

PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

March 5, 2026



From the Principal

Greetings from the Principal's office! As we step into the third trimester, I am filled with excitement and gratitude for our Catholic school community. This time of year always brings renewed focus, fresh goals, and wonderful opportunities for growth. Our SJB students have accomplished so much already this school year, and the next few months ahead promise even more learning, discovery, and celebration in the classrooms of SJB!

One highlight from this past week was our students' participation in the ZOOMS STEM Design Process at the MN Zoo presented by Flint Hills Resources. Twelve of our students were asked to present their projects at the Zoo. This project engaged our 7th-grade students in hands-on problem-solving, creative engineering challenges, and collaborative innovation, showcasing their curiosity and critical thinking skills. Congratulations to these students for their excellent work and their awards!

Innovation Award – presented by Flint Hills Resources for best STEM approach to the problem: Isabella E, Quinn F., Vaughn N., & Aiden R.

Zookeepers Award – for best integration of needs for zookeepers and animals: Pat F., Lexi H., Kate N., & Will P.

1st Place – Overall Middle School Exhibit Design: Lucy H., Mia K., Myles O., & Lawrence S.

Click [Here](#) to see the news story and interview from Fox 9 News.



I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the families who attended spring Parent-Teacher Conferences on Tuesday and will be attending tonight. It was wonderful to see so many of you in our hallways

Upcoming Events

Gr 3-5 Level 10:30am Sunday Mass	Mar 8
KG FFF Morning	Mar 11
Stations of the Cross, 9:20am	Mar 12
No School - Spring Break	March 16-20
Reconciliation, Gr 2-5	Mar 24
Reconciliation, Gr 6-8	Mar 25
Stations of the Cross, 9:20am	Mar 26

Quick Links:

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

and classrooms. Your partnership makes a tremendous difference in your child's success. The strong home-school connection we share is one of the greatest strengths of our Catholic community, and we truly value the conversations, questions, and collaboration that conferences provide.

As we begin this third trimester, we look forward to continued academic growth, special projects, and the many activities that make this time of year memorable. Together, we will continue encouraging our students to set goals, work hard, and finish the year strong.



Thank you for your ongoing support, partnership, and involvement in our Catholic school. It is a JOY to serve your children each day!

God bless,
Dr. Weingartz

Spring Break 2026



Spring Break 2026 is coming soon! There is no school for all students in preschool - grade 8 from Monday, March 16 - Friday, March 20. School resumes on Monday, March 23rd. J-Care (gr. K-8) and Care Crew (preschool) are available on select days during break - see below for more information on how to register your child. The deadline is March 9th.

We know many of our families will be traveling during spring break and some students may be missing some school days. If your child will be missing days, please remember to let both your child's teacher know as well as

the school office. You may leave a voicemail on the attendance line at 651-633-2211 ext. 1119 or email Joy Thienes at thienesj@stjohnnyb.org. Thank you.

March After School Art



**Dark & Light:
A Lenten & Resurrection
Mixed Media Painting**

Grades K-8

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.



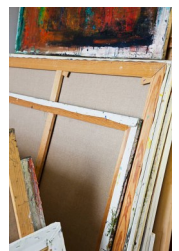
Art A-La-Carte: Canvas

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.



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](#)

Spring Break J-Care & Care Crew

J-Care (grades K-8)

J-Care will be available during Spring Break on Monday, March 16 - Thursday, March 19. Find more information and register your child on the J-Care page of the SJB website (or click below).

Registration for J-Care on these school release days closes on Monday, March 9th at 9:00am.

Questions? Contact our J-Care Director, MacKenzie Kantor at kantorm@stjohnnyb.org or 651-261-9113.



Preschool Care Crew

Care Crew will also be available during Spring Break on Monday, March 16 - Wednesday, March 18. Find more information and register your child on the Care Crew page of the SJB website (or click below).

Questions? Contact our Preschool Director, Andrea Schroeder at schroedera@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-1522 x 1209.



Wines to Wishes

Did you miss your chance to purchase a monthly uniform pass for your child for the 2026-2027 school year? You are in luck! We are offering the monthly pass punch cards for purchase. Each card is \$100 and is good for one non-uniform day each month (September thru May) for the 2026-2027 school year.



Only one pass per student.

Stop in at the school office to purchase a punch card for your child. Cash, check (to St. John's) or Venmo payment available.



Out of Uniform Pass! Dress Down and Show Your Style! Here's your chance to be out of uniform once a month - and enjoy it all year long!

2026-2027 Non-Uniform Pass


September 2026	October 2026	November 2026	December 2026	January 2027
February 2027	March 2027	April 2027	May 2027	

Valid for one school day per month. Present to your teacher on the day you seek to be punched. Must follow school dress code guidelines - may not be used on mass or field trip days.

Each pass includes:
• One Out of Uniform day per month
• Valid September 2026 through May 2027 (9 total punches)
• Not valid on Wednesday Mass days or on school field trip days
• All outfits must follow school dress code and uniform guidelines
• Price: \$100 per pass card
• Pass valid for the 2026-2027 school year
• Each punch = one approved "Out of Uniform" day
• Pass is non-transferable and must be used by the student named on it only

\$100 EACH

WINES TO WISHES 2026



PROMISE TO PROTECT

PLEDGE TO HEAL

If you suspect abuse of a minor, your first call should be to law enforcement.

You are also encouraged to contact the archdiocese's Victim Assistance Program at (651) 291-4475.

