

PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

November 13, 2025



From the Principal

Greetings from the Principal's office! November is a special month—a time when we pause to reflect on all that we're thankful for and to celebrate the many connections that make our Catholic school community so strong. As the leaves turn and the air grows crisp, I am filled with gratitude for our amazing SJB students, dedicated SJB faculty and staff, and the supportive families who make our Catholic school such a vibrant place to learn and grow.

On Tuesday, we paused regularly scheduled classes to honor **Veterans Day**, a time to show our deepest appreciation to the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve our country. Their courage, dedication, and sacrifice remind us of the many freedoms we enjoy each day. We are especially thankful for the veterans within our SJB Catholic school community and the family members who support them. Thank you for your service and commitment—you inspire us all.

Tonight, we are especially excited to welcome prospective families to our **Fall Open House** from 5:30-7pm! These events are one of my favorite traditions of the year that a Catholic school can put on for potential Jaguars. It's a wonderful opportunity for families to see firsthand the creativity, hard work, and joy that fill our classrooms each day. Our students are eager to share their projects, their learning, and the pride they take in their Catholic school. We hope you'll invite a family to join us in celebrating their efforts and connecting with students, staff, and fellow families.

As we focus on gratitude throughout November, let's take a moment to appreciate the simple yet powerful acts of kindness that occur every day—students helping one another, teachers encouraging growth, and families partnering with us to nurture young hearts and minds. Gratitude reminds us to look for the good, even in busy or challenging moments, and to recognize that we are all part of something bigger and more meaningful together.

I have a staff update to share with you - Mrs. Jeanne Dompierre, Middle School Math teacher, will be out for a few weeks as she recovers from an unexpected surgery. I ask that you join all of us as we pray for a speedy and full recovery for her. In the interim, we have hired Mrs. Abigail Ash to be our long-term substitute for her class. Mrs. Ash brings a strong background in math instruction at both the middle school and

Upcoming Events

No District Busing Days	Nov 24-25
No School (pre - 8) - Thanksgiving	Nov 26-28
First Sunday of Advent	Nov 30
Christmas Shoppe	Dec 9-10
Preschool - Gr 2 Christmas Concert	Dec 12
Grade 3-8 Christmas Concert	Dec 16
Christmas Band Concert	Dec 18

Quick Links:

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

high school levels, as well as a passion for helping students feel confident and engaged with the material. Mrs. Ash is a current SJB Parent and SAC Chair, and is familiar with our Parish and School community. We're confident that our students will continue to learn and thrive under her temporary guidance.



Thank you for being an essential part of our SJB Catholic school community. I am so thankful and blessed for each of you and for the joy you bring to our halls and classrooms every day. Wishing you a wonderful month filled with gratitude, warmth, and togetherness!

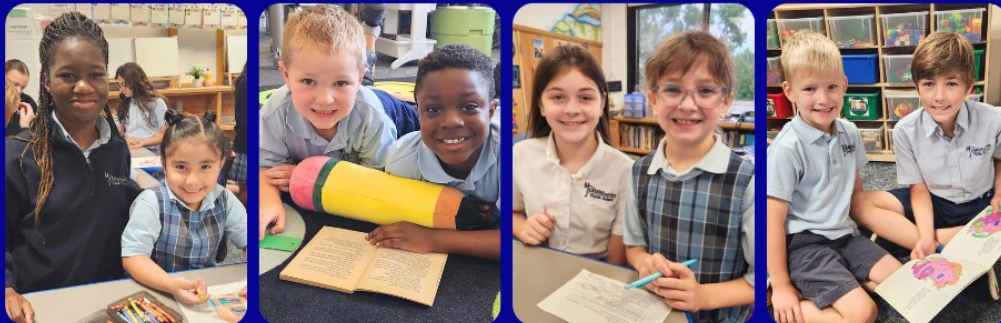
God bless,
Dr. Weingartz



LUNCH MENU CHANGE
Friday, November 14th

School lunch on Friday will be **BOSCO STICKS**

St. John the Baptist ~ Fall Open House
Thursday, November 13th ~ 5:30p - 7:00p



Join us any time between 5:30p - 7p to take a tour of our campus, meet members of the SJB community, and ask questions about our school (preschool - grade 8).

Most importantly, learn why St. John the Baptist is the perfect fit for your child.

www.stjohnnyb.org



RSVP Here!

Give to the Max Day - November 20th

Give to the Max Day is next Thursday, November 20th but the early giving option is open now. Below is some information about this donation day:

What is Give to the Max Day?

Give to the Max is a statewide giving campaign where thousands of individuals and organizations across the state of Minnesota support nonprofits and schools.

When does Give to the Max happen?

The official Give to the Max Day is on Thursday, November 20th. Early giving has started, though, which means you can show your support any time now through November 20th.

What is St. John's raising money for?

