

# PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

January 15, 2026



## From the Principal

Greetings from the Principal's Office! I hope this message finds you well and in good spirits. It is a pleasure to share some positive updates from across our Catholic school as we continue to grow and thrive together this school year.

Our wall construction project to secure our school entrances is progressing well, and it has been wonderful to see the steady improvements taking shape over the past two weeks. This project represents our ongoing commitment to providing a safe, welcoming, and well-maintained environment for our students, faculty, staff, and families. Thank you for your patience and support as this essential school improvement project continues.

Excitement is also building as we prepare for our much-anticipated Wines to Wishes annual event. Planning is well underway, and there is a genuine sense of enthusiasm among faculty, staff, and the broader SJB Church and School community. This event not only brings us together but also plays a vital role in supporting valuable opportunities for our SJB students. We look forward to sharing more details with you about the event, auction items, and planned games.

Tonight at 6:00pm in St. Joe's Hall, we will welcome prospective Kindergarten and Preschool families to SJB to give them information about the 26.27 school year. It will be a fantastic event and an amazing experience to connect with families and share with them all the wonderful things happening at SJB! Thank you to all those involved in planning and preparing for this event for our families. If you know of a family interested in SJB but unable to attend tonight, please direct them to the school office, and we can provide them with information from tonight's informational session.

Most importantly, I am proud of the positive learning environment that continues to flourish throughout our Catholic school. Our students are engaged, respectful, and eager to learn, and our staff remain deeply committed to nurturing both academic growth and well-being. The sense

### Upcoming Events

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| Preschool & KG Information Night | <b>Jan 15</b>    |
| No School - MLK Day              | <b>Jan 19</b>    |
| CSW Sunday Mass Day              | <b>Jan 25</b>    |
| Used Uniform Sale                | <b>Jan 25</b>    |
| No District Busing Days          | <b>Jan 26-27</b> |
| SJB Variety Show                 | <b>Jan 29</b>    |
| Wines to Wishes                  | <b>Jan 31</b>    |

### Quick Links:

- [2026-2027 School Calendar](#)
- [Preschool Page](#)
- [Virtus Information](#)
- [Educational Benefits Form](#)
- [SJB Spirit Wear Store](#)

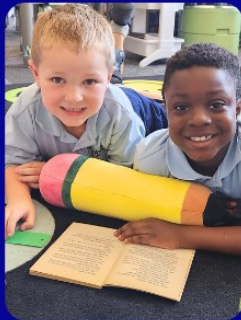
of care, collaboration, and optimism that pervades our SJB classrooms is truly special.



Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we are building a vibrant, supportive, and JOY-filled Catholic school community where every child can thrive and succeed.

God bless,  
Dr. Weingartz

**St. John the Baptist ~ Preschool and Kindergarten  
Information and Enrollment Night  
Thursday, January 15th ~ 6:00p - 7:30p**



At our information and enrollment night, you will have the opportunity to meet staff, parents, and students; ask questions about our school; and receive details about the enrollment process.

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

[www.stjohnnyb.org](http://www.stjohnnyb.org)



RSVP HERE

**School Calendar**



**The calendar for the  
2026-2027 School Year  
is now available  
on the school website.**

**[2026-2027 School Calendar](#)**




Looking to learn more and participate in school volunteer opportunities throughout the school year? Join the SJB PTO!

Email [stjohnnybpto@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnnybpto@gmail.com) to be added to our distribution list and get invitations to upcoming meetings.

*Upcoming Meetings: January 13 and March 30 at 6 p.m. (Zoom).*

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!



### Catholic Schools Week 2026

*Catholic Schools Week is a week where we celebrate our wonderful school and to thank those who help to make it a great place to be!*

*We are excited for the fun activities planned for our students and community!*



Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community



**Teacher Raffle:** One fun activity we do each year for CSW is the Teacher Raffle. Teachers and other school staff put together fun baskets for a student raffle. Students may purchase tickets to try their luck at winning a basket. Tickets are 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.00.

