

# PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

November 25, 2025



## From the Principal

Greetings from the Principal's office! As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you. This season reminds us of the importance of the community, kindness, and appreciation—and I am genuinely thankful for the wonderful Catholic parish and school family we share.

As we reflect on the first part of our school year, I am deeply proud of the progress we have made together. Our shared commitment to excellence—whether in academics, faith, character, or community—we continue to strengthen the foundation of St. John the Baptist Catholic School. Your dedication, perseverance, support, and JOY remind us daily of the power of working toward a common purpose.

To our **SJB students**: Thank you for your hard work, your curiosity, and the JOY you bring to our halls every day. Your resilience and enthusiasm inspire us, and we are proud of the continued growth you demonstrate every day.

To our **SJB parents and families**: Thank you for your partnership, trust, and support. Your involvement and encouragement make a tremendous difference, and we are grateful to work alongside you in guiding each child's learning journey.



May this Thanksgiving bring you rest, laughter, and meaningful time with those you care about. SJB students, parents, and families, you will be in my prayers during the break, whether you are traveling or staying close to home. Enjoy the next few days away from school, and know how truly appreciated you are.

**Wishing you a warm and Happy Thanksgiving!**

God bless,  
Dr. Weingartz

### Upcoming Events

No School (pre - 8) - Thanksgiving	<b>Nov 26-28</b>
First Sunday of Advent	<b>Nov 30</b>
PTO Non-Uniform for Teachers	<b>Dec 2</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](#)

## Christmas Concerts 2025

Our Christmas concerts are an annual tradition at St. John the Baptist School and the students have been working hard and are looking forward to celebrating Advent and the Christmas season with you at the 2025 Christmas Concerts!

Below is information on each of the concerts and requested dress for the students:

### Preschool - Grade 2 Concert

Our Preschool-2nd grade Christmas concert will be held on **Friday, December 12th at 1:00 pm** in the church.

- \* Preschool: Preschool teachers will reach out to you with more drop off details.
- \* **Doors open for parents at 12:30 pm.**
- \* K-2 students may come out of uniform on this day.
- \* All Preschool - 2nd students should dress their best or wear festive Christmas attire. No jeans, please.



### Grade 3-8 Concert

Our 3rd-8th grade Christmas concert will be held on **Tuesday, December 16th at 7:00 pm** in the church.

- \* **Arrival:** Please have your child meet their teacher at their classroom no later than 6:45pm, ready to go and with no belongings - **this includes cell phones!** All items should go with parents. Coats may be hung in the coat closet in the church plaza. Students will NOT be returning to their classrooms following the program.
- \* **Doors open for parents and student drop off at 6:30 pm.**

**Dress Code for grades 3-8:** We ask that students dress their best for this special event.

#### **GIRLS:**

- ◇ Dress, skirt, dress pants with a nice shirt or sweater (Dress / skirt length should be at least finger-tip length)
- ◇ No jeans, tennis shoes, jeggings, or leggings as pants
- ◇ Please be mindful of heel height, as students will be on risers
- ◇ Straps should be a minimum of three-fingers wide or a sweater should be worn

#### **Boys:**

- ◇ Dress pants with a dress shirt (tie optional) or sweater
- ◇ No jeans, sweatpants, or tennis shoes
- ◇ No t-shirts, sweatshirts, jerseys, etc.

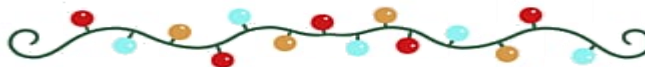
Attendance at the Christmas concert is a significant part of your child's music grade. If there is any reason your child cannot attend, please communicate with Mrs AnnaMarie Pilon ([pilona@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:pilona@stjohnnyb.org)) directly to ensure they can be excused.

## Christmas Shoppe at SJB



The SJB Christmas Shoppe is coming soon!

Our SJB Christmas Shoppe will be open on Tuesday, December 9th and Wednesday, December 10th in the Science Lab during school hours. The Christmas Shoppe is run by the PTO and allows our students (in grades K-8) the opportunity to buy Christmas gifts for their family and friends. Each classroom will visit the Christmas Shoppe during the two days. This is an optional activity, but one that students really enjoy! Watch for more information to come next week!



