

# PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

**April 23, 2026**



## From the Principal

Greetings from the Principal's office! Well, sort of. This week, I'm writing this from my virtual principal's office, as I am currently in Washington, D.C., with our 8th-grade students, faculty, and chaperones. Despite being away from school, I wanted to take a moment to share how truly wonderful this week has been so far. Traveling with our 8th graders in Washington, D.C. has been an incredible experience. It has been a joy to see our students engaged, curious, and representing our Catholic school with such respect and enthusiasm. Opportunities like this bring learning to life in powerful ways, and I am so grateful to witness it alongside them.



As we look ahead to the weekend, I am especially excited to return to Minnesota on Friday night and then celebrate Mass together with our K–2 students and their families at St. John the Baptist at 10:30am on Sunday. Gathering as a faith community is always meaningful and a beautiful reminder of the strong connection we share across all grade levels in our Christ-centered Catholic School.

There is also a great deal of excitement building here at SJB as we anticipate the completion of our Preschool playground. For the past few months, our preschool students have been able to use part of the space, but not the whole. This new playground will soon provide our youngest learners with even more opportunities for play, exploration, and growth. We look forward to sharing it with you very soon!



Thank you for your continued support and partnership. It is a blessing to be part of such a vibrant and connected Catholic school community.

God bless,  
Dr. Weingartz

### Upcoming Events

K-2 Grade Level Sunday Mass, 10:30am	<b>Apr 26</b>
SJB Spring Spirit Week	<b>Apr 27– May 1</b>
Spring Family Fun Night	<b>May 1</b>
May Crowning Mass - Gr 8 FFF <a href="#">RSVP</a>	<b>May 1</b>
First Eucharist Weekend	<b>May 2-3</b>
Grade 2 Faith, Family & Fellowship: <a href="#">RSVP</a>	<b>May 6</b>
Spring Band Concert	<b>May 14</b>

### Quick Links

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

### 2026-2027 KC 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 deadline is TOMORROW, Friday, April 24th. Click [HERE](#) for the application.

### 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)



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

**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

## Spring SPIRIT Week at SJB - April 27-May 1



**Spring Spirit Week** is officially here! This is the perfect time for students and staff to come together, celebrate the season, and show off our incredible school community! Participation is easy - simply follow the dress themes for each day (**be sure to follow the non-uniform day dress guidelines**) and let's have some fun!

**MONDAY, April 27th: Pajama/comfy clothes day**  
Wear your flannel pjs or comfy clothes to school today!



**TUESDAY, April 28th: MN Sports Day or sports clothing day**

Wear your favorite MN team gear or gear from any team/sport of your choice with your jeans, sweatpants, shorts, etc.

**WEDNESDAY, April 29th: Show your SJB school spirit today**  
Wear St. John's school spirit clothes or come in your school uniform today



**THURSDAY, April 30th: Summer/beach day**

Wear your shorts and t-shirts or tropical-theme shirts today

\*Note: Students will be going outside for recess today so dress accordingly



**FRIDAY, May 1st: Honoring Mary today at May Crowning Mass**

Wear your school uniforms today!

\*8th grade students, please follow teacher guidelines for dress on this day



## SJB Read-A-Thon!

***It's time for the annual St. John the Baptist School Read-A-Thon!***

It is time for our students to read, read, read! Our school is holding its annual Read-A-Thon from April 27th-May 8th and we are asking all of our students to sign up to participate.

Information already went home to sign your child up. If you need more help, please contact your child's reading teacher. Each student has an individual goal set by their teacher. If a participant meets their goal, they will earn a trip to the Snack Shack! We also have a school goal to read 69,150 minutes! If we reach or exceed our goal, participants will have a Dominoes lunch!

Any funds donated during our Read-A-Thon will go towards books for our school library or a possible author visit. If you wish to contribute, please go to our Read-A-Thon web page.

<https://www.read-a-thon.com/school/67622>



**12 May 9:15 AM**

**SIGN UP HERE**



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

JOIN US AS WE HONOR YOU ON ST. FLORIAN DAY - PATRON SAINT OF FIREFIGHTERS 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



**WE wrap you IN gratitude FOR ALL THAT YOU DO**

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 4-8**

**DUTY FREE WEEK | PTO TAKES ON LUNCH & RECESS DUTY ALL WEEK**

<b>mon</b> Enjoy a grab and go breakfast served in St. Joseph's Hall. Enter the basket raffle! 6:30-8:30AM	<b>Tues</b> Coffee cart and donuts by the school office. 7:00-8:00AM
<b>wed</b> Your wish is our command! Today is teacher wish list day and a surprise gift from your SJB PTO!	<b>Thur</b> Lunch served in St. Joseph's Hall! 10:25AM-12:30 PM
<b>fri</b> "Cozy & Relaxed" Staff & Student Non-Uniform Day! Drinks on us! Appreciation happy hour, games, and prizes in the science lab. 2:40-5:00PM	<b>daily raffle!</b> Tues: Serving Up Gratitude Basket Wed: Savoring Gratitude Basket Thur: Grounded in Gratitude Basket Fri: Grateful for Games Basket Every Day: \$25 Visa Gift Card

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!



**VOLUNTEER FOR TEACHER DUTY-FREE WEEK**

## 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.

## 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 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 FFF RSVP](#)

## 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)



# PRESCHOOL SPRING PROGRAM

Wednesday, May 27, 2026  
6:30pm in the Church

Come celebrate the end of the  
2025-2026 school year!

There will be a program by the  
preschoolers followed by cookies  
& refreshments.

Please drop your preschooler  
off in their classroom by 6:15pm

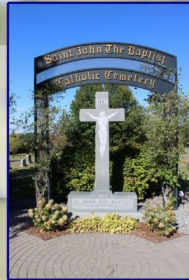


# Cemetery Clean Up

Saturday, May 2 at 9:00 am

Join us at the cemetery on Saturday, May 2, from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm to rake, trim, pick up, bag, water, plant, wash – whatever needs doing and will beautify our cemetery.

Snacks will be available. Please dress appropriately, including gloves to protect your hands, and bring yard tools (rakes, trowels, etc.) if you have them.



April 29<sup>th</sup>: The Resurrection!

Devoted's 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Champagne  
Variety of Cakes

**Janae Bower speaking on:**  
"The Season of the Resurrection"

Table Discussion  
Prayer Time

NEW  
START  
TIME

7:00pm Social  
7:30 - 9:00pm Program

1/2  
HOUR  
EARLIER

## St. Vincent dePaul Clothing Drive

Saturday, May 2, from 9:00 am to Noon

Seeing some spring and summer clothes you no longer need? Consider donating them to the less fortunate. The St Vincent de Paul group will have a truck in the West Parking Lot on Saturday, May 2, from 9:00 am to noon. Bring your used clothing, shoes, jackets, and small household items in working and usable condition to donate. Members of the group will be there to help unload your car.

St. Vincent said, "In serving the poor, we serve Jesus Christ."

## EMHC Training

April 27 and 28, 2026

If you feel called to serve the parish as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please follow the button below to sign up on the website. The training will be as follows:

EMHC training Monday, April 27 at 7:30 pm and Tuesday, April 28 at 7:30 pm in the church. If you have questions, please contact Matthew Sell at [sellm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:sellm@stjohnnyb.org).

## 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 [finkj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:finkj@stjohnnyb.org)