

PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

April 9, 2026



From the Principal

Greetings from the Principal's Office! I hope this message finds you all well and rejuvenated from the Easter break. What a joyful and grace-filled season it has been for our Catholic school community!

This past week, members of our faculty and staff had the wonderful opportunity to attend the National Catholic Educators Association (NCEA) Conference right here in Minneapolis. It was an inspiring gathering of Catholic educators from across the country, all united by a shared mission: to nurture the minds, hearts, and faith of our students. What an amazing opportunity it was to connect with other Catholic educators and to learn from the outstanding presenters. Our SJB faculty and staff returned today energized and full of new ideas, eager to bring fresh approaches, renewed passion, and innovative practices into their classrooms. We are truly blessed by their commitment to continual growth and excellence.

Amidst this time of professional renewal, we also celebrated the great joy of Easter. The message of the Resurrection fills our hearts with hope, reminding us of the beauty of new life and the promise of renewal. It is a season that calls us to rejoice, to reflect, and to carry Christ's light into all that we do, especially within our amazing Catholic school.

Now that we are back to our regular schedule, it has been such a delight to welcome students back into our halls. This morning was wonderful, welcoming our students back to classes with a smile and a fist-bump. Once again, our classrooms are filled with laughter, curiosity, and the vibrant energy that makes our Catholic school so special. There is something truly amazing about seeing joyful learning in action, students engaged, teachers inspired, and a shared sense of purpose guiding us forward.



Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership and support. Together, we are building a Christ-Centered community rooted in faith, excellence, and love.

With gratitude and Easter blessings!

God bless,
Dr. Weingartz



No District Busing next Friday, April 17th.

SJB charter buses to Blaine area will run normally.

Upcoming Events

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| PTO Non-Uniform for Teachers | Apr 14 |
| NO Busing Day | Apr 17 |
| Gr 1 Faith, Family & Fellowship RSVP Here | Apr 22 |
| Gr 8 Washington, D.C. Trip | Apr 21-24 |
| K-2 Grade Level Sunday Mass, 10:30am | Apr 26 |
| Spring Family Fun Night | May 1 |
| May Crowning Mass - Gr 8 FFF Morning | May 1 |

Quick Links

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

2026-2027 SJB Discipleship Grant Application

Tomorrow is the deadline for completing the application for the SJB Discipleship Grant for the 2026-2027 school year. 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.



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

Order your 25-26 Yearbooks

The window to order a yearbook is now open! Our 25-26 yearbook includes student pictures from pre-school 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

**SJB PTO's Out of Uniform
Teacher Appreciation
Fundraiser**

Send your student out of uniform on

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026

\$1 Minimum Donation Required

**FAMILY
FUN
NIGHT!**

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 1:55 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*

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!

Art classes are from 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the Art Room
12 students per class | \$25 a class

Class Descriptions

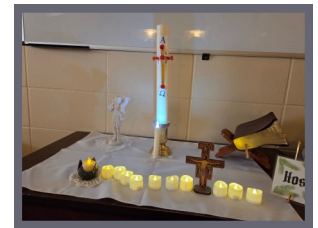
Register Here

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Easter

Easter is a time of celebration, marked by the color white, as we remember the Resurrection of our Lord! This week in the Atrium we have a special presentation called the Liturgy of the Light where we dress an Easter candle, have a procession, read from the word of God, and sing "Alleluia" as we unbury our Alleluia prayer cards, display them in the room and celebrate!

*Jesus died, but He is risen,
and we look to Him as the light of the world!*

Check out the [CGS parent pages](#) on the SJB website including the [Easter page](#) that has a prayer and Liturgy of the Light service.



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.

[Archdiocesan Safe Environment website](#)

Divine Mercy



Pick up a prayer guide and pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Novena from **Good Friday** through **Divine Mercy Sunday** (April 3 - April 12)

Join Father Paul or a St. John's Staff Member on Facebook as we pray it every day at 3:00 pm (except for Good Friday at 2:00 pm).

Then join us on Divine Mercy Sunday to pray in person with Adoration!

