

PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

February 12, 2026



From the Principal

Greetings from the Principal's Office! I hope this message finds you well. This past week has been warmer, and welcoming students as they arrive has been easier than during the cold blast of weather the past few weeks! I am happy to write today with a full and grateful heart to thank you for the extraordinary support you showed at our recent **Wines to Wishes**.

Because of your generosity, enthusiasm, and belief in our Catholic school's mission, we are thrilled to share that together we raised **\$230,000** in donations and pledges. This remarkable achievement will directly enhance your children's safety and security, as well as educational programming on campus at SJB.

Beyond the impressive numbers, what made the evening truly special was the spirit of community. Seeing parents, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends gathered together—celebrating, connecting, and investing in our SJB students' futures—was a powerful reminder of what makes our Catholic school so unique. This is a true life lesson we can apply to every part of our lives. When we come together with a shared purpose, there is truly no limit to what we can accomplish.

We are also looking forward to continuing that spirit of joy and togetherness as we celebrate Valentine's Day with our upcoming class parties on Friday, February 13th. These moments of laughter, friendship, and simple fun are such an important part of the Catholic School experience. We are excited to see our classrooms filled with smiles, kindness, joy, and the warmth that makes our Catholic school community so special.



On behalf of our faculty, staff, and, most importantly, our students, thank you for choosing to be part of the SJB community. We are deeply grateful for your partnership and continued commitment to bringing a JOY-filled experience to our Catholic school community every day.

God bless,
Dr. Weingartz

Upcoming Events

Classroom Valentine Parties	Feb 13
No School - Presidents Day	Feb 16
Ash Wednesday	Feb 18
Stations of the Cross, 9:20am	Feb 19
Grade 8 Retreat Day	Feb 19
Stations of the Cross, 9:20am	Feb 23
End of 2nd Trimester	Feb 27

Quick Links:

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

TADS: Tuition Assistance and Tax Receipts

Applications for **Tuition Assistance** for the 2026-2027 school year are currently being accepted. If you would like to be considered for SJB tuition assistance, please **complete this application by March 15th**. Families must apply for assistance each year to be considered for SJB tuition assistance.

You will have the option to choose to be considered for an AIM Higher or CSA/AIM Higher grant during the application process. AIM Higher gives \$1000 grants to approximately 30 students at St. John's each year. These grants follow the students through 8th grade at a Catholic school, but you **MUST** complete the application each year to be eligible. **The deadline for these grant opportunities is February 27th.**

You may find the tuition assistance applications at www.mytads.com. Create a new account or log into your current account.

Tuition Receipts for Taxes

Parents can access the **Household Paid Tuition Tax Report** from the Billing area in either of these ways:

Option A (from the Billing home view)

1. Log in to <https://secure.tads.com/>
2. On the Home page, click the Visit button under Billing.
3. Above the list of Billing Accounts, click the blue hyperlink Household Paid Tuition Tax Report (left-hand side above their account listings).
4. Enter the Tax Year and click Submit.
5. Download the report as needed.

Option B (from inside a specific billing account)

While viewing a specific year billing account, click into the Reports tab to access the report.

March After School Art



Dark & Light: A Lenten & Resurrection Mixed Media Painting

Grades K-8
Thursday, March 5th &
Thursday, March 26th

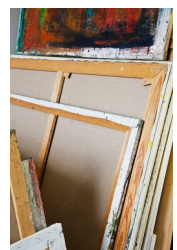
Acknowledge the Passion of our Lord and know that He has conquered death in this simple but powerful two-part painting in one class session.



Art A-La-Carte: Canvas

Grades K-8
Monday, March 23rd &
Monday, March 30th

Choose from a random canvas to create something of your own design or use a project idea. An array of art supplies for completion will be provided.



Leprechaun Watercolor Painting

Grades K-5
Monday, March 2nd

Celebrate the luck of the Irish with a simple leprechaun drawing and paint it with watercolor.



Art classes are from 2:30-4:00 p.m. in
the Art Room

12 students per class | \$25 a class


[Class Descriptions](#)


[Register Here](#)

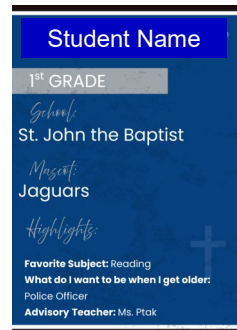
Wines to Wishes

The remaining items that are available on the Silent Auction site can be bought or bid on until tomorrow, Friday, February 13th. Go to www.winestowishes.com and click on the Auction Catalog. There are non-uniform passes for the current school year, non-uniform punch cards for the 2026-27 school year, dance, basketball and soccer camps as well as some class art projects. Take a look and purchase or bid through tomorrow.

