

PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

May 21, 2026



From the Principal

Greetings from the Principal's office! As we continue through this joy-filled month of May, I want to thank you for your continued partnership and support throughout the school year. It has been an amazing and joyous year of accomplishments inside and outside of the classroom.

As we enter these final weeks of the school year, we also encourage our students to continue showing perseverance and determination in all they do. While the excitement of summer is beginning to build, there is still important learning, growth, and opportunity ahead. Finishing the year with strong effort, positive attitudes, and continued focus helps students build habits that will serve them well far beyond the classroom.

This past Wednesday, during Mass, we had the special opportunity to recognize Father Derek Gilde for his dedication, guidance, and faithful service to our St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School community. We are deeply grateful for the care and support he provides to our students, staff, and families each day. The students did a wonderful job expressing their appreciation, and the celebration was a beautiful expression of faith and gratitude to the ministry he has done while at SJB.

As we approach Memorial Day weekend, we pause to remember and honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. We are grateful for the sacrifices made by so many to protect the freedoms we enjoy. Please keep them all in your prayers this weekend. We hope your family has a safe and restful holiday weekend filled with time together and moments of reflection.

Looking ahead to next week, we are excited to celebrate our 8th-grade students as the Class of 2026 prepares for graduation on Thursday night at 6:30pm in the Church. This is an important milestone, and we are incredibly proud of all they have accomplished during their time at St. John the Baptist Catholic School. Their leadership, faith, and commitment have positively impacted our Christ-Centered community, and we look forward to honoring them as they take the next step in their educational journey.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Day weekend - No School	May 22 & 25
Gr. 8 Recognition Ceremony	May 27
Preschool End of Year Celebration, 6:30pm	May 27
8th grade Graduation Mass, 6:30pm	May 28
Class Picnics; No breakfast served today	June 1
Last Day of School + Track & Field Day	June 3

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Thank you again for being such an important part of our Catholic school family. May God continue to bless you and your loved ones as we finish the school year strong together.

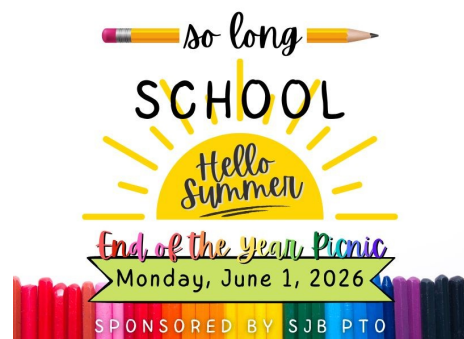
God bless,
Dr. Weingartz

PICNIC VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for a few more volunteers to help at our end of the year picnic on Monday, June 1st.

All volunteers MUST be Virtus compliant.

[Class Picnic Volunteer Signup](#)



End of the Year Activities

Friday, May 22 and Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day Weekend - No school for all students in pre-school - grade 8. J-Care and Care Crew will be closed on both days.

Wednesday, May 27th - Last Day for Grade 8 - Preschool End of Year Program All School Mass at 8:30am, 8th grade Recognition Program at 1:15pm in Church, Preschool End of Year Program at 6:30pm

Thursday, May 28th - 8th Grade Graduation - Mass at 6:30pm in Church

Friday, May 29th - School Spirit Day and Feed Your Neighbor - Last food shelf collection of the school year. If you are able, please send extra to help those in need to stock the shelves before summer

Monday, June 1st - Class Picnic Day – NO BREAKFAST SERVED TODAY!

Students may come to school out of uniform - dress for the weather in comfortable clothes and tennis shoes since they will be outside most of the day

Tuesday, June 2nd - Classroom cleanup day - students may come to school out of uniform - students will be cleaning and packing in their classroom

Wednesday, June 3rd - Last Day of School and Track & Field Day - students should wear school spirit shirts (bottoms may be student choice) and tennis shoes All school Mass at 8:30am; Track and Field activities following lunch



From the Health Office - Medications

The end of the school year is fast approaching! If your student has medications in the Health Office (daily medications, inhalers, EpiPens, over-the-counter medications, etc.), please make arrangements with the Health Office to collect them by the end of the day on June 3rd. You can contact Ms. Denise at healthoffice@stjohnnyb.org

Any medication remaining in the Health Office after the last day of school will be disposed of properly. Thank you in advance for your partnership.





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





Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Pentecost

We celebrate Pentecost in the Atrium. The children finally get to use the last liturgical color of **Red**, the Feast of Great Love. We read from Acts about the descent and empowerment of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and Mary and ponder the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Each child reflects on what gift they want to ask the Holy Spirit to give to them and they are presented with their own red candle and small card with that gift written out. We encourage families to celebrate the gift they asked God for and continue to pray with your child. The following article empowers parents to have their own Pentecost prayer service at home. Pentecost Sunday is May 24. Come, Holy Spirit!

See the [CGS page](#) on the school website for more information about CGS and the Pentecost Parent Page.

Catechesis of the
Good Shepherd

"I am the Good Shepherd.
The Good Shepherd lays
down his life for the sheep."
John 10:11

District Busing 2026-2027

If your family resides in the MV district or you utilize busing within the district boundaries, please take a few moments to complete the registration for the 2026-2027 school year.



[2026-2027 District Busing Registration Form](#)

Note: The registration form asks for Student ID, you may either leave this spot blank.

Any families who utilize the two SJB charter buses to the Blaine area, registration for this service will come at a later date.

Summer Tutoring at SJB

The teachers below are available for summer tutoring for St. John's