathering and we look forward to continue this new tradition before each school year. THANK YOU!



## Busing for the 2025-2026 School Year

If your child will need busing for the upcoming school year and you haven't yet registered, please do so now. There are two options for busing - District Busing and Blaine Charter Busing

**MV District Busing:** 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. The Mounds View District Transportation office are finalizing routes this week. If you owe a fee for district busing, payments are due now.

Bus passes will be mailed to families who have registered the last week of August. Routes will be frozen once established and no additions or changes will be made until the third week of school. 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](#)

**Blaine Charter Busing:** We charter two buses to the Blaine area each school year. If you would like to utilize one of the two charter buses, you must complete the online google form below. Fees for this service will be added to your Tads accounts.

[Blaine Area SJB Charter Bus Registration](#)

## SJB Athletics - Fall Sports Registration

Registration for fall sports is underway. If your child is interested in any of the options below, please click on and complete the corresponding registration



Soccer - boys or girls in grades 5-8 [Soccer Registration](#)

Cross Country - boys or girls in grades 4-8 [Cross Country Registration](#)

Girls Volleyball - girls in grades 5-8 [Girls Volleyball Registration](#)

**CROSS  
COUNTRY**



You may also find these links on the [Athletics Page](#) of the SJB website.

Contact Athletic Director, Mr. Cole VanBeusekom with any questions at [vanbeusekomc@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:vanbeusekomc@stjohnnyb.org)

## J-Care for the 2025-2026 School Year

J-Care is a non-contracted before/after school and summer school-age program for students in kindergarten through 8th grade. Our mission is to provide high quality child care at an affordable price in an engaging, active, and comfortable environment while maintaining a safe and JOY-filled place for your child(ren). J-Care provides homework support; physical, recreational, and educational activities; interactive games; field trips; swim trips; crafts; and a healthy snack and milk to participants each day.

On regular school days, J-Care is available 6:30am – 7:45am and 2:30pm – 6:00pm

For those will or may use J-Care during the 2025-2026 school year, please complete the registration form and return this form at Meet My Teacher Night on Wednesday, August 27th. Find this form and more information about J-Care on the [J-Care Page](#) of the SJB website.



[2025-2026 School Year J-Care Registration](#)

[2025-2026 J-Care Handbook](#)

Questions? Contact MacKenzie Kantor - [kantorm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:kantorm@stjohnnyb.org) or via the J-Care cell phone 651-261-9113

## Volunteering at SJB and Virtus

As part of the tuition agreement, each SJB family with students in grades K-8 are asked to volunteer for a minimum of 25 hours throughout the school year. These hours can be completed through school and/or parish activities as our hope is that you find ways to be involved in our entire SJB community.

**Volunteer Tracking:** Please keep track of the hours you volunteer throughout the school year. You may use the [Volunteer Tracking Form](#) or any other way that makes sense for you and your family. We will ask for hours to be submitted in the spring of 2026, but if you complete your hours early, they may be turned in to the school office at any time.

**Virtus:** Please note that any volunteer activities that involve our school students require the completion of [VIRTUS](#). Virtus is an Archdiocesan requirement for all employees and volunteers who interact with minors. Volunteers are required to complete the “**Essential Three**” requirements (which must be renewed every three years), The E3 This includes completion of the VIRTUS training as well as submission of the Volunteer Application and a Background Check.

Contact Alison Wacek with any questions: [waceka@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:waceka@stjohnnyb.org) or 651-633-1522 x 1127

## Health Forms 2025-2026

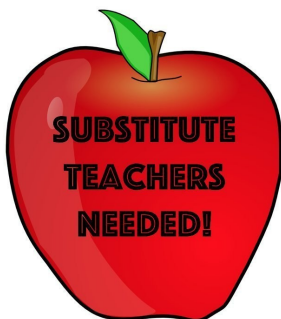
All students should have a [Health History form](#) and an [Immunization form](#) on file in the Health Office.

All kindergarten and new students should complete both forms and bring them to Meet My Teacher Night. Returning students should complete the forms if they have any health or immunization changes.

If your student needs to take any prescription medications during the school day or has any emergency medications (epi-pens, inhalers, etc.), please complete the [Prescribed Medication Authorization Form](#). In addition, please provide copies of any additional medical needs - for example an Asthma Action Plan or an Allergy and Anaphylaxis Emergency Plan.

If you would like your child to have over-the-counter medications available for them at school (ex: pain relievers), please provide the medications and complete an [Over-the-Counter Medication Authorization Form](#).

All forms and more information may be found on the [Health Office](#) page of the SJB website.



## Want to be a Substitute Teacher at SJB?

Are you or someone you know interested in being a substitute teacher at SJB?

We are looking for substitute teachers for the upcoming school year for all grades.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please complete the following interest form: [Substitute Application](#)

# KINDERGARTEN get-to-know-you PICNIC

**FOOD - GAMES - FUN**

INCOMING KINDERGARTENERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO COME MEET THE TEACHERS, MEET OTHER FAMILIES, AND HAVE SOME FUN!

