

# PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

**April 30, 2026**



## From the Principal

Greetings from the Principal's office! It has been wonderful to get back into the office this week after spending the majority of last week with our 8th graders on the annual Washington D.C. trip! What an experience it was for our 8th graders, and thank you for all of the prayers as we traveled to and from our Nation's capital.

What a joyful and spirited week it has been in our Catholic school community! SJB Spirit Week has truly brought smiles to our halls, with students and staff embracing each day's fun dress-up themes. From dressing comfy to sports Jersey day to Summer wear to SJB school pride, it has been a wonderful reminder of the energy and unity that make our Catholic school such a special place.

As we look ahead to Friday, we are especially excited for our beautiful May Crowning celebration and Mass. This meaningful tradition, led by our 8th-grade students, is a special opportunity for us to come together in faith and honor Mary. It is always a highlight of the spring season, and we are so proud of our 8th graders as they take on this leadership role in such a reverent and thoughtful way.

Friday evening will continue the celebration with our Spring Family Fun Night! This is always a favorite event, and we are looking forward to an evening filled with laughter and connection. Families can enjoy a variety of games, inflatables, delicious food for purchase supplied by our Knights of Columbus, our always-popular book fair in the gym, and plenty of fun activities for all ages. It's a wonderful chance to spend time together and celebrate the vibrant Christ-Centered community we share.

I would also like to take a moment to express my deep gratitude to our community. Following Wednesday's Mass, I was truly surprised and incredibly honored to be recognized by the



## Upcoming Events

Spring Family Fun Night	<b>May 1</b>
May Crowning Mass - Gr 8 FFF	<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>
St. Florian Day - Firefighter Appreciation	<b>May 12</b>
Spring Band Concert; 1:15 & 7:00pm	<b>May 14</b>
Memorial Day weekend - No School	<b>May 22 &amp; 25</b>

## Quick Links

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- [SJB Spirit Wear Store](#)

students for my work as principal. It was a humbling moment, and I am so thankful for the kindness and support shown to me throughout this past school year. Please know that this recognition reflects the collective efforts of our entire Catholic school community. I feel blessed every day to serve alongside such dedicated Faculty, Staff, engaged families, and inspiring students.

Please join us in prayer for our second grade students as they receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time at this weekend's Masses. May this step be the beginning of a lifelong journey of faith and love for the Eucharist for each of them. We will celebrate with them as a school community next Wednesday at our weekly school Mass. Bishop Izen will be here to celebrate Mass with us. We hope you can join us.



Thank you for all that you do to make our Catholic school such a welcoming, faith-filled, and joyful place. I look forward to celebrating together on Friday and continuing this wonderful spring season with all of you!

God bless,  
Dr. Weingartz



Today, April 30th is the **FINAL** day to order your 2025-2026 yearbook!

[Jostens Yearbook Orders](#)



**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

**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

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT!**

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

**12 May 9:15 AM**

**SIGN UP HERE**



**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



**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**

**SJB Read-A-Thon!**

*The annual SJB Read-A-Thon is off to a FANTASTIC start!*

We are just 4 days in to our read-a-thon and we are almost halfway to our school-wide goal to read 69,150 minutes! **Way to go SJB students!** Remember, if we reach or exceed our goal, participants will have a Dominoes lunch! The read-a-thon goes through Friday, May 8th so there is still time to make both your student's individual goal and the school-wide goal!



We have also raised over \$9,000 for our library—thank you to all the generous donors! We look forward to the new books for our school library.

To find the most up-to-date minute count or to donate, click on the link below to reach the SJB Read-A-Thon page.

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



## 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



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

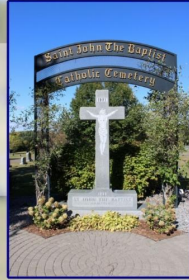


# Cemetery Clean Up

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.



# 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."

## 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@stjohnnby.org

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH PRESENTS

## A SACRED CHORAL CONCERT

FEATURING THE ADULT CHOIR, MEN'S SCHOLA,  
CHILDREN'S CHOIR, & ORCHESTRA  
CONCERT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026 | 2:00 PM | RECEPTION TO FOLLOW



FREE WILL OFFERING TO SUPPORT SACRED MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S



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