## Wines to Wishes 2026

Holiday Shopping Season is upon us and that means HOLIDAY SALES are here! If you have been waiting to purchase something for Wines to Wishes, now is the time!

**Shop Black Friday** and **Cyber Monday sales** in the coming days to grab something for your child's **Class Basket theme** or an item or basket of items 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!

[Target Wish List](#)

[Amazon Wish List](#)

[Gift Card Wish List](#)



CALLING ALL FRIENDS OF SJB

# WINES TO WISHES AUCTION DRIVE

CREATE A BASKET OR DONATE SINGLE ITEMS THAT CAN BE COMBINED INTO A BASKET - GIFT CARDS, POPULAR ELECTRONICS, WINE/LIQUOR, HOUSEWARES. USE YOUR IMAGINATION AND GET CREATIVE.

MONETARY DONATIONS ACCEPTED AND WE WILL SHOP FOR YOU!

Drop all donations off at the school office

WINES TO WISHES 2026



Don't want to shop? Donate cash or check (to St John's) and we'll do the shopping for you!

Remember - every student that brings in an item for the auction will receive a non-uniform pass!

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!**

## December After-School Art

Ms. Perez is offering four after-school art classes for K-8 students in December. Find complete class descriptions and register on the Art Page of the SJB website.

**Nutcracker Watercolor Painting - December 8th, Grades K-8 \$25**

**Stick Doll Nativity - December 11th, Grades K-8 \$25**

**Clothes Pin Nativity - December 15th, Grades K-8 \$25**

**Art A-La-Carte: Woods - December 18th, Grades K-8 \$25**



[December Class Descriptions](#)

[December Art Class Registration](#)

**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)

**NON UNIFORM DAY FOR SJB TEACHERS!**

**SJB PTO TEACHER APPRECIATION NON UNIFORM FUNDRAISER**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025**

**\$1.00 MINIMUM DONATION**

**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	Both Locations 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)

**BLACK FRIDAY** **WEEKEND SALE** **LIMITED TIME ONLY**

ENTER CODE AT CHECKOUT: **25BFW20OFF50**

**20% OFF** **ORDERS \$50 OR MORE!**

OFFER GOOD ON NEW ORDERS PLACED 11/27/25 - 12/1/25 ONLY! SALE ENDS 12/2/25

**THE BRANDING WEARHOUSE**  
BRANDINGWEARHOUSE.COM

The Branding Wearhouse is our School Spirit clothing vendor and they are offering a seasonal promotion this year. 20% off all orders \$50 or more. Sale runs Thanksgiving Day (11/27/25) through Cyber Monday (12/1/25)! Grab SJB gear now for a Christmas gift!

Use code 25BFW20OFF50 at checkout (valid on new orders ONLY placed between 11/27/25 - 12/1/25).

**[SJB School Spirit Store](#)**

### Grateful Hearts Growing Together

SJB focuses on three core values to help us grow into the saints God desires us to become: **reliance on prayer, willingness to grow, and living out of a generous spirit.**

Each fall, the SJB community is invited to set goals for each of these core values through the **Grateful Hearts Growing Together** campaign.

To make it easy to participate, you can [submit your 2026 goals to pray, grow and live generously online](#) or pick up a **Grateful Hearts Growing Together** form on the Harvest Table along with a business reply envelope to mail in your response. You can also submit your form via the collection basket at Mass. We are only 80 responses away from reaching our goal of 450. Check the thermometer on the Harvest Table for the latest update!

Questions? Please contact Director of Development Mary May in the parish office at 651-633-8333, ext. 1253, or email [maym@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:maym@stjohnnyb.org).

Thank you for your participation! You are helping our parish grow in faith and friendship!



[Fr. Paul's invitation to Grateful Hearts Growing Together](#)

### Christmas Wreath Sales

The Grandparent Ministry will be selling Christmas wreaths and swags in the plaza following Masses this weekend 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.



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](mailto:brostromc@stjohnnyb.org)



Learn more about Small Groups Here