

PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

March 26, 2026



From the Principal

Greetings from the Principal's Office! As we approach an important and reflective time in our Lenten season, I would like to share a few upcoming events and updates.

This Sunday, we invite all families to join us for our Palm Sunday Mass at 10:30am. Archbishop Hebda will be joining our community to celebrate Mass. We invite you to wear red to Mass. This special liturgy marks the beginning of Holy Week and offers our SJB students and families a meaningful opportunity to come together in faith. We encourage your participation as we begin this sacred time.

Throughout the upcoming week, our Catholic school will observe Holy Week with a variety of age-appropriate activities and reflections.

Monday: Palm Sunday - Welcoming Christ - Where and How do we welcome everyone

Tuesday: Holy Thursday - Everyone is Welcome to the Banquet - Feed the Hungry through Christ

Wednesday: Good Friday - Veneration of the Cross - Giving of Yourself as Jesus Did

Thursday: Resurrection - Meeting Christ on the Road to Emmaus

These experiences are designed to help our students deepen their understanding of the significance of this time in the Church calendar and to grow spiritually as a Christ-centered community. One note: our weekly All-School Mass will be moving to **Tuesday, March 31st** instead of Wednesday next week.



Thank you for your continued support of our Catholic school and for partnering with us in both the academic and spiritual formation of your children.

God bless,
Dr. Weingartz

Upcoming Events

No School - Good Friday	Apr 3
SJB Easter Egg Hunt	Apr 4
No School - Easter Monday	Apr 6
No School K-8 ONLY - NCEA Conference	Apr 7-8
PTO Non-Uniform for Teachers	Apr 14
Gr 8 Washington, D.C. Trip	Apr 21-24
K-2 Grade Level Sunday Mass, 10:30am	Apr 26

Quick Links:

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



No School for students in K-8 ONLY on April 7-8 for the NCEA Conference. There is **NO J-CARE** available.

Preschool classes and Care Crew will be **IN SESSION AS NORMAL** on those two days.

Poverty Project at SJB

During the season of Lent, the middle school students have been working with their advisories to take on leadership roles in teaching the younger students about poverty through themes of social justice and charitable works. We have talked about and focused on encountering Christ through this journey. The importance of working on the **Poverty Project** during Lent is not only to understand Social Justice and Charitable Works, but it is also about **Fasting** - thinking about what we really need, **Prayer** - living out as Christ has taught us, and **Alms Giving** - a small donation, collecting supplies that others truly need that they may not be able to afford, and standing up for what is right and just.

Next week, as we walk through the final days of Jesus' life on earth during our Holy Week Retreat. The students will participate in a variety of age-appropriate activities and reflections:

Tuesday, March 31st

Cookie Sale - Students will have the opportunity to purchase a cookie during lunch for \$1.00 to help support those in need. All proceeds will go directly to the St. John's Food Shelf.

Wednesday, April 1st

Honoring those who serve out the mission of Christ in our parish.
Veneration of the Cross at 9:15am in Church. All are welcome to join us.

Thursday, April 2nd

One CAN Make a Difference -

Students will be collecting food donations as part of our Lenten Outreach activity. Please see the list below of which items each grade is asked to donate for our SJB Food Shelf..

- Kindergarten** - drinks (juice boxes, canned juice, etc.)
- 1st Grade** - breakfast items (pancake mix, syrup, cereal, cereal bars, etc.)
- 2nd Grade** - canned fruits or fruit cups
- 3rd Grade** - canned vegetables
- 4th Grade** - noodles, rice, potatoes
- 5th Grade** - canned meats, soups, pasta sauce
- 6th Grade** - granola bars, fruit snacks, dried fruit, dried jerky
- 7th Grade** - crackers, chips
- 8th Grade** - lunch items (peanut butter, jelly, etc.)



GoGuardian

To help keep your child safer and more focused online, St. John the Baptist Catholic School has adopted GoGuardian's online services. Over 14,000 other schools use GoGuardian to protect 25 million students worldwide.



How are we using GoGuardian?

We have chosen GoGuardian services to:

- Help protect students against harmful and inappropriate online material
- Help students stay more focused when learning online
- Facilitate communication between teachers and students during class time

When and how does GoGuardian operate?

GoGuardian's web-based services operate when a student is signed in to their school-managed account on a school-supported device (i.e., when a student is logged in with their school email address). St. John the Baptist Catholic School will be utilizing GoGuardian on school-issued Chromebooks.

What are the school's responsibilities?

St. John the Baptist selected GoGuardian services to help our students stay safer and more focused online.

What are my parental/guardian and child's responsibilities?

We ask that students use their school-managed accounts and devices for educational purposes in accordance with St. John the Baptist's Catholic Schools Acceptable Use of Technology Policies.

