

# PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

**April 16, 2026**



## From the Principal

Greetings from the Principal's office! As the days grow longer and the weather begins to warm, there's a renewed sense of energy in our Catholic school community. Each morning when I arrive at school, the sun is shining earlier and earlier from my office window! Seeing the sun shine through the windows and knowing that spring has a way of lifting spirits, we're seeing that reflected in our classrooms, hallways, and outdoor spaces as students embrace this vibrant time of year at St. John the Baptist.

We've now reached the midpoint of the third trimester. This is a meaningful milestone that offers both a chance to reflect on how far our SJB students have come and an opportunity to stay focused on finishing the year strong. Our students continue to demonstrate resilience, curiosity, and growth, and we are proud of the effort they bring each day.

Spring sports are now getting underway, bringing excitement and school spirit to our community. These activities provide wonderful opportunities for students to stay active, build teamwork skills, and represent our Catholic school with pride. We encourage families and friends to come out and support our student athletes as they compete and grow both on and off the field.

One of the highlights on the horizon is the upcoming 8th-grade trip to Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., next week. This experience brings learning to life in powerful ways, connecting students to the history and ideas they've studied throughout their time here at St. John the Baptist. We are excited for our 8th graders to explore, learn, and create lasting memories together. Please keep our students, faculty, and parents in your prayers for safe travels as we depart early next week.



Thank you, as always, for your partnership and support. Together, we can make these final months of the school year both meaningful and memorable for every SJB student. Wishing you and your family a wonderful spring season,

God bless,  
Dr. Weingartz



**No District Busing  
tomorrow, Friday, April 17th**

SJB charter buses to  
Blaine area will run normally.

## Upcoming Events

NO Busing Day	<b>Apr 17</b>
Gr 1 Faith, Family & Fellowship <a href="#">RSVP Here</a>	<b>Apr 22</b>
Gr 8 Washington, D.C. Trip	<b>Apr 21-24</b>
K-2 Grade Level Sunday Mass, 10:30am	<b>Apr 26</b>
Spring Family Fun Night	<b>May 1</b>
May Crowning Mass - Gr 8 FFF Morning	<b>May 1</b>
Grade 2 Faith, Family & Fellowship	<b>May 6</b>

## Quick Links

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

### 2026-2027 Knights of Columbus Grant Application

Knights of Columbus Council 14250 is generously offering seven tuition grants to St. John the Baptist Catholic School students for the 2026-2027 school year. These grants are open to all school families who will have students in preschool through grade 8 for the 26-27 school year. The seven grants offered are the following:



- Current Knights of Columbus members will be eligible to receive one of 3 grants of \$750 each.
- Non KC members or any school family who are active members of SJB Church or School will be eligible to receive one of 4 grants of \$375 each.

The application is open now through Friday, April 24th. Click [HERE](#) for the application.

**12 May 9:15 AM**

**FIREFIIGHTERS... CALLING ALL NEW BRIGHTON AND SJB PARENTS WHO ARE FIREFIIGHTERS**

JOIN US AS WE HONOR YOU ON ST. FLORIAN DAY - PATRON SAINT OF FIREFIIGHTERS TUESDAY, MAY 12 AT 9:15AM

WHERE: ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST in St Joseph Hall

**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SERVICE AND DEDICATION**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL CELEBRATION IN YOUR HONOR

**SIGN UP HERE**





**I:55**  
BOOK FAIRS

CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER AT SFFN!

# BOOK FAIR

**SPRING FAMILY NIGHT**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026**  
**5:30-7:30 PM**  
**IN THE GYM!**

**EVENT IS FREE**  
Free-will offering will be accepted

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Games**  
**Cake Walk**  
**Ice Cream**  
**Food**  
**Face Painting**

Stop by the gym for the I:55 BOOKFAIR

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT!**

**MENU**

Hamburger w/chips = \$5.00  
Cheeseburger w/chips = \$5.00  
Hotdog w/chips = \$5.00  
Pop - \$1.00  
Water - free

Sponsored by:  
The Knights of Columbus

St. John the Baptist  
Friday, May 1, 2026  
5:30-7:30 PM

## Uniform Policy

As we enter into the last several weeks of the school year, we celebrate the incredible progress our students have made this year. It is a fun and busy time of year and also the time where our routines, including the uniform policy, start to slip. We appreciate your support in maintaining our school uniform policy. As the weather warms up, we want to call your attention to a few details:

- ⇒ **Shorts:** As of April 1st, navy blue uniform shorts may be worn by boys or girls. Shorts should be "dress-pant" style and belts should be worn (except for kindergarten). Uniform shorts should reach just above the knee (no shorter than 2 inches above the knee).
- ⇒ **Skirts/jumpers:** length of skirts and jumpers should be finger-tip length or no more than 2-inches above the knee. Shorts or leggings may be worn underneath. Leggings should be navy or black.
- ⇒ **Shoes:** please follow uniform guidelines - no Birkenstock-type sandals, crocs, slides, or Uggs (boots or slip ons)

Please refer to the Uniform Policy that may be found on the school website: [SJB Uniform Policy](#)

**Lost and Found:** Our Lost and Found collection has grown significantly! All items are in the lost and found bin outside the school office. Please encourage your child to check for any missing jackets, uniform pieces, water bottles, or lunch boxes. Any unclaimed items will be donated to the used uniform sale or charity at the end of the school year.

**Uniform Donation Bin:** If your child has outgrown their uniform and the clothes are still in good condition, please consider donating them for our Used Uniform Sale that will be held in August. The box is located outside the school office and you may drop the items off at any time.