Sunday, April 12
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
in the Church

APRIL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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| 8 | WED 6-7:30PM | FAMILY FORMATION & BIBLE STUDY - DINNER AT 5:30PM |
| 10 | FRI 7-8:30PM | MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT |
| 15 | WED 6-7:30PM | BIBLE STUDY |
| 22 | WED 6-7:30PM | BIBLE STUDY |
| 29 | WED 6-7:30PM | BIBLE STUDY |


Open Youth Room:
 Tuesdays 2:30-4pm

Catholic Watchmen

What we can Learn from Dante's Journey

Our keynote speaker is **Dr. William Junker**
Associate Professor of Catholic Studies and Director of the Graduate Program at the University of St. Thomas

Tuesday, April 14
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
St. Joseph Hall




6:00 pm Rosary


6:30 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Presentation

8:15 pm Adoration and Confession

8:30-45 pm Depart





Sponsored by
Knights of Columbus
Saint John the Baptist Council 14250
New Brighton, Wisconsin

Waffle Breakfast

Join us on Sunday, April 12
9:00 am - Noon



All you can eat: waffles, scrambled eggs, sausages, syrup and sugar-free syrup, butter, fruit for the waffles, orange juice, coffee, milk, water. A gluten-free option is available on request.

Prices: \$14 per person, children 5 and under free, family maximum \$50. Cash, check, or credit card. All proceeds go to support youth registration for Extreme Faith Camp this summer.



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 rspieess1@msn.com



TOTINO-GRACE
MUSIC DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS

18TH & VINE
SWING DANCE & JAZZ CONCERT

AND BBQ DINNER
WITH STUDENT PERFORMANCES

FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH
DINNER 4:30-6:30PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH
DINNER 4:30-6:30PM
JAZZ & SWING 7:00-10:00PM



Tickets online or at the door <https://tgtheater.ludus.com>



Totino-Grace
ENGINEERING
Institute

Class of 2026
Totino-Grace E3 Engineering
students are proud to present the culmination of their senior capstone projects at this year's **Engineering Institute Capstone Exhibition**. The event, held at Totino-Grace High School, is free and open to the public.

**Totino-Grace High School
Engineering Institute Capstone Open
House Exhibition**
Sunday, April 12, 2026
1:00pm - 3:00pm

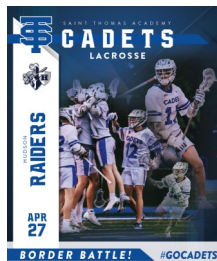


**SAINT THOMAS
ACADEMY**

Cadets Lacrosse Night: Monday, April 27

We invite your students to get a front-row seat to the energy of our high school programs. This is a great chance for future Class of 2030 members to see the campus in action.

- Free Admission for all youth students.
- Exclusive Pre-Game Sideline Access: Get an up-close look at the action during warm-ups.
- Future Cadet Spirit: Special gear giveaways for visiting middle



Cadets Baseball Night: Friday, May 1

Join us at the diamond for a night of great baseball! We'd love to see your 8th graders in the stands as they look ahead to their own high school athletic journeys.

- Free Admission for all visiting students.
- Ballpark Snacks: Traditional game-day treats provided.
- Meet the Team: Join us for a "meet and greet" on the field with Upper School players and coaches.




OPTIMIZE TRAINING CENTER

SUMMER SPORTS CAMP!
JUNE 8 • SEPTEMBER 4

DROP-OFF: 7:30-8:30 AM | PICK-UP: 4:00-5:30 PM

Mindfulness & Learning | Athletic Foundations | Daily Sports Fun!

GRADES: K-3 & 4-6

BASEBALL • SOCCER • BASKETBALL
VOLLEYBALL • FOOTBALL • BOWLING
PICKLEBALL, YARD GAMES & MORE!

WEEKLY OPTIONS & PRICING:

- ★ \$280 / Week
- ★ 6 Weeks: **\$1,620**
- ★ 10 Weeks: **\$2,530**
- ★ 12 Weeks: **\$3,025**
- ★ 13 Weeks: **\$3,250**

REGISTER NOW! SCAN TO REGISTER
abby@optimizephysicaltherapy.com/summercamp