

# PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

October 9, 2025



## From the Principal

Greetings from the Principal's office! I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the beauty of fall! It has finally started to feel more like fall this past week, and even brought me to wearing a jacket as I welcomed students into school in the morning! We've had a wonderful week at school, and I want to take a moment to reflect on the success of our annual School Marathon, as well as share some exciting details about our upcoming Open House event.

What an incredible day we had for our Annual School Marathon on Saturday, October 4th! The weather was perfect, the energy was high, and the spirit of community was truly alive. Thanks to your support, our students ran, walked, biked, and cheered each other on with enthusiasm and determination. Not only did we meet our fundraising goal of \$72,000, but we also strengthened our school spirit and reminded ourselves of the power of coming together for a good cause. The top students were able to silly string me on Friday of last week, and it was a great opportunity to get kids excited for the marathon! A special shout-out to Ms. Livermont's class, which was the highest-earning class! They will get to play kickball with Father Paul and me on a date very soon! Also, expect to see me wearing a Care Bear outfit at some point this next week!



A huge thank you to all the parent volunteers and staff who helped make this event such a success. Your generosity and time are deeply appreciated. Congratulations to all of our students for participating and making us proud—not just through miles, but through your joy, teamwork, and perseverance.

## Upcoming Open House – Help Us Spread the Word!

**Date:** Thursday, November 13, 2025

**Time:** 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

We are excited to invite all prospective families to our **Fall Open House!** This is a special opportunity for families considering Catholic education to tour our school, meet members of our dedicated staff, and experience what makes our school such a joy-filled, nurturing, and faith-filled environment. Attendees will get a glimpse into our classrooms, curriculum, faith-based values, and the welcoming culture that sets our Catholic school apart.

### Upcoming Events

Faith and Blue Event	<b>Oct 10</b>
No District Busing Day	<b>Oct 13</b>
MEA - No School preschool - gr. 8	<b>Oct 16-17</b>
No District Busing Day	<b>Oct 20</b>
Book Fair	<b>Oct 13-23</b>
Half Day of School - 11:30am dismissal	<b>Oct 22-23</b>
Parent-Teacher Conferences	<b>Oct 22-23</b>

### Quick Links:

- [2025-2026 School Calendar](#)
- [Preschool Page](#)
- [Virtus Information](#)
- [Educational Benefits Form](#)
- [SJB Spirit Wear Store](#)



If you know a family who might be looking for a supportive, academically strong, and faith-centered Catholic community, please invite them to come check us out. This event is one of our most important ways to showcase all that we offer as a Catholic school.

As always, thank you for your continued partnership and support in helping our students grow academically, spiritually, and socially. Together, we are building a strong, faith-filled future—one step, one student, and one joyful event at a time!

God bless,  
Dr. Weingartz

**Click Here to Sign Up for K-8 Parent-Teacher Conferences Now!**

## No Busing Day - Monday October 13th

Monday, October 13th is a no district busing day. 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 Pictures

School photos are now available to view! Check your email for one from Josten's Pix or you may find your child's photos by going to [www.jostenspix.com](http://www.jostenspix.com) and logging into the account you created last year. If you do not have a Josten's account, you may create one and use the event code of FE175825 to find your child's photos.

St. John's is only allowed to link one email with each student, so if you are not the primary email, you will need to request access to your child's photos. This access may take about 24 hours as it needs to be approved by the school.

## Wines to Wishes 2026

Our journey toward **Wines to Wishes 2026** has begun! We held our first planning meeting last week and we are excited as we move forward with plans to **go for the gold** as we raise funds to support **safety and security upgrades for our school building**.

Just like the Olympics, this event takes a team effort - and we'd love for you to join in! If you were unable to come to our first meeting, but 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](#)

There will be many opportunities in the next few months and at the event itself to help. Every effort helps us reach the finish line of making our school safer and stronger for our students!



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

## MEA Break - J-Care and Care Crew

J-Care (grades K-8) and Preschool Care Crew will be available during MEA break next week on Thursday, October 16th and Friday October 17th.

**J-Care:** On Thursday we will be doing Pumpkin Crafts including carving and painting pumpkins. Friday, we will be making Apple Smiles. Cost to attend is \$37 per day. Registration closed on October 9th at 9:00am. Lunch from home is required both days.

Sign up online for one or both days: [School Release Days J-Care](#)

Questions? Contact MacKenzie Kantor at [kantorm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:kantorm@stjohnnyb.org)

**Care Crew:** Care Crew is available both days for preschool students in any of the classes. Cost for each day is \$45 per student and will be billed through your TADS accounts.

Sign up for one or both days online: [Care Crew School Release Days](#)

Questions? Contact Andrea Schroeder at [schroedera@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:schroedera@stjohnnyb.org)



## After-School Art Classes

There are still spots open for the Saintly Stick Puppet art class on Oct 30th and Ms. Perez has added a third pumpkin watercolor class on October 27th. Register for either class on the art page of the website or by clicking the link below.

### Moody Pumpkins Watercolor

Monday, October 27, 2025

For students in K-8

\$20

Create a fun pumpkin picture first using drawing and layers in composition with a variety of media including watercolor.



### Saintly Stick Puppets

Thursday, October 30th

For students in 3-8

\$25

Create and learn about the saints by making stick puppets of Mother Teresa and her friends just in time for All Saints.



\*Saints made may vary from the image above.

All Classes are 2:30-4:00pm

**ART CLASS REGISTRATION**



## THIRD ANNUAL Catholic School Visual Arts Exhibition

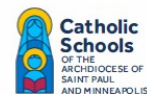
For 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade  
Archdiocesan  
Catholic school  
students

*"Wondrous Creation: The Beauty of God's Work in the World"*

May 1, 2026

All eligible entries will be displayed at the National Catholic Educational Association Convention in Minneapolis April 7-9, 2026. Finalists will be invited to participate in the exhibition and reception on May 1 at the Hoedeman Gallery of Sacred Art at the University of St. Thomas with Bishop Michael Izen. Prizes will be awarded.

LEARN MORE  
[bit.ly/2026-spm-visual-arts](http://bit.ly/2026-spm-visual-arts)



Ms. Perez will work with 8th grade students on an art project to submit for this exhibition in art class during school.

Students in 7th or 8th grade may also submit an art project on their own. If you have any questions about the exhibit, please see the link above or contact Ms. Perez at [pereze@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:pereze@stjohnnyb.org)

# Morning of Service

Calling all Middle Schoolers!

**8:30 AM-12:45PM**

**Thursday, October 16th**

- 8:30 Mass
- 9:30-11:15 Service at Feed My Starving Children
- 11:45 Pizza!

Scan the QR Code to register!




**REGISTER HERE**

## Get Your Butter Braids!

The One And Only **Butter Braid** FROZEN PASTRY DOUGH

[Butter Braid Online Order Link](#)



Orders due by **October 13**  
Pickup **November 14-16**

Order here and online




## 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 at [livermontj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:livermontj@stjohnnyb.org)