PICNIC LUNCH OF BURGERS AND HOT DOGS PROVIDED

THURSDAY  
**21**  
AUGUST

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL**  
**5:00-6:00PM**  
845 2ND AVE NW | BY THE SJB PLAYGROUND

We are looking for a few volunteers to help the PTO with this year's Kindergarten Picnic!

You must be Virtus compliant to assist with this event.

Sign up for a shift by clicking [here](#).

**PICNIC**  
*party*

PTO volunteers for the KINDERGARTEN  
WELCOME PICNIC!  
[signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com)

## Meet My Teacher Night



Meet My Teacher Night (MMTN) for students in grades K-8 will be held on Wednesday, August 27th. We ask students and families to come based on the times below:

**Student last names A-L from 4:00-5:00pm**

**Student last names M-Z from 5:30-6:30pm**

You may stop anytime during that hour time frame to meet your child's teacher along with receiving information and registering for other programs at school or parish. We encourage your child to bring his/her school supplies that evening to make the first day of school a little easier. Please make every effort to attend during the suggested times above to help alleviate congestion. However, if the time does not work for your schedule, you may come at either time.

Park in the North lot and enter the school through door 7 (gym entrance). Check out the new gym floor and concession stand!

The following groups will be around the school to assist you. We will also have Student Ambassadors available to help our new families find classrooms.

- School Office - tuition, busing, Virtus or just general questions
- Health Office - medication drop off, health forms or ask questions of the nurse
- J-Care - register for before/after school care
- Band - meet Mrs. Amy Nelson and get information and register for band for the year
- Office of Discipleship & Mission - Sacramental Registration, Youth Group, etc.
- Lunchroom - Educational Benefits applications, food allergies, etc.

Classroom teachers will be in their rooms. Class lists will be posted outside the doors for each room. Middle School Advisory groups will also be posted outside each class, but there will also be a master list by the school gym.

Kindergarten - Rooms 7 & 8  
 Grade 1 - Rooms 101 & 102  
 Grade 2 - Rooms 103 & 104  
 Grade 3 - Rooms 105 & 106

Grade 4 - Rooms 107 & 108  
 Grade 5 - Rooms 109 & 110  
 Middle School - Rooms 111, 112, 3, 4, 5, or 6



Feast of the Assumption

## Holy Day of Obligation

*Mass Times:*

Thursday, August 14 - 7:00 pm

Friday, August 15 - 6:30 am, 8:30 am, and 5:30 pm

## Thinking of Becoming Catholic?

Becoming Catholic OCIA Information Session

Sunday, August 24

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](mailto:finkj@stjohnnyb.org)

St. John Baptist  
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



## West Parking Lot Closure - Begins Monday, August 18th

The west parking lot (main Church lot) will be resurfaced next week.

**The lot will be closed Monday, August 18 - Sunday, August 24.**



The church can be entered from the south doors off 8th Street NW for Mass.

Additional parking is available in the north school lot and the east lot during the week as well as at the Villa of New Brighton, Community Center, and/or at New Brighton City Hall on the weekend.

Thank you for your understanding and willingness to park on the streets and/or alternative lots next week.

Note: There will be no hospitality the weekend of August 23/24 so that Church attendees can leave and we can open up parking for the next Mass.

## Employment Opportunity

St. John the Baptist Parish is hiring an Administrative Assistant in the Office of Discipleship and Mission. The primary purpose of this position is to provide administrative support to the ministries and personnel of the Office of Discipleship & Mission (ODM). This position provides sacramental data recording according to canon law and parish policy. Administrative duties include creating and processing registration forms and databases, communication for department, managing Flocknote and support for programming. The position is 24 hours per week. To apply, please send resume and cover letter to Beth Robertson, Director of Business Operations [robertsonb@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:robertsonb@stjohnnyb.org). See the full job posting here: [Administrative Assistant ODM Job Posting](#)

# St. John's FallFest

September 26, 27, and 28, 2025





**Live Music!**



**Food and Drinks!**



**Raffle!**



**Fun Run!**



**Traditional Booya!**



**Car Show!**



**Silent Auction!**



**Fireworks!**



**Tournaments!**  
(golf, pickleball, bags)



**Kids Games!**

**And so much more!**



835 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, NW, New Brighton, MN 55112  
Website: [stjohnnb.com](http://stjohnnb.com) Email: [SJB@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:SJB@stjohnnyb.org)



Scan the QR code to learn more!

## FallFest 2025



### FallFest Donations Needed

**Liquor or Wine Bottles for Bar Games**

All bottles must be unopened. Donations should be labeled "FallFest Bar Games" and dropped off at the parish office.

**Nonperishable Foods for Kids Games**

Chips, cookies, cereal, pop tarts, pudding, candy, toys under \$2.50, bottles of Gatorade, Powerade, Prime, and Sparkling Ice for our kids' games. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

**FallFest Silent Auction Items**

Create a basket or donate single items that can be combined into a basket – gift cards, popular electronics, wine/liquor, housewares, or tickets to future theater, music, or sporting events. Use your imagination and get creative! New items only, please. Monetary donations also accepted.

Drop any donations at the Parish Office!

**Thank you for your generosity!**