

PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

August 28, 2025



From the Principal

Dear SJB families,

Greetings from the Principal's office. The past 24+ hours have been a difficult time for our Catholic communities, state, and country as we grapple with the tragic incident at Annunciation Catholic Church and School. Thank you to all of those who came out last night at our Meet Your Teacher Night and were able to contribute to our Spiritual Bouquet that we will be giving to their community. If you were not able to contribute but still would like to offer up prayers for them, please let the main office know, and we can get you information about the Spiritual Bouquet. As you go about today and the coming days and weeks, please continue to pray for Annunciation Catholic School and all those affected:

Lord, bring comfort to the grieving, healing to the injured, strength to the caregivers, and peace to all who carry this pain. Surround our schools and communities with Your protection and love.

As we approach the school year and start classes next week on Tuesday, I would like us to focus on our theme of Faith. Faith is our belief in God and all that He has revealed. Our faculty and staff over the past two weeks have been working hard to prepare engaging lessons, enriching activities, and a safe, supportive environment where every student can thrive. A special thank you to our New Brighton Police and Fire Departments for providing professional development on Safety and Security for our faculty and staff this past week. We cannot thank them enough for helping us to keep our community safe. We are looking forward to Tuesday and welcoming you all back on campus for the start of the school year.

We will be celebrating our first All-School Mass on Wednesday, September 3rd at 8:30am. In preparation for this Mass and the school year, faculty and staff will prepare students on Tuesday on where to go and what to do in an emergency in all locations of both the Church and School. For our school Mass, we will also have additional staff on site in the plaza and at entrances, as well as a police presence, as this remains the regular daily Mass for the general public. We welcome parents to join us at this and every school Mass this school year.

As we start the year, I would like to give a message to students and parents and guardians specifically:

To our students: I encourage you to approach this year with a positive attitude, optimism, and the J.O.Y. philosophy of Jesus, Others, and You. It's important to ask questions, take on challenges, support your

Upcoming Events

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](#)



peers and classmates, and always believe in your ability to succeed.

To our parents and guardians: Thank you for being our partners in Catholic education. Your involvement and support make a tremendous difference. We look forward to working closely with you to ensure the best possible experience for your children this school year!

God bless,

Dr. Weingartz

**BooHoo - Yahoo
Coffee Hour**

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

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

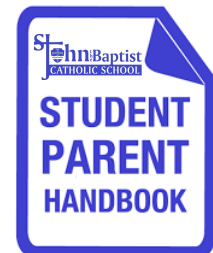
**Stop in St. Joseph Hall after morning drop off
and join with other school parents
to celebrate or commiserate the 1st day of School!**

The graphic is a square divided vertically into two halves. The left half has a purple background and features a blue, sad-looking cloud with raindrops falling from it. The right half has a teal background and features a bright yellow sun with a smiling face and radiating rays. In the center, overlapping both halves, is the St. John Baptist Catholic School logo. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold sans-serif and cursive fonts.

Student-Parent Handbook

The Student-Parent Handbook for the 2025-2026 is available on our school website or by clicking the link below. We ask that all parents take a few moments to read through the handbook to learn the policies and procedures that will be followed for our student body this school year. Students will bring home a form for you to sign during the first week of school acknowledging that you have read the handbook and agree to follow the policies within.

[Student-Parent Handbook 2025-2026](#)



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 the school office. Complete the appropriate form to include with the medications.

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

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.

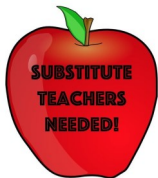
Parent Information Nights at SJB

During the first two weeks of school, we have opportunities for our parents to come to our Parent Nights to learn more information from your child's teachers regarding policies, procedures and expectations for the year. Please put these days/times on your calendars and plan to attend. These events are intended for parents only.

- ⇒ Middle School Parent Information Night is on Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:30pm in St. Joseph Hall.
- ⇒ 5th Grade Parent Information Night will be Thursday, September 4th at 6:30pm in the 5th grade classrooms. This night will also include information on the student's upcoming Eagle Bluff ELC trip.
- ⇒ K-4 Parent Information Night is Tuesday, September 9th. There will be two sessions for each grade level at 6:30pm and 7:00pm. Both sessions will take place in the grade-level classrooms.



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

American Heritage Girls at SJB



We are please to offer American Heritage Girls (AHG) as an after-school scouting program for girls here at SJB! AHG is currently open to any girl in kindergarten, first or second grades. In AHG, our focus is on faith, service and FUN!

Troop meetings are monthly (the second Tuesday of each month) following school from 2:30-4:15pm. An AHG representative escorts girl members to the troop meeting room at SJB right after school.



For any new troop member girl looking to join, there will be a parent information session on Tuesday, September 9th following our first troop meeting of the school year in St. Joseph Hall. We will discuss the cost of the program, schedule, service projects, fundraisers and troop expectations. Please reach out to Laura Driscoll, Charter Representative and second-grade parent at lauradriscoll4@gmail.com

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!