We also have framed student player cards of all students in grades K-8 available for purchase for \$10 each. Send cash or check (to St. John's) and we can send them home with your child or stop in the school office to get your child's card.

 **If you still have your Name Tags from the event, send them with your child or drop them off at the school office!**

If you won a basket item and would like to donate the basket back to SJB, drop it off at the school office! 



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We Need Comprehensive Immigration Reform Now

With all the local turmoil and political tensions at a high in Minnesota, Archbishop Bernard Hebda published an article in the Wall Street Journal recently, giving us some faithful clarity and Christlike insight into how we can proceed as good Catholics in the midst of all that is occurring.

[Read Archbishop Hebda's Article Here](#)

Lent at St. John's

February 18 - April 4, 2026

Ash Wednesday, February 18

- 6:30 am ~ Holy Mass with Ashes
- 8:30 am ~ School Mass with Ashes
- 12:00 pm ~ Holy Mass with Ashes
- 5:30 pm ~ Holy Mass with Ashes
- 7:00 pm ~ Holy Mass with Ashes

Fridays, February 20 - March 27

- 5:30 pm ~ Holy Mass
- 6:00 pm ~ Fish Fry or Soup Supper
- 7:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross

(Fish Frys are on February 13, 27 and March 20, starting at 5:00 pm)

Saturdays, February 21 - March 28

- 8:30 am ~ Holy Mass

Cana Dinner

March 7, 2026
5:30-8pm

Speakers
Bernadette and David Gockowski
"To Whom Shall We Go but You?" Remaining with the Lord in Marriage



[Register Here](#)



Register here by Feb 27
\$50/ Couple or
Reserve a table of 8 for \$180
Assigned Seating

Married and engaged couples are invited to attend the Cana Dinner.

Enjoy a social hour of drinks and cocktails (5:30-6), followed by a plated dinner of chicken or beef. Couples have an opportunity to renew their marriage vows and then hear from the speaker. Evening concludes at 8pm.

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Pre Lenten
Fish Fry

Join us on Friday, February 13
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Meal includes: Fish, mac and cheese, tater tots, cole slaw, bread and butter, cookies, lemonade, water, and coffee. (Gluten-free option available.)

Prices: \$15/adult, \$10/ages 6-12, free/under 5, \$55/family maximum. Family is children and parents. Checks, cash, credit cards accepted.



**March Family Formation
Parent Program**
Wednesday, March 4th, 6:00-7:30 pm
in St. Joseph Hall



Confession Night

Optional dinner will be served at 5:30 in St. Joseph Hall. Deacon Peter Romens will be talking about God's forgiveness and mercy and there will be an opportunity for confession! The program starts at 6:00 pm. All adults are welcome!





Summer Youth Events



Extreme Faith Camp

EFC Registration is now open for St. John the Baptist's week of camp! The dates are June 29th-July 3rd. This will be an incredible opportunity for your kids to encounter the Lord while having a full week of outdoor adventure! **Click below to register your middle schoolers as campers and your high schoolers on the prayer team or extreme team.** Here is some information on what high schooler involvement looks like:

Prayer Team: 9th graders will get to experience the other side of camp! They will get to have time for much intercessory prayer for the campers, help with meals, and certain activities, all while also enjoying time at Trinity Woods!

Extreme Team: 10th-12th graders will get to lead the middle school small groups and be a part of the programming that they got to enjoy as campers!

Middle School Registration

High School Registration

Save the Dates for VBS and Totus Tuus

Vacation Bible School will be held at St. John's Tuesday, June 9th - Thursday, June 11th from 9:00am to 12:00pm. VBS is for students 3 years old (and potty trained) through students entering 1st grade in fall of 2026.

Totus Tuus will be held at St. Joh's Monday, July 20th - Friday, July 24th from 9:00am to 2:30pm. Totus Tuus is the grade school program for students entering first through fifth grade in fall of 2026.

Registration and more information for both programs will be coming in March. Questions? Please email Jen Livermont at livermontj@stjohnnyb.org.