Each student will receive an order form on Tuesday, January 20th to complete and return with money to purchase tickets (ticket purchases are optional). Ticket orders will be filled by the student ambassadors and returned to the students to be filled out and returned to school and placed in the raffle buckets that they choose. Tickets will be sold through Tuesday, Jan. 27th. All tickets should be placed in buckets by Thursday, January 29th. Buckets for each basket will be in the hallway by the resource rooms for the completed raffle tickets.

## **Catholic Schools Week 2026**

**Catholic Schools Week is coming up!**

**We will celebrate the week of January 25th with an Olympic theme.**

**Sunday, January 25th CSW Mass**—Please join us for **8:30am or 10:30am Mass**. Students wear their full uniform to mass and sit with their parents. **Open House is between Masses from approximately 9:30am-10:30am**. Please visit your child's classrooms and stop by next year's class as well.

**Used Uniform Sale 9:30-10:30am and 11:30-12:30pm**

**Monday, January 26th – Celebrating our Community**

Students wear one of the colors in the Olympic rings (blue, black, red, yellow, or green).



**Tuesday, January 27th – Celebrating Vocations**

Dress as a profession you would like to become someday.

**Wednesday, January 28th – Celebrating our Nation**

Students should dress up, according to the code below, the best they can. Please wear nice pants, shirts, dresses, skirts, etc. - No jeans or sweatpants today! (Students can also wear their school uniform if that is most comfortable).



Pre-school, grades 1, 3, 5, & 7 in **RED**

Grades K, 2, 4, & 6 in **WHITE**

Grade 8 in **BLUE**



**Thursday, January 29th – Celebrating our Volunteers**

Students dress in comfy clothes. Variety Show - each grade will perform an act.

**Friday, January 30th – Celebrating our Students**

Students dress in school spirit. Teacher raffle basket drawing, all school bingo, games with prayer partners and a field trip.



**Saturday, January 31st – Wines to Wishes**

Adults-only register at [www.winestowishes.com](http://www.winestowishes.com)



# Wines to Wishes 2026

We are just over 2 weeks from Wines to Wishes 2026!



Register now and plan to join us on Saturday, January 31st as we raise money for important safety and security upgrades for our school.

Register online at [www.winestowishes.com](http://www.winestowishes.com). Online registration will close at 12pm (noon) on Thurs, January 29th. After that time, you may still register in-person at the event, however, the cost will increase to \$65 per person.

*Our Early-Bird registration winners are Chris and Molly Lepera! They will receive VIP parking the night of the event and 4 free drink tickets. Congratulations!*

## DONATIONS:

- If you have any last-minute silent auction donations, please drop them at the school office tomorrow, Friday, January 16th. Thank you!
  - We are looking for the following items for games:
    - ⇒ Lottery scratch-off tickets - \$1 up to \$10 ones
    - ⇒ Gift cards in \$5 or \$10 denominations - think coffee shops, restaurants, Target, Amazon, etc.
- Drop any donations at the school office

## VOLUNTEERS:

We are looking for additional volunteers to help with the event - [Volunteer Signup for Wines to Wishes](#)

## RAFFLES:

We are offering 3 raffles for this year's Wines to Wishes:

### Golden Ticket - \$100 per ticket

Only 100 tickets sold. Winner receives one year of tuition and technology fee for one student for the 2026-2027 school year. Sponsored by North American Bank

### Paddle North Raffle - \$25 per ticket

Winner receives utility floating dock, 2 floating chairs with cup holders, utility anchor, pump and transport bag valued at over \$1900. Sponsored in part, by Paddle North.

### Freezer, Meat and Pizza Raffle - \$25 per ticket

Winner receives an upright stand-up freezer, a case of pizzas, and a quarter of beef. Sponsored by Warners' Stellan Appliance, Kittleson Marketing, & the Reis Family (SJB Class of '64).

Raffle tickets may be purchased in the school office or the night of the event (for Golden ticket until all 100 are sold). Checks, cash or Venmo payment accepted. Drawing will be held during the live presentation the night of the event. Winner need not be present to win.

