

# PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

November 20, 2025



## From the Principal

Greetings from the Principal's office! As we move into the heart of the school year, I'm filled with pride and gratitude for the energy, curiosity, and kindness our students bring to St. John the Baptist Catholic School each day. We have much to celebrate as we approach the end of the first trimester tomorrow. This milestone is a fantastic opportunity to reflect on the growth our students have shown and to look ahead with excitement to all that is still to come this school year.

This past Thursday, we welcomed 14 prospective families to our **Fall Open House**. This event was an exceptional opportunity to showcase the vibrant learning community we've built together here at SJB. If you know families who may be interested in joining our great Catholic School, please encourage them to contact the school office—we look forward to sharing what makes our school such a warm and joy-filled place for students to learn and grow.

I'm also delighted to share that our **6th-grade retreat** was a tremendous success. Our students spent the day focusing on the overarching theme of Identity in Christ! The students spent the day playing games, eating food, building friendships, engaging in small-group discussions, and encountering God in prayer. A special thank you to Ms. Ellie Shaw, Middle School Youth Minister, for helping to organize, and to NET Ministries for coming in to lead our retreat!

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday next week, I would like to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for your partnership and support this school year. Each day, we have the privilege of watching your children learn, grow, and discover their potential—and that is possible because of the strong, caring community we share with you here at SJB.



Thank you for the countless ways you contribute to our Catholic school, from encouraging learning at home, to volunteering your time, to simply cheering on your child's successes daily. Your involvement and dedication make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students, faculty, and staff.

God bless,  
Dr. Weingartz

### Upcoming Events

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

### Quick Links:

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

## Give to the Max Day - TODAY!

Give to the Max Day is TODAY, November 20th!

### 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.

### 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!*

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



Click here for the Testimonial Link

Scan the QR code to share your thoughts!









### No District Busing Days - Nov 24-25

Next Monday and Tuesday, November 24-25 No District Busing Days. On these "No Busing" days, 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. Morning drop off will look a little different on these days and afternoon pickup will be a bit busier. 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.




**15% Off Everything**  
**November 27th-December 1st**



Sale valid in-stores & online. No coupon code required.  
Sale excludes clearance merchandise, corporate apparel & spirit wear.  
Cannot be combined with any other discounts or coupons.  
Sale ends at 11:59 PM CST on Monday, December 1st, 2025.

<b>St. Paul Location</b> 972 Payne Ave. St. Paul, MN 55130 651-776-2723 Ext. 0	<b>Both Locations</b> are CLOSED on November 27th, 28th & 30th	<b>Hopkins Location</b> 4 Shady Oak Road Hopkins, MN 55343 651-776-2723 Ext. 2
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[www.donaldsuniform.com](http://www.donaldsuniform.com)



**NON UNIFORM DAY FOR SJB TEACHERS!**

**SJB PTO TEACHER APPRECIATION  
NON UNIFORM FUNDRAISER**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025  
\$1.00 MINIMUM DONATION**

### NO Afternoon J-Care - Dec 12

On Friday, December 12, there will be NO after-school J-Care offered.

Please plan accordingly.

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



## Wines to Wishes 2026

We are just 71 days until Wines to Wishes 2026!

Thank you to all those who have donated for our silent and live auctions! We have many generous donations and are excited to showcase the items at our event on January 31, 2026.



We have several ways you can help:

1. Donate to your child's **Class Theme Basket** - Themes with links to the letters below:

Classroom Themed Basket Letters			
<a href="#">K-7 Ms. Germscheid</a> Outside Play	<a href="#">K-8 Mrs. Benson</a> Disney	<a href="#">Rm. 101 Mrs. Koskie</a> Bake It 'Til You Make It	<a href="#">Rm. 102 Ms. Ptak</a> Snack Basket
<a href="#">Rm. 103 Mrs. Paige</a> Gift Cards Galore	<a href="#">Rm. 104 Ms. Livermont</a> Crayola	<a href="#">Rm. 105 Ms. Anthony</a> Building Blocks	<a href="#">Rm. 106 Ms. Madson</a> Legos
<a href="#">Rm. 107 Mrs. Deptula</a> How to Draw	<a href="#">Rm. 108 Ms. Reina</a> Movie Night	<a href="#">Rm. 109 Mr. Ziebol</a> Star Wars	<a href="#">Rm. 110 Mrs. Maxwell</a> Catholic for Children
<a href="#">Rm. 111 Mrs. Carroll</a> Sports	<a href="#">Rm. 112 Mrs. Troxel</a> STEM Kits	<a href="#">Rm. 3 Ms. Fink</a> Cozy Reading Day	<a href="#">Rm. 4 Mr. Steffi</a> Valentine's Day
<a href="#">Rm. 5 Mrs. Dompierre</a> Hot Chocolate/Coffee	<a href="#">Rm. 6 Mr. Englund</a> Dogs	The class in each grade band (K-2, 3-5, and 6-8) whose basket raises the highest donation at Wines to Wishes 2026 will win a <b>Donut Palooza Party</b> in their classroom!	

2. Donate a basket, item or gift card for the **silent auction**. We have put together a Target, Amazon and gift card "wish list" if you want some ideas - these lists are only some ideas, we encourage you to be creative! Black Friday sales are coming up so this is a great opportunity to get shopping! If you would prefer, you can donate money or gift cards and we will do the shopping for you.

[Target Wish List](#)

[Amazon Wish List](#)

[Gift Card Wish List](#)

3. 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.

4 **Spread the word!** Follow the Wines to Wishes Facebook and Instagram pages for the latest gala information and then share the posts to your friends and family! We are constantly posting live and silent auction items that will be offered to bid on at W2W 2026.

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

**Save the Date and plan to join us for  
Wines to Wishes 2026 on Saturday, January 31, 2026!**

### St. Vincent de Paul Sock Drive

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is once again 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*



### Christmas Wreath Sales

The Grandparent Ministry will be selling Christmas wreaths and swags in the plaza following Masses the next two weekends - November 22/23 and November 29/30. Cash and check accepted

*Farewell to Sr. Clarinda*

"May the road rise to meet you,  
And the wind be ever at your back.  
May your heart be light with joy,  
And your days be full of peace."  
- Irish Blessing

For over seventy years, you've served with love,  
Guiding souls with gentle hands.  
May laughter and grace fill your days,  
And blessings surround you now and forever.  
May God hold you always in His tender care.

**St. John Baptist**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOLS

Join us to celebrate!  
Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
4:30pm Mass - Reception to Follow



Share a note, prayer, or special memory to be included in Sr. Clarinda's Book of Memories from St. John's.



Share your memory, note or prayer for Sr. Clarinda here.

PREPARE FOR JESUS  
with  
*Waiting*  
**WELL**  
ADVENT with FR. MIKE SCHMITZ



**Waiting Well is the resource our small groups will be using this Advent!**  
It is a prayer journal designed to help you slow down for 10 to 15 minutes a day during the Advent season. Through Fr. Mike's daily reflections, you'll learn how to joyfully anticipate Christmas, so that when Christ comes, you're ready to meet him in the manger.

**JOIN AN ADVENT SMALL GROUP**

- Groups meet for the 4 weeks of Advent
- Variety of days / times available
- Select a demographic that's a fit for you
- Grow in prayer, discussion, and fellowship!



Or go to our SJB Website - Faith Formation - Small Groups

Questions? brostromc@stjohnnyb.org

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Learn more about Small Groups Here