

PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

August 7, 2025



From the Principal

Dear families,

Greetings from the Principal's office! This past week has been busy, and I feel like I haven't been around the office as I normally would be. I had the privilege of being at the Archdiocese for the new heads of schools orientation. It was a great experience to get to meet other heads of schools as well as hear from numerous presenters. These experiences are so wonderful to be able to connect with other Catholic school leaders and serve as a reminder that we are all in Catholic education together, and the beauty of the purpose of the Catholic school in the lives of the communities that we serve.

Over the next few weeks, we will be continuing to ramp up our preparations for the upcoming school year! We have many events that are planned in the weeks ahead, and I'm particularly looking forward to seeing a good number of you at the Parade this Saturday! I'm praying for good weather and excited to promote our great Catholic School to the local community.



Please take a look at the rest of the information in this week's bulletin. There is a lot of information about the upcoming school year, ways to get involved, and important events that are taking place at SJB!

God bless,

Dr. Weingartz

Upcoming Events

New Parent Night (K-8)	Aug 12
Teacher/Staff Workshops Begin	Aug 20
Kindergarten Picnic	Aug 21
Meet My Teacher Night (K-8 students)	Aug 27
First Day of School	Sept 2
MS Parent Information Night	Sept 3
K-5 Parent Information Night	Sept 9

Quick Links:

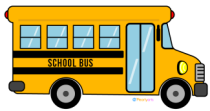
- [K-8 School Supply List 2025-2026](#)
- [2025-2026 School Calendar](#)
- [Preschool Page](#)
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- [Educational Benefits Form](#)

Busing for the 2025-2026 School Year

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. 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](#)



Blaine Charter Busing: We charter two buses to the Blaine area each school year. Registration information on these two buses was sent to families via email. If we mistakenly missed any families or if you did not see the email, below is the link for more information and registration:

[Blaine Area SJB Charter Bus Registration](#)

New Parent Night - August 12

New Parent Meeting - Tuesday, August 12th at 6:00pm in parish room 206 (upstairs in the parish center). New parents who have students in grades K-8 are invited to come to this meeting to get an overview of some of our policies and procedures as well highlight some programs, events, and groups that are an important part of our community. [This is for parents only.](#)

Note: This night is NOT intended for preschool families. You will receive information from your child's preschool teachers regarding upcoming events for you.



Kindergarten Picnic - August 21st



We invite our incoming kindergarteners and their families to our Kindergarten Picnic on Thursday, August 21st from 5:00-6:00pm. This is a wonderful event to meet other kindergarten families, current SJB families, teachers and staff. Thank you to our SJB PTO for hosting this event. Families will receive more details regarding the picnic in the mail from the kindergarten teachers next week.

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.

Meet My Teacher Night

Plan to join us on Wednesday, August 27th for our Meet My Teacher Night for students and their parents in grades K-8. On this evening, you and your students will be able to drop off school supplies, meet your child's teacher, sign up for sacraments, and drop off medications or paperwork to office staff. More details will be coming in future bulletins, but be sure to put this on your calendar now.



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 or 651-633-1522 x 1127

SPRUCE UP THE SCHOOL

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

AUGUST 11 | 6 PM - 8 PM

Meet outside door 12

Come join us in getting the grounds ready for school to start! We will be doing everything from weeding to general maintenance. Bring your rakes, tools, shovels and be ready to work!

Volunteer hours granted for every adult that helps! Any student helper must be accompanied and supervised by their grownup.

Any SJB students who come and help with a parent will receive a non-uniform pass for the upcoming school year!



**EMAIL: WACEKA@STJOHNNYB.ORG
IF INTERESTED IN HELPING!**

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.



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Stockyard Days Parade - Saturday August 9th

*Join St. John's School and walk in the
New Brighton Stockyard Days Parade on Saturday, August 9th!*

We are looking for students and parents to wear their **SJB Spirit Wear or school colors** (blue and white) and join us in promoting our school. Participating students will earn a non-uniform pass, and parents will earn volunteer hours. **All students must be accompanied by an adult.** This is a great way to earn some volunteer hours before the school year begins!

We will be walking the route again this year. Strollers and/or wagons are encouraged. Please wear comfortable shoes, bring a water bottle to stay hydrated, and wear sunscreen – a backpack may be a good idea to carry belongings.

We will be handing out candy along the parade route and providing postcards to those who inquire. We will also have two individuals carrying a sign to identify who we are.

Below are the details and directions for the parade line up:

- The parade begins at 10:00am – please arrive by 9:30am so that we can take a group picture at 9:45am, go over a few parade guidelines, and be ready to start when it is our turn to begin moving.
- Line up is on the surrounding streets near St. John's. Our number is #15, and we will be located right in front of the main church doors at St. John's. Please meet us there!
- Because the parade begins at St. John's, please be aware that the streets around the church and school will be closing for staging by 9:30am so plan accordingly (the best idea is to have someone drop you off and meet you at the end point). **Please note: 8th Street NW will be a ONE WAY heading east as most units will be lined up on that road.**

FROM THE STOCKYARD DAYS PARADE COMMITTEE:

THERE IS NO PARKING IN THE LOT AT ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH. Because units will be parking on both sides of 8th Street, please use EXTREME caution when finding your lineup number, as there will be many people on foot. To avoid congestion in the lineup area, we ask that parade participants are dropped off in the neighborhood (1st-4th Ave) and walk to their unit. Parking is allowed in the neighborhood. Please be mindful of fire hydrants and driveways.

The route runs from St. John's to approximately the corner of 17th Avenue NW and 7th Street NW. Please see the [map](#) for the route.

The New Brighton Rotary Club will be providing hot dogs and chips for each parade participant at the end of the parade (Bel Air Elementary - 1800 5th St NW). Feel free to stop by after the parade!

If you are planning to join us on Saturday, please let us know!

Email Michelle Barsness at barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org so we have an approximate count of participants (and have non-uniform passes ready for the students). Thank you to those families who have already reached out to let us know you will be attending!

We hope to see many of our St. John's families on Saturday!

**New Brighton
Stockyard Days
2025
AUGUST 8-10**



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 jfink@stjohnnyb.org



St. John's FallFest

September 26, 27, and 28, 2025



Live Music!



Food and Drinks!



Raffle!



Fun Run!

Traditional Booya!



Car Show!



Fireworks!



Tournaments!
(golf, pickleball, bags)



Kids Games!

Silent Auction!



And so much more!



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Scan the QR code to learn more!