

PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

August 21, 2025



From the Principal

Dear families,

Greetings from the Principal's office! We are thrilled to welcome you to a new school year! As we officially welcomed back our amazing and dedicated faculty and staff on Wednesday of this week, the excitement and energy at SJB are already building for what promises to be a year filled with growth, learning, and new opportunities.

Our team has been working hard to prepare engaging lessons, enriching experiences, and a supportive environment where every student can succeed. Whether you're joining us for the first time or returning for another year, we are honored to have you as part of our school community.

The week ahead of us will also be an exciting time! We can't wait to welcome you all back to school for Meet Your Teacher Night on August 27! This has always been one of my favorite nights of the year in all of my years in education as both a teacher and an administrator. The excitement and energy that is felt throughout the building sets the tone for a great school year ahead of us at SJB! I'm looking forward to seeing you all on campus, saying hello, and welcoming you to our great Catholic School!



Thank you for your continued partnership and trust. Together, we look forward to making this school year one of the best yet at St. John the Baptist Catholic School!

God bless,

Dr. Weingartz

Upcoming Events

Meet My Teacher Night (K-8 students)	Aug 27
First Day of School	Sept 2
SJB PTO BooHoo-Yahoo Coffee Hour	Sept 2
MS Parent Information Night	Sept 3
Grade 5 Eagle Bluff and Information Night	Sept 4
K-4 Parent Information Night	Sept 9

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!



BooHoo - Yahoo Coffee Hour



The SJB PTO is pleased to host a
Boohoo-Yahoo Coffee Hour!

Tuesday, September 2nd from 7:30-9:00am

Stop in St. Joseph Hall after morning drop off
and join with other school parents
to celebrate or commiserate the 1st day of School!

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

[Health History form](#)

[Immunization form](#)

[Prescribed Medication Authorization Form](#)

[Over-the-Counter Medication Authorization Form](#)

- 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

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 or via the J-Care cell phone 651-261-9113

Want to be a Substitute Teacher at SJB?

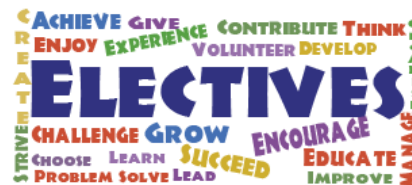


Are you or someone you know interested in being a substitute teacher at SJB? We are looking for substitute teachers for the upcoming school year for all grades. Substitute teachers do not need a teaching license, but a willingness to lead students in a classroom setting. Must be Virtus trained.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please complete the following interest form: [Substitute Application](#) or contact Mrs. Anna Nagle at naglea@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-1522 x 1136

Middle School Elective Class Leaders

Do you have a skill or hobby that you would like to share with middle school students? Do you love playing games or a sport and want to teach our students how to play? We are looking for volunteers to lead an elective class this fall trimester. Time commitment would be Friday afternoons from 1:45 - 2:26pm beginning September 12th and running through November 14th. All elective leaders MUST be up-to-date on Virtus. You do not need to have a middle school student to lead an elective class.



If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Mrs. Jenny Carroll carrollj@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-1522 x 1126

Support Nonpublic School Students at the State Fair

If you're heading to the Minnesota State Fair, be sure to stop by the Senate booth in the Education Building and take part in their annual opinion poll. This year's poll includes a key question—**Question #8**—asking whether the state should continue to fund nonpublic pupil aid for nonpublic school students. While these polls are unscientific, legislators and the media often point to the results, so it's important that **supporters of nonpublic education make their voices heard**. A strong showing will **help demonstrate public support** for ensuring nonpublic students continue to be treated fairly and receive needed aid.

General School Information

SCHOOL TIMES/DAILY SCHEDULE

- * School hours are 7:55am - 2:30pm
- * Car line drop off is at the Flagpole door #6, Flagpole door opens at 7:30am and close at 7:50am. Please do not wait to get to the door but have your child get out of the car as soon as you stop anywhere along the playground - there is a sidewalk that runs the length of the playground for them to walk safely to the door. This will help keep the car line moving and shorten wait times for everyone.
- * Students arriving before 7:35am will be supervised in the gym until 7:35am when they will head to their classrooms or will go to the cafeteria for breakfast.
- * Any students arriving after 7:50am must be driven around the building and dropped off and checked in at the school office (door #12).
- * Any parent who would like to walk their child to the school doors should park in the Church lot or on the west side of 2nd Ave (across from SJB park). Please DO NOT park on the street along the playground - this area is for drop-off only. Extra staff will be on hand for the first few days to help students to find their classroom in the morning.
- * Afternoon car pick up will be from the main Church parking lot. Please park facing out to give better sight lines when leaving the lot to help keep everyone safe. Teachers will walk students to the sidewalk in front of the Church. Please exit your car and walk up to the top of the lot to meet your child.