For confidential, compassionate assistance from an independent and professional local care provider, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, contact Canvas Health at (651) 291-4497.

Spring Athletics at SJB - Registration Now Open

SJB Athletics will offer Baseball, Softball and Track & Field this spring (pending enough students to host full teams)

- ⇒ Baseball is open to boys in grades 5-8
- ⇒ Softball is open to girls in grades 5-8
- ⇒ Track & Field is open to girls and boys in grades 4-8

Registration for all spring sports is open now through March 12 via the online link that may be found on the [Athletic Page](#) of the school website or by clicking the links below.. March 12th is the deadline to register your child(ren).

Contact [Mr. Cole Van Beusekom](#) with questions.

**BASEBALL
REGISTRATION**

**SOFTBALL
REGISTRATION**


**TRACK & FIELD
REGISTRATION**

Summer Camps at Totino Grace High School

Want to try out a new sport over the summer? Looking for a way to practice your skills, make new friends, and have fun learning new things? Totino-Grace Summer Camps are for you! Check out the girls youth hockey camp coached by TG alum and SJB parent, Lindsey Merritt.

TG offers camps for a variety of sports and activities, with opportunities for students from grade 2 all the way through high school seniors.

**TOTINO GRACE
SUMMER CAMPS**


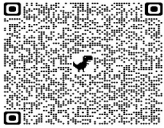


TOTINO-GRACE HIGH SCHOOL

**YOUTH GIRLS
HOCKEY CAMP**

- Dates: June 8-11, 12:30-2:00 PM
- Location: Rink 2, Brooklyn Park Community Center
- Grades 4-9 for the '26-27 school year
- Price: \$125, camp capped at 30 participants!
- Coaches: TG Alum Lindsey Merritt

Our camp will have a heavy emphasis on skating technique and proper stickhandling. Each day will combine a specific focus such as defensive tactics, offensive skills and different shooting techniques with challenging puck work and shooting drills. Athletes should bring their full equipment and water bottle to camp. Current Totino-Grace Girls Hockey players will help run this exciting camp!!

**SCAN ME FOR MORE
DETAILS AND REGISTRATION!!**



The SJB Food Shelf serves members of our parish community as well as our near neighbors who are in temporary need to supplement their food budget.

The food shelf is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30 – 11:30 am.

Online or paper orders are also accepted. To submit an online order, click [here](#). Paper order forms are available at St. John's in the kiosk near the welcome desk. Completed orders may be turned in at the parish office or the welcome desk.

The SJB Food Shelf relies on donations from the parish and school community. Donations from School Spirit Days support this food shelf. Donations can also be made at any time by dropping them in any of the wood bins near the church entrances. Thank you for your generosity!



HELP WITH

Clothing

- Infants
- Toddlers
- Children (up to size 6/8)

Diapers

Baby Essentials

Books

Toys

St John the Baptist Catholic Church

835 2nd Ave. NW, New Brighton

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

Call: 1-800-221-8211

or Scan:



March is Minnesota Food Share Month

Next weekend, March 14 and 15 members of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be handing out grocery bags with a suggested list of needed items and a donation envelope attached at weekend Masses. We ask that you return them filled the following weekend, March 21 and 22. This will enable us to stock our newly located St. John's food shelf and deliver the remaining bags to the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf. This year, the donations received via the envelopes attached to the bags will be shared with Immaculate Conception parish in Columbia Heights to assist in their Latino Ministry. Please give generously during this Lenten season. "When were you hungry, Lord, and we fed you?"



Lent at St. John's

Fridays, February 20 - March 27

5:30 pm ~ Holy Mass

6:00 pm ~ Fish Fry or Soup Supper

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

7:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross

Saturdays, February 21 - March 28

8:30 am ~ Holy Mass

Immigration Services

Shoreview Immigration Resource virtual event - **Immigration: Know your rights and family preparation**

May 4th, 6:30-8:00pm, virtual - Click [HERE](#) for more information and the zoom webinar link

Mental Health Services (both take insurance and offer low-cost options for un/under-insured clients)

⇒ CLUES - <https://clues.org/services/behavioral-health/>

⇒ Through Therapy Collective - <https://www.throughtherapy.com/>

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



2026 Themes:
The Commandments & Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary



Totus Tuus is a Catholic summer program dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel and sharing the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship taught by college students. The program is split into the grade school day program and the middle school/high school evening program.



Grade School Day Program:
The day program is for students entering grades 1-5 in the fall, and costs \$75. The program runs Monday, July 20 through Friday, July 24, 2026 from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm and includes songs, skits, games, prayer, small groups, Holy Mass, recess, and large group presentations. We will end the week with a human sundae and water fun!



Volunteer to get a discount!
Email me at livermontj@stjohnnyb.org



Register on our website at:
<https://stjohnnb.com/faith-formation/totus-tuus-2>




Totus Tuus Registration - only a few spots left!



TUESDAY, JUNE 9 TO THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026

9:00 am TO NOON

\$45 T-SHIRT INCLUDED



FOR CHILDREN 3 YEARS & POTTY-TRAINED THROUGH STUDENTS ENTERING FIRST GRADE

VBS is a fun way to experience Christ's teachings through hands-on play, prayer, Bible stories, crafts, snacks, and playground time. Water fun on the last day!

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REGISTER ONLINE HERE:
[HTTPS://STJOHNNB.COM/VACATION-BIBLE-SCHOOL](https://stjohnnb.com/vacation-bible-school)




Join the VBS Waitlist!