How does GoGuardian help protect my child's privacy?

To help your child remain focused and safe online, GoGuardian collects certain personally identifiable information about your child. GoGuardian has consulted with privacy experts, participates in privacy organizations, is a proud signatory of the [2020 Student Privacy Pledge](#), and has been awarded certifications by [iKeepSafe](#) for complying with both Family Education Rights and Privacy Act and California student privacy laws (which have served as a model for many other states' student privacy laws). For more detailed information about GoGuardian, you may visit GoGuardian's [website](#), [Trust & Privacy Center](#), GoGuardian's [Product Privacy Policy](#), and GoGuardian's [COPPA Notice and Disclosure Form](#).

Spring Athletic Spirit Wear Now Available!

We're excited to share that new spring sport spirit wear is now available!

We've added options for track, baseball, and softball, making it easy to show your support for our student athletes this season. Be sure to check out the selections and find your favorites.

Orders can be placed directly through the SJB Online spirit wear store.

**SJB Online
Spirit Wear Store**

Thank you for supporting SJB athletics - Go Jaguars!



2026-2027 SJB Discipleship Grant Application

The application for the SJB Discipleship Grant for the 2026-2027 school year is now available. The grant is open to those who are active parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church and School and any grants awarded may be applied to either preschool or K-8 tuition for the 2026-27 school year. The application should be completed by Friday, April 10th.



2026-2027 SJB Discipleship Grant Application: <https://forms.gle/tGerqkScTA3jMfLj8>

April After-School Art Classes

Three Little Birds Watercolor Drawing

Grades K-5



Monday, April 13, 2026

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Draw some sweet little bird friends and then use some special watercolor techniques to create your drawing into a painting.

Mixed Media Air Dry Clay Birds

Grades K-5



Thursday, April 23, 2026

Monday, April 27, 2026

Students will learn how to dye air dry clay to create bird figures in their own little nest. A variety of materials will be used to create unique new species!

Mixed Media Butterfly Wings

Grades 3-8

Thursday, April 9, 2026



Students will create unique butterfly wings using oil pastel blending techniques and then use a unique watercolor technique for their background. A simple take on a beautiful image of spring.



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](#)

Easter Grams and Coloring Contest

The SJB Student Ambassadors are hosting an Easter coloring contest for students in grades K-8. Students have the option to color and turn in their work by Wednesday, April 1st to enter.

The ambassadors are also selling Easter Grams now through Tuesday, March 31st. The grams are 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.00 and will be sold in your child's classroom. All completed grams should be back to school by Wednesday, April 1st.



Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 2

7:00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper – with incense
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass and until midnight
(Chapel of the Angels)
Seven Churches Pilgrimage (Handout with suggested route available)

Good Friday, April 3

The church is open all day for your prayers.
12:00 pm Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm Solemn Good Friday Liturgy – with incense
8:00 pm Tenebrae: A Service of Darkness and Shadows
*The Adoration Chapel is closed during the Triduum
The administrative office is closed on Good Friday*

Holy Saturday, April 4*

10:00 am Egg Hunt (Blessing in West Parking Lot)
12:00 pm Blessing of the Food (Chapel of the Angels)
8:00 pm The Great Easter Vigil – with incense
*No scheduled Confessions on Holy Saturday
No 4:30 pm Holy Mass*

Easter Sunday, April 5*

7:30 am Easter Sunday Mass (Organ & Cantor)
9:30 am Easter Sunday Mass (Organ & Choir) – with incense
11:30 am Easter Sunday Mass (Organ & Cantor)
No 5:30 pm Holy Mass

**Note these Mass times are for this weekend only*

Easter Egg Hunt

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026

10:00 am Blessing - West Lot
Kindergarten & under at school playground
1st & up at Vet's Park

Games, Crafts,
Goodie Bags
Refreshments for sale
by SJB Ambassadors



Bring your own basket or bag for the hunt. The Egg Hunt will be held outside with some portion inside based upon weather. Please dress for the weather and park conditions!

Children must be accompanied
by an adult



Questions? Email
livermontj@stjohnnyb.org

**Volunteer for the
Easter Egg Hunt**

Lent Communal Penance Service

Sunday, March 29, 2026

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

*Twelve priests will be available to
hear private Confessions and give absolution.*

Private confessions also
available next week:

Tuesday, March 31st 7:00-8:20am
Wednesday, April 1st 3:30-5:20pm

April Family Formation Parent Program

Wednesday, April 8th, 6:00-7:30 pm
in St. Joseph Hall



Our Father who art in Heaven



Optional dinner will be served at 5:30 in St. Joseph Hall. Fr. Derek Gilde will be talking about Fatherhood and our relationship with God the Father. The program starts at 6:00 pm. All adults are welcome!