BUSES

- * District bus passes come from the Mounds View District Transportation Office. If you are within the MV district and do not have a bus pass, your student cannot ride the bus on the first day of school. Bus passes will be mailed to all students who are registered. If you still need to sign up for district busing, please complete the application: [MV District Busing Registration](#)
- * If you are not registered for the Blaine charter bus, your child may NOT ride the bus on the first day of school. Register for the Blaine charter bus here: [SJB - Blaine Charter Bus Registration](#)
- * **EXPECT DELAYS TO THE SCHEDULED BUS TIMES THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF SCHOOL** - it can take several days to work through any issues with busing and get the routes down.
- * **Keep this phone number handy: 651-621-8900.** This is the phone number for the American Student Transportation Bus Company. If your child's bus does not show, is late, etc. during the school year, this is the number you should call to determine where the bus might be. This is the direct dispatch number and will allow you to get a quick response from the driver. District bus information should also show on the [Mounds View District Transportation page](#).

ABSENCES

If your child will be absent or late for ANY reason (illness, vacation, appointment, etc.) please let the school office know by 8:30am. This needs to be done for **each** day the student is absent. For a known multiple day absence (for a vacation, for example) one call or email with all dates of the absence is sufficient.

Attendance line: 651-633-2211 ext. 1119 leave message on absences.

You may also email the school office (thienesj@stjohnnyb.org).

CHANGES TO SCHEDULE MID-DAY

If you need to change your child's dismissal schedule at any point during the school day, please contact the school office at 651-633-1522 ext. 1118. You may also email Joy Thienes at thienesj@stjohnnyb.org. Teachers may or may not be able to access email or voicemail during the school day so contacting the school office is the best way to ensure your child gets the message.

HEALTH OFFICE/MEDICATIONS

If your child needs to take any medications during the school day or needs emergency meds (epi-pen, inhaler, etc.) or over-the-counter meds (ibuprofen, Benadryl, etc.) available if needed, please bring those medications to Meet My Teacher Night or to the school office. Complete the appropriate form to include with the medications.

[Prescription Medication Form](#) [Over-the-Counter Medication Form](#)

Note: SJB does NOT supply over-the-counter meds. All medications need to be in original packaging or prescription bottle and must be labeled with your child's name.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Charlotte H. (gr. 2), her sister and their family upon her baptism on Sunday, August 17. May you shine Jesus's light throughout your entire life. If you are interested in having your child baptized, we prepare and baptize all ages! Contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship at 651.633.8333 ext. 1280 or finkj@stjohnnyb.org




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



St. John Baptist
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

West Parking Lot Second Closure Next Week

While we are able to park in the west parking lot this weekend since the first layer of asphalt is down, our parking lot will be closed again on Monday, August 25 through the week while the second layer of asphalt is added. The cement curbs around the parking lot are about two inches higher than the asphalt currently, so please be mindful. The church can be entered from the south doors off 8th Street NW for Mass on Monday, August 25 through Friday, August 29. Watch for an email announcement stating that the project is complete. Additional parking is available in the north school lot, the east lot, and on the street. Thank you for your understanding!

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. See the full job posting here: [Administrative Assistant ODM Job Posting](#)

St. John the Baptist FallFest 2025

Now Accepting Sponsorships for FallFest 2025!

Are you a business owner? Consider sponsoring FallFest! Sponsorship benefits will help you reach the **1,600+ people** who view church communications every week, those who view our Facebook page (**3,000+ followers**), and the hundreds of people who will fill our campus September 26-28.

To view FallFest sponsorship benefits for the three-day event, which includes recognition on our main stage banner, visit <https://stjohnnb.com/fallfest/fallfest-sponsors/> You can also gain marketing exposure at one or more of these special events:

Fun Run sponsors support this family-friendly event at Blue Ribbon (\$1,000), Red Ribbon (\$500), or White Ribbon (\$250) level.

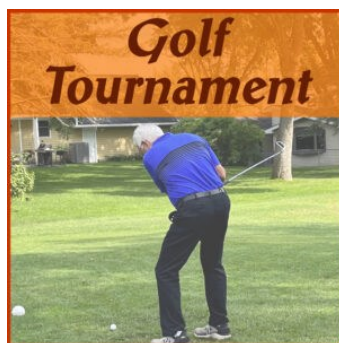
Pickleball Tournament sponsors partner with St. John's at the \$200 level.

Golf Tournament sponsorships range from \$100 to \$1,000, with the benefit of a twosome or foursome for the top two levels.

For more information, contact Mary May, SJB Director of Development at 651-633-8333, ext. 1253 or



Find More Information on [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!