Check out our [Give to the Max site](#) to learn more about our goal of raising \$10,000 for essential safety enhancements across our campus.

How can I support St. John's?


There are three amazing ways to support our campaign!

1. If you are financially able, please donate to our campaign through our [Give to the Max site](#). Donations are tax deductible.
2. Share our campaign with family and friends through email, social media, and word of mouth.
3. Prayers are always appreciated for a successful giving campaign!

Thank you in advance for your support! We are grateful to each and every one of you!

Early giving for Give to the Max has officially begun! Our goal this year is \$10,000, which will be put towards essential safety enhancements across our campus. Read more on our site!
www.givemn.org/organization/stjohnnyb

We are collecting testimonials for marketing initiatives, and we would love to hear from YOU!

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[Testimonial Link](#)

Scan the QR code to share your thoughts!




Volunteer Opportunities at SJB

Dismissal Cone Setup: Do you pick up your child each day from school? Do you have the flexibility to come a few minutes early - around 2:20pm each day? We are looking for a parent or parents to assist us with putting out the cones at dismissal time to block off the northeast corner of the Church parking lot and 2nd Avenue on the curve outside the school in that same location. If you are willing and able to help us, please contact the school office at thienesj@stjohnnyb.org. Thank you for your consideration!



Recess and cold weather



As we look to the colder months ahead, please send your child to school with the appropriate outdoor weather wear. Students will go outside for recess each day unless it is raining or the temperature is below 0°F (including the windchill). When we have snow, please send your child (preschool - grade 5) with boots and snowpants. **Be sure to label all outerwear!**

Wines to Wishes 2026

Our 21st annual Wines to Wishes gala will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026.

We want to highlight two of our live auction items for W2W 2026: SJB Mug for Life and Battle on the Water or Ice. Come to W2W 2026 on January 31st and bid on one of these items! Watch for more live auction items, party events, and raffles in upcoming Principal Bulletins!

St. John's
THE ULTIMATE ST. JOHN'S FAN COLLECTIBLE

Mug For Life

Replacement: Loss of the mug will result in forfeiture of the lifetime benefit

This exclusive item grants the winning bidder a "Mug for Life," providing unlimited free drink refills at any official St. John's Fall Fest and Wines to Wishes, forever. This once-in-a-lifetime pass is the ultimate SJB fan item. Bid now for a lifetime of free fun!

Wines to Wishes 2026

YOU'RE INVITED TO BID! THE ULTIMATE FISHING EXPERIENCE

Prepare to cast your bids for a chance at a legendary fishing trip! This is your opportunity to secure an exclusive day on the water (or ice!) with either Father Paul or Dr. W, all while supporting a great cause.

HOW IT WORKS: THE BIDDING BATTLE
This is an auction event where the highest bids determine the day:

HIGHEST BIDDER'S CHOICE: The person with the top bid wins the right to: Choose their fishing partner: Father Paul OR Dr. W
Choose the season/style: Summer Fishing OR Ice Fishing

SECOND HIGHEST BIDDER: The second highest bidder will automatically be paired with the remaining partner.

Example: If the highest bidder chooses Father Paul and Ice Fishing, the second highest bidder will fish with Dr. W.

NOTE:

- WINNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THEY HAVE A VALID FISHING LICENSE FOR THE DATE AND LOCATION DETERMINED
- SPECIFIC FISHING DATES WILL BE COORDINATED WITH THE PARTNERS AFTER THE AUCTION
- MUST PROVIDE OWN RODS AND TACKLE
- EACH WINNER MAY BRING ONE FRIEND
- BAIT WILL BE PROVIDED

Options:

- Summer fishing: warm weather, open water, and the thrill of the chase - boat provided
- Ice fishing: strategic hole drilling, unique winter experience - ice house provided

BATTLE ON THE WATER OR ICE

THIS OR THAT

Wines to Wishes 2026

Have an idea for a live auction item? Think "big ticket" items such as hotel stays, travel destinations, concert tickets, sports tickets, etc. If you are able to donate or have a connection to someone who is able, please let us know.

Follow the Wines to Wishes Facebook and Instagram pages for the latest gala information!

[Wines to Wishes - St John the Baptist](#) Instagram: [winestowishes](#)



St. Vincent de Paul Sock Drive

The season of giving is almost here again, and in keeping with that spirit, our parish will be collecting new socks and underwear for the homeless among us. Simply drop off your items in the blue bins located at the church entrances from **November 15 through November 30**.



Thank you for your generosity!

Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for Me.” Mt 25:40



Adoration Opportunity

Join us at 9:30 am for Adoration in between the morning Masses on Sunday, November 16 in the church.



Christmas Wreath Sales

November 22/23 and November 29/30

The Grandparent Ministry will again be selling Christmas wreaths and swags in the plaza the weekend before Thanksgiving and the weekend after Thanksgiving. Cash and check accepted

