

PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

October 15, 2025



From the Principal

Greetings from the Principal's office! I hope this message finds you all well and enjoying the beautiful fall season. This past week has started to bring us back to a typical fall season, with cooler temperatures and some rain mixed in.

We had another fantastic week at SJB Catholic School filled with learning, laughter, and a few memorable surprises! Speaking of surprises... if you happened to be near campus on Tuesday, you may have spotted a *very colorful and cuddly visitor—yours truly, dressed as a Care Bear!* While it may not become a weekly tradition (phew!), it brought lots of smiles and joy to our students, and that's what matters most. Thank you for embracing the fun and school spirit that make our Catholic school community so special.



We are looking forward to Parent-Teacher Conferences on October 22nd and 23rd. These are half days for the students, and we will have dismissal at 11:30am on both of these days. Conferences on both evenings will go until 8:00pm. If you haven't already signed up, please do so by Monday, October 20th. We are look-

Upcoming Events

MEA - No School preschool - gr. 8

No District Busing Day

Book Fair

Half Day of School - 11:30am dismissal

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Wines to Wishes Call-A-Thon

All Saints Party

Oct 16-17

Oct 20

Oct 13-23

Oct 22-23

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Oct 29

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ing forward to connecting with all of you about your students' progress to start this school year. [Fall Parent-Teacher Conference Sign Up](#)



As we wrap up the week, I want to wish all of our families a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable long weekend. Whether you're traveling, spending time with loved ones, or just taking a well-deserved break, I hope you find time to recharge and make great memories together.

We'll see everyone back on **Monday, October 20**, ready for another great week!

God Bless,
Dr. Weingartz

No Busing Day - Monday October 20th

We will once again have a no district busing day on Monday, October 20th. All students who ride any of the district buses (to the Mounds View, New Brighton, Arden Hills, etc. areas) will need transportation to/from school. Here are the procedures on these non-busing days:

- ⇒ For morning drop off: All students should be dropped off in the north parking lot at the gym door (door #7). Please drive north on 2nd Avenue as normal past the flagpole door (door #6) and make a right into the north lot. Stay in the line and exit the lot on the east side of the lot. For safety reasons, do not park in this lot and do not turn around and exit out the west side of the lot. Drop off begins at 7:30am.
- ⇒ Afternoon pickup will be from the main Church lot as normal. Please be sure to pull into the parking space with your car facing out to make sight lines better when you are leaving. School ending/pickup time is 2:30pm

NOTE: On district no-busing days, the SJB charter buses to the Blaine area will run normally. Preschool drop off/ pickup will remain the same

School Spirit Day - October 21st

As part of the fun of "Care Bear Day" yesterday, surprises were dropped to the students from the roof during recess by Dr. Weingartz. One of the prizes was an extra School Spirit Day. We invite all our students and staff to participate in this extra School Spirit Day on Tuesday, October 21st. Students may come in their SJB Spirit Wear instead of their uniforms.

We also encourage students to bring an item for the food shelf on Tuesday - especially since we miss this week due to the MEA break. Thank you for your generosity!



Half Days of School - Oct. 22 and Oct. 23



Next week, we will have two in-person half days of school on Wednesday, October 22 and Thursday, October 23. The school day for students will run from 7:55am to 11:30am. J-Care (gr. K-8) and Care Crew (preschool) will be available beginning at 11:30am both days. Following morning classes, we will be holding parent-teacher conferences in the afternoon/evenings.

District buses will run in the **MORNING ONLY** on these two days so students will need transportation home at 11:30am. The charter buses to Blaine will run normal in the morning and will run the afternoon routes beginning at 11:30am.

Please note: **There will be no school breakfast or lunch served on either of these days.**

Saint Grams and All Saints Day Coloring Contest

The SJB Student Ambassadors are hosting two activities for our students for All Saints Day. These are both optional activities for students.

Saint Grams

Student Ambassadors are sponsoring Saint Grams. These are notes that may be purchased to send to other students or staff at SJB. They are 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.00 and will be sold in the classrooms next week, October 23 - 28. All grams should be filled out and returned to school no later than Wednesday, October 29th and will be distributed on Friday, Oct. 31st.

Coloring Contest

Ambassadors will also be sponsoring a coloring contest for our students. Coloring sheets will be distributed to students next Thursday, October 23rd and are due no later than Wednesday, October 29th. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each grade.



School Spirit Online Store

For those who would like to order additional spirit wear items for your child or yourself, the online SJB Spirit Wear Shop is OPEN! Our new vendor this year, The Branding Wearhouse, offers the opportunity for families to order spirit wear at any time. You have the option to ship directly to you for a shipping fee or orders will ship to school once per month with a small \$1 per item fee. Check out the new store and the new Jaguar logos!

The store link may be found on our school website under School Life or on the Quick Links list or by clicking below:

[SJB School Spirit Wear Ordering Link](#)



Wines to Wishes 2026

Looking to help make this year's Wines to Wishes a success? Just like the Olympics, this event takes a team effort and we'd love for you to join in! If you would like to be involved in the planning of this fun event, please complete the following google form indicating where you would like to help. [W2W 2026 Volunteer](#)

We are currently looking for volunteers to help at our first annual W2W Call-A-Thon on Monday, October 27th.

Date: Monday, October 27, 2025

Time: 1:30–4:30 PM

Location: St. Joseph Hall

We'll have everything ready for you — all you need is your cell phone and your enthusiasm! We will have call scripts, business lists, and Q&A sheets along with friendly faces & support plus some snacks and drinks. Ready to help? Whether you can stay for an hour or the whole afternoon, your participation makes a difference!

Sign up today using this link: [W2W Call-A-Thon Sign Up](#)

Follow the W2W Facebook page: [Wines to Wishes - St John the Baptist](#)



Save the date for Wines to Wishes 2026
Saturday, January 31, 2026

SJB Family Events

All Saints Party

Wednesday,
October 29, 2025

5:00-7:30 pm

5:00-6:00 pm Pizza for Sale
6:10 pm Blessing in Church
Trick-or-Treating, Games,
Photo Spot, Carved Pumpkin
Contest and Bonfire



Dress as your
favorite saint!

All Saints Party



Carved Pumpkin Contest Rules

1. Pumpkin must be real, no artificial pumpkins.
2. Pumpkin must be carved.
3. Pumpkin must be carved as a saint or other religious theme.
4. Pumpkin can be embellished with other materials in addition to being carved.
5. Pumpkin must be dropped off at the Welcome Desk on Tuesday, October 28 or Wednesday, October 29 by 5 pm along with the completed contest form. (Forms will be at the Welcome Desk.)
6. Pumpkins will be judged in one of three age categories: Middle School, High School and Adult.
7. Winners will be announced at the end of the All Saints Party.

Questions? Contact Jen Livermont
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Living Rosary at SJB

The Council of Catholic Women invites you and your families to join us for our annual Living Rosary on Monday, October 20 at 7:00 pm in the church.



Why are YOU grateful for SJB? Click here to let us know!