## Faith, Family and Fellowship Morning

We have three upcoming Faith, Family and Fellowship Mornings - the last three of the school year. These mornings begin with Mass at 8:30am and ending with hospitality in St. Joseph Hall.

- \* Grade 1 on Wednesday, April 22nd. [Grade 1 FFF RSVP](#)
- \* Grade 8 on Friday, May 1st. This is also the May Crowning Mass where we honor Mary in a special way. [8th grade FFF RSVP](#)
- \* Grade 2 on Wednesday, May 6th. Bishop Izen will be celebrating this Mass as we celebrate with our second grade students their First Communions. Grade 2 RSVP coming soon!

## 8th Grade Legacy Gift

The 8th grade Legacy Gift is a meaningful tradition that allows each graduating class to leave a lasting contribution for the school community. This year, the Legacy Gift Committee is proposing the purchase of a roll-down gate for the new concession stand - an improvement that will enhance safety, protect equipment, and support school events for years to come.



The fundraising goal of the 2026 graduating class is **\$2,000–\$3,000**. If there are any 8th grade families who would like more information or to contribute to this legacy gift, please contact Mrs. Jenny Carroll ([carrollj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:carrollj@stjohnnyb.org)) or the school office ([thienesj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:thienesj@stjohnnyb.org)).

## April After-School Art Class

There are still some spots open in the **Three Little Birds Watercolor Drawing** after-school art class where your child can draw some sweet little bird friends and then use some special watercolor techniques to create their drawing into a painting. This class is for students in grades K-5 and will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 from 2:30-4:00pm in the art room. Register your child [here](#).



## Order your 25-26 Yearbooks

Order your 2025-2026 school yearbook! Our 25-26 yearbook includes student pictures from preschool through 8th grade as well as candid photos that are taken throughout the school year. Ordering takes place online, and the book will arrive before the end of the school year.



The cost of the 25-26 yearbook is \$12 per book.

\*Note that Jostens has their own service fee and tax on top of the cost.

Order window open until Thursday, April 30th: [Jostens Yearbook Orders](#)

Questions? Contact Michelle Barsness at [barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org)

## Summer J-Care at SJB

With summer quickly approaching, we are busy planning for a fun-filled summer of activities and events. J-Care offers a fun and unique experience that gives kids the opportunity to meet new friends and socialize, explore and discover new interests, be physically active and create lasting memories. J-Care will be heading off to all kinds of different places.

**SUMMER J-CARE IS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS  
ENTERING GRADES K-8 AT SJB IN THE FALL OF 2026**



J-Care registration is now open. To find summer registration materials go to the [J-Care page](#) of the school website and click on [Summer J-Care](#) for calendars, registration materials and more.

Contact MacKenzie Kantor- J-Care Director with any questions: [kantorm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:kantorm@stjohnnyb.org)

## Volunteer Hours 2025-2026

Volunteer hours are part of the tuition agreement each school year. We ask families of students in grades K-8 to complete 25 hours of volunteer time in the school or Church during each school year.

**NOW IS THE TIME TO TURN IN YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR!**

Please send your hours to the school office or via email to Joy Thienes at [thienesj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:thienesj@stjohnnyb.org). You may use this [Volunteer Tracking Form](#), your own tracking form or just simply an email with your volunteer hours noted is fine.

We ask that you have these hours submitted by Friday, May 15th. You may estimate any volunteer hours you plan to complete through the end of the school year. Looking for more hours? [Volunteer](#) at Spring Family Fun Night!



The hour commitment for the 25-26 school year is 25 hours or \$600. Any hours not completed will be charged to your Tads accounts at a rate of \$24 per hour up to \$600.

## St. John's Anointing Mass



**Friday, April 17**  
at 10:30 am

Brunch to follow in St. Joseph Hall

## GRANDPARENT MINISTRY

### The Gift of Being Grand - God's Call to Grandparents

All grandparents are invited to a complimentary dinner and presentation on Wednesday, April 22nd in Room 208. Our featured presenter is Chrystal Crocker, former Director of the Office of Evangelization for our Archdiocese. Dinner begins at 6:10pm with the presentation starting at 6:40pm.



**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND**  
IN ROOM 208  
**COMPLIMENTARY DINNER AT 6:10PM**  
**PRESENTATION AT 6:40PM**  
**PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 19TH**



RSVP and Questions to Rita Spiess at [rspiess1@msn.com](mailto:rspiess1@msn.com)




Congratulations to all those in OCIC who received first sacraments this past Sunday, April 12, including SJB students Lucy H., William L., Julien G., and Harper N. (picture to left).

Congratulations also to school parent, Erica Davis, who was initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil this month.

Thank you to all who assisted these individuals with their preparations for this important step in their faith lives. Many SJB school parents took on an important role and big commitment of being a sponsor this year. It is a testament to the great work we are doing at St. John's to be disciples of Jesus.

## May Family Formation Parent Program

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



### Tongues of Fire Wings of a Dove

Optional dinner will be served at 5:30 in St. Joseph Hall. Fr. Paul Shovelain will be talking about The Holy Spirit. The program starts at 6:00 pm. All adults are welcome!







## Thinking of Becoming Catholic?

OCIA Information Session  
Sunday, May 31  
9:30 am  
(time convenient between the morning Masses)  
in Room 206

No registration necessary.  
Come for information for yourself or to give a friend.

For more information contact Jill Fink Director of Discipleship  
651-633-8333 ext. 1280 or [jfink@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:jfink@stjohnnyb.org)