**THE GOLDEN TICKET Raffle**

LET THE SJB WINTER GAMES BEGIN!  
**GO FOR GOLD! WIN A YEAR OF TUITION!**

THE WINTER GAMES ARE HERE, AND SO IS YOUR CHANCE TO TAKE HOME THE GOLD! WE'RE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEWEST AND MOST EXCITING RAFFLE YET...THE GOLDEN TICKET! JUST LIKE THE OLYMPICS, THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE CHAMPION, AND THIS PRIZE IS PURE GOLD MEDAL MATERIAL.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST**

THE GOLDEN TICKET WILL BE DRAWN AFTER FUND-A-NEED

Here's how to compete:

- Only 100 tickets available — once they're gone, they're gone!
- Each ticket costs \$100
- Need not be present to win.
- Gold Medal Prize: A FULL YEAR of tuition at SJB!

\*Includes tuition and tech fee for the 2026-2027 school year.

**TICKETS 1-100 ONLY 1 CAN WIN!**

SPONSORED BY: **NORTH AMERICAN BANKING COMPANY**

WINES TO WISHES 2026

**PADDLE NORTH RAFFLE**

Built for long days on water

- 2-Floating Chairs with Cup Holders**  
The Floating Chair is the ultimate, personal water accessory designed for floating off in the water on hot days. Inflatable and lightweight, you can take this anywhere - in the beach, out on the boat, or in the pool. Anchor it, link up with other floating chairs, tether up to a boat, or just float.
- Utility Neck Loaded with Transport Bag**  
Built with triple-layer PVC and reinforced rails, it withstands salt, sun, and heavy use for beyond-ordinary adventures. A built-in pressure regulator prevents overinflation in the boat, ensuring safe, consistent performance. Available in two sizes, the Utility Deck supports up to 1,500 lbs, while the XL version handles over 2,200 lbs.
- Utility Anchor**  
Secure your gear, stabilize with the Paddle North Anchor. This 36 lb. So concrete has a smooth, rounded shape, making it a safer option around feet, especially when jumping into the water. Designed with an easy-release, center connection point, it is easy to set up with our included Anchor Rope System. Rugged, reliable, and made to stay put.
- Utility Inflator**  
This is the electric pump you've been waiting for. The Powered Superior Inflator is our most versatile pump yet. It can be powered via DC (car or boat), AC (wall outlet), or battery (optional). Use whatever you need it most. This pump is compatible with all Paddle North inflatables. They, Pumping, Paddle Ship, Kayaks, Utility Decks, Drink Logs, Air Horns, and more. Or, compatible with any inflatable equipped with a Holley-Roberts valve.

**\$25**

WINES TO WISHES 2026

**Upright Freezer Pizzas and MEAT RAFFLE**

**SATURDAY JANUARY 31**

TICKET WILL BE PULLED AFTER THE LIVE AUCTION

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

- BELLA NAPOLI PIZZAS**  
VALUE \$94.00  
CASE OF 6 PIZZAS
- STITZWORTH BEEF**  
VALUE \$1,067.98  
8 LBS OF TOP SIRLOIN  
8 LBS OF T-BONES  
24 LBS OF BEEF ROAST  
60 LBS OF CROCKPOT BEEF  
6 LBS OF NY STRIPS  
6 LBS OF STEW MEAT  
TOTAL \$1,161.98  
DONATED BY SJB ALUM '64
- WARNER'S STELLIAN FREEZER**  
VALUE \$389.99  
FRIGIDAIRE FREEZER  
15 CUBIC FOOT  
EVEN TEMP COOLING SYSTEM  
4 ADJUSTABLE METAL RACKS  
DEEP BOTTOM BASKET  
5 SPACIOUS DOOR BINS  
DONATED BY SJB PARENT & WARNER'S STELLIAN

**TOTAL VALUE \$1,761.97**

**Ticket Price \$25**

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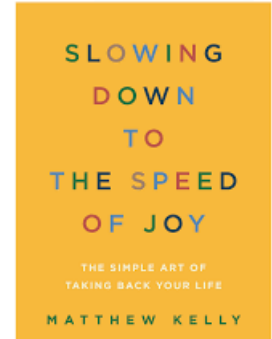
## Reclaim Challenge—Human Flourishing

Our Reclaim Challenge for the month of January into early February continues with the reading and discussing **Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy** by Matthew Kelly.

