

PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

January 22, 2026



**SCHOOL CLOSED FRIDAY, JANUARY 23RD DUE TO EXPECTED COLD TEMPERATURES.
NO CLASSES, ACTIVITIES OR AFTER-SCHOOL EVENTS**

From the Principal

Greetings from the Principal's office! At the heart of our Catholic school is our shared mission. A Catholic education is more than strong academic foundations; it is an invitation for our students to grow in faith, character, and service, grounded in the values of the Gospel. Next week, we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week! I want to especially thank all of our students, families, faculty, and staff who make SJB such an outstanding Catholic School!

Each day, our classrooms are places where learning and faith come together. Our students are encouraged to think critically, act compassionately, and live with integrity. Through prayer, reflection, and service, they learn that their gifts and talents are meant not only for personal success but for the good of others. A Catholic education provides our children with a moral compass, a sense of purpose, and the confidence to stand for what is right.

I warmly invite all families to join us for this Sunday's Masses at 8:30 or 10:30. Gathering together in prayer is a beautiful way to reinforce the values we teach at school and to model the importance of faith in daily life for our children. Between the two Sunday Masses, our School Open House will be from 9:30 to 10:30am. Faculty and staff will be around to welcome and showcase our great Catholic School!

On the weekend, we will also be able to highlight the school entrance construction project, which is nearing completion. This has been a project that has come together beautifully over the past few months, especially the past three weeks of actual construction. We look forward to showing you how this project will enhance the safety and security of our school entrances. Thank you to all those involved in planning and preparing this vital school security enhancement project.

Upcoming Events

CSW Sunday Mass Day	Jan 25
Used Uniform Sale	Jan 25
No District Busing Days	Jan 26-27
SJB Variety Show - 1:20pm	Jan 29
Wines to Wishes	Jan 31
PTO Non-Uniform Day for Teachers	Feb 2
Grace 7 Retreat Day	Feb 2

Quick Links:

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



Thank you for the trust you place in our school and for your continued partnership in nurturing faith-filled, compassionate learners. Together, through education, faith, and community, we are shaping hearts and minds for the future.

God bless,
Dr. Weingartz

No Busing Days - Monday/Tuesday, January 25-26

Next Monday and Tuesday, January 26-27 will be 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.



MORNING CAR LINE DROP OFF REMINDERS

- MORNING DROP OFF BEGINS AT 7:30AM
- DOOR 6 (FLAGPOLE) CLOSSES AT 7:50AM (ANY STUDENT ARRIVING AFTER THIS TIME SHOULD BE DRIVEN AROUND TO DOOR 12)
- USE THE ENTIRE SIDEWALK - DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DOOR TO DROP OFF YOUR CHILD (THE SIDEWALK RUNS THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE SJB PLAYGROUND)
- PLEASE DO NOT PULL INTO OR THROUGH THE NORTH LOT - THAT LOT IS FOR BUSES ONLY

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR MORNING DROP OFF LINE SAFE AND MOVING QUICKLY!



Get involved in the PTO

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

Email 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).

WINTER Used Uniform Sale

SUNDAY JANUARY 25TH

9:30-10:30AM

11:30AM-12:30PM

SCHOOL CAFETERIA



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 should have received an order form this week 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 in school cafeteria.

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. St. Joseph Hall beginning at 1:20pm - parents welcome!

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



Wines to Wishes 2026

We are just a little over 1 week from Wines to Wishes 2026!



Register now and join us in the Winter Olympic Village on Saturday, January 31st as we raise money for important safety and security upgrades for our school.

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

LIVE AUCTION:

Unable to attend the event, but still want to be part of the **LIVE AUCTION**? We are offering the opportunity to use a **PROXY BIDDER** the night of the event. Stop in or call the school office to find out how!

DONATIONS:

We are looking for the following items for games:

- ⇒ Lottery scratch-off tickets - any denominations \$1 up to \$10
- ⇒ 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](#)

SILENT AUCTION:

The Silent Auction catalog is now available to view (Bidding will open next week) . Go to www.winestowishes.com and click on the **AUCTION CATALOG** tab to see all the items available!

RAFFLES:

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

- Golden Ticket** - \$100 per ticket
- Paddle North Raffle** - \$25 per ticket
- Freezer, Meat and Pizza Raffle** - \$25 per ticket

Raffle tickets may be purchased in the school office or the night of the event (Golden tickets are limited to 100 tickets only). 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.

SPONSORED BY:

TICKETS 1-100 ONLY 1 CAN WIN!

WINES TO WISHES 2026

PADDLE NORTH RAFFLE

Built for long days on water

- Z-Floating Chairs with Cup Holders**
The Floating Chair is the ultimate personal water accessory designed for cooling off in the water on hot days. Inflatable and lightweight, you can take this anywhere - the beach, out on the boat, or in the pool. Anchor it, lock 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 kinks, pulls, and heavy use far beyond single-ply alternatives. A built-in pressure regulator prevents overinflation in the heat, ensuring safe, consistent performance. Available in two sizes, the Utility Neck supports up to 1000 lbs, while the XL version handles over 2,000 lbs.
- Utility Anchor**
Secure your [zoo platform](#) with the Paddle North Anchor. This 16" by 16" concrete has a smooth, rounded shape, making it a safer option around feet, especially when jumping into the water. Designed with an easy-access, 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 it when you need it most. This pump is compatible with all Roadie North inflatables: [Zip](#), [Paragon](#), [Paddle Ship](#), [Nerve Kayaks](#), [Utility Docks](#), [Deck Logs](#), [Air Hammock](#), and more. Or, compatible with any inflatable equipped with a [Hatchy-Hatchy](#) 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 \$396.00
CASE OF 8 PIZZAS
- SITZBORTH BEEF**
VALUE \$1,067.98
8 LBS OF TOP SIRLOIN
8 LBS OF TRI-TIPS
24 LBS OF BEEF ROAST
60 LBS OF CROCK AND BEEF
8 LBS OF NY STRIPS
8 LBS OF RIBEYE
DONATED BY SJB ALUM '04
- WARREN'S STELLIAM FREEZER**
VALUE \$899.99
FRIGIDARE FREEZER
13 CUBIC FOOT
FRUIT-TEMP COOKING SYSTEM
4 ADJUSTABLE METAL RACKS
DEEP BOTTOM BASKET
5 SPACIOUS DOOR BINS
DONATED BY SJB PARENT & WARREN'S STELLIAM

TOTAL VALUE \$1,761.97

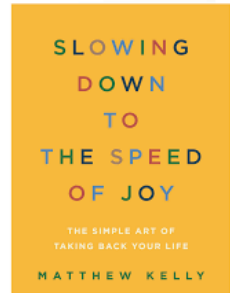
Ticket Price \$25

WINES TO WISHES 2026

Reclaim Challenge - The One Thing

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 Three: The One Thing** where we looked at concepts like leisure, rest and making the most of our Sundays. We are challenged to identify the obstacles to remove to reclaim Sunday for the rest we were created for. Next week we'll continue to look at the concept of leisure and the design intended for Sunday. Don't miss out on what we are reclaiming!



For more information click here: [Reclaim Challenge](#).

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

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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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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!




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