

PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

January 29, 2026



From the Principal

Greetings from the Principal's office! What a truly wonderful Catholic Schools Week we have shared and will continue to share tomorrow! Our school has been filled with joy, faith, and school spirit as students, faculty, and staff enthusiastically embraced each day's themes and activities. From the excitement in the classrooms to the smiles in the hallways, the week was a beautiful reflection of what makes our Catholic school community so special.

Catholic Schools Week is always a powerful reminder of our SJB mission. Throughout the week, we saw these values come alive in countless ways. From the kickoff on Sunday with Mass and the School Open House, the Variety Show on Thursday, and the fun field trips that we have planned for tomorrow! The positive school culture we continue to build together was on full display, and I am so grateful to our dedicated faculty and staff, supportive families, and amazing students who make our Catholic school such a welcoming and faith-filled place.

A special congratulations to First Grade teacher, Mrs. Maria Koskie, who is this year's school JOY award recipient. Each year, SJB recognizes someone who truly embodies the heart of SJB Catholic School. The JOY award exemplifies the Jesus-Others-You spirit, our core values, and the SJB Mission statement. Please join me in congratulating and thanking Mrs. Koskie for her incredible service to SJB!

As we carry this joyful momentum forward, we are also looking ahead to an exciting event this Saturday: **Wines to Wishes**. This premier event will help fund critical school needs and celebrate over 70 years of faith-filled excellence in Catholic education. This year's proceeds will support general school safety and security upgrades, as well as additional facility improvements. Funds raised beyond our Fund-a-Need goal will benefit our tuition assistance fund, helping ensure a strong future for our students. Your support—whether through attendance, sponsorship, or prayers—means so much and makes a lasting difference for our SJB Catholic school community.

Upcoming Events

Wines to Wishes	Jan 31
PTO Non-Uniform Day for Teachers	Feb 3
Grace 7 Retreat Day	Feb 3
Grade 3 Faith, Family & Fellowship	Feb 11
Classroom Valentine Parties	Feb 13
No School - Presidents Day	Feb 16
Ash Wednesday	Feb 18

Quick Links:

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



Thank you for being such an important part of our Catholic school family. Together, we continue to grow in faith, strengthen our community, and provide a strong foundation for our SJB students. Thank you for your partnership and support! Happy Catholic Schools Week!

God bless,
Dr. Weingartz

Wines to Wishes 2026

It is time for Wines to Wishes 2026!

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

Online registration has now closed. You may still register in-person on Saturday evening, however, the cost will increase to \$65 per person.

If you are unable to attend the event, but still want to be part of the **LIVE AUCTION** or **SILENT AUCTION**, you still can!

- * For 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!
- * Bidding is **NOW OPEN** on the **Silent Auction** catalog. Go to www.winestowishes.com and click on the **AUCTION CATALOG** tab to see all the items available! Click on the Login/Register to Bid and make sure you have a card on file. Even if you do not have tickets to the event, you can still participate in the Silent Auction!



We have a few volunteer spots left to fill the night of the event - [Volunteer Signup for Wines to Wishes](#)

Valentines Day 2026



We will celebrate Valentines Day this year on Friday, February 13th. Students may come to school out of uniform on this day wearing Valentines Day colors or in appropriate Valentine-themed clothing.

For students in grades K-5, classroom parties will be held in the afternoon from 1:15-2:00pm. Information will come from classroom teachers to sign up to help with treats, games, craft or to help the day of the party.

Students in grades K-5 are invited (but not required) to bring valentines to exchange with their classmates. We ask that if your child participates, that they bring enough for their entire class and that just the "from" section should be filled out. The "TO" section can be left blank. This helps speed up the process of passing them out to classmates. Students will decorate their Valentine bags at school with their teachers.



MORNING CAR LINE DROP OFF REMINDERS

- MORNING DROP OFF BEGINS AT 7:30AM
- DOOR 6 (FLAGPOLE) CLOSES 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).

SJB PTO'S NON-UNIFORM TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY!

TUESDAY, FEB. 3, 2026

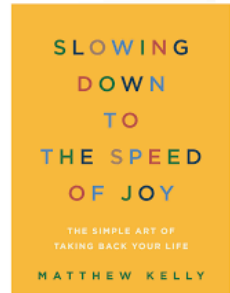
MINIMUM DONATION:

\$1

Reclaim Challenge - The Secret of Life

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

We conclude this week our January/February Reclaim Challenge of pondering Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy by Matthew Kelly. This week our author challenges to put into practice all we have learned and spend our time cultivating joy. Our challenge concludes on Sunday, February 8. We encourage you to implement the principles in this book and Reclaim in your life to live by the speed of joy.



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

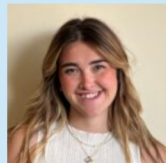
February Family Formation Parent Program

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!



Parish Mission

Suffering, What Every Catholic Should Know

6:30 - 8:00 pm on February 10 and 11 in the Church

A parish mission is a parish wide mini-retreat focusing on spiritual renewal, deepening faith, and strengthening one's relationship with God and each other.

Each evening will have an inspirational talk followed by a prayer experience and hospitality in St. Joseph Hall.



Circle of Women



Thursday, February 5 and 12, 2026
Meet in Room 206/208 from 9:15 am-11:00 am

We welcome women of all ages to Circle of Women! On February 5 we welcome Dia Boyle, who will speak about "Reclaiming the Thoughtful Home." Then, on February 12 we will celebrate our St. Valentine's Day brunch with a talk by Dr. Kate Walsh Soucheray about "Expressing our Love for God Through Serving our Neighbor."

Childcare is available. Grab one of our brochures from the kiosks or watch your Flocknote for details.



Any questions? Call Molly (763-458-2316)
Hope to see you there!

Yes, Catholics Can Make a Difference in Minnesota!

Attend **PRECINCT CAUCUSES**

February 3, 2026



Voice of the Catholic Bishops of Minnesota

Catholic Voter's Guide

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." ~ Edmund Burke

Do you have an opinion? Do you want your voice to be heard? Meet like-minded neighbors, get energized at your Republican or Democratic caucus!

Attend your precinct caucus February 3, 2026

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Senate District 39

(D) Columbia Academy
900 4th Avenue NE
Columbia Heights, MN 55421

Senate District 40

(D) Chippewa Middle School
5000 Hodgson Rd.
North Oaks, MN 55126

(R) Columbia Hts. High School
1400 49th Ave. NE
Columbia Heights, MN 55421

(R) Roseville High School
1240 County Road W.
Roseville, MN 55113

For more information, visit MNCatholic.org/caucus