This week we pondered **Part Two: Human Flourishing** where we explored God's intent and desire for our identity and response back to God. We looked at Jesus's example of inner calm and life of virtue in responding to the demands in our world on all levels of physically, emotionally, intellectually and spiritually. We learned about putting more time for margin in your life and experiencing beautiful interruptions.

This next week we'll dive into Part Three: The One Thing where we'll look at concepts like leisure, rest and making the most of our Sundays. You are welcome to join the [Reclaim Challenge](#).

Don't have a book? We have limited supplies, but check at the Welcome Desk. Contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship at 651.633.8333 ext. 1280 or [finkj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:finkj@stjohnnyb.org)



## Ice Fishing with Father Tournament

**When:** January 17, 2026  
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Where:** Long Lake Beach

**Who:** 100 parishioners and friends of SJB!

- Participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult
- Ages 16 and older must have a MN fishing license

Register by scanning the QR code  
or on our parish website: [stjohnnb.com](http://stjohnnb.com)



**Register Today!**

Sponsored by:  
**Knights of Columbus**  
Saint John the Baptist Council 14250  
New Brighton, Minnesota

## Waffle Breakfast

Join us on Sunday, January 25  
9:00 am - Noon

**All you can eat:** waffles, scrambled eggs, sausages, syrup and sugar-free syrup, butter, fruit for the waffles, orange juice, coffee, milk, water. A gluten-free option is available on request.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

835 2nd Avenue NW,  
New Brighton, Minnesota 55112



## Lector and EMHC Trainings

If you feel called to serve the parish as a Lector or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC), please click [HERE](#) to sign up. Training will take place at the following dates/times:

Lector training Monday, January 26 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the church

EMHC training Tuesday, January 27 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the church

If you have questions, please contact Matthew Sell at [sellm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:sellm@stjohnnyb.org)

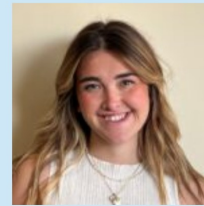


### February Family Formation Parent Program

Wednesday, February 4th, 6:00-7:30 pm  
in St. Joseph Hall

#### Evangelization

Optional dinner will be served at 5:30 in St. Joseph Hall. Bella Holsten, our Coordinator of Highschool Youth Ministry, will be talking about evangelization and how we can evangelize those we meet! The program starts at 6:00 pm. All adults are welcome!



Sunday January 18th  
11:30 (after mass)

**Chili**  
**COOK OFF**

Competition is limited to the first 15 people to register!  
\$25 entry fee

*Come taste the chili and vote for the best!*

**\$10 tickets\* All you can eat chili & sides**  
**kids hotdog meals\* \$3 available \*suggested donation\***

**DOORS OPEN AND ALL YOU CAN EAT CHILI!! TASTING STARTS AT 11:30**



#### MAKE THE BEST CHILI TO WIN CASH PRIZES

- 1ST PLACE: \$75 & TROPHY
- 2ND PLACE: \$50 & TROPHY
- 3RD PLACE: \$25 & TROPHY
- PEOPLE'S CHOICE: \$25 & TROPHY



**CONTACT MELISSA BERG FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER**  
**BERGFAMILY1643@COMCAST.NET OR 651-208-9227**

#### Chili Cook-Off 2026

Please join us for our 2nd Chili Cook-Off on January 18th after the 10:30am Sunday Mass. All you can eat chili and sides along with hot dog lunches for the kids (both while supplies last) available for a suggested donation! Also vote for your favorite chili!

Have a great chili and want to share? Register your team to bring home the best chili!! You can win trophies and cash prizes.

See flyer for more information. Contact Melissa Berg with any questions or to register your chili! Bergfamily1643@comcast.net or call/text 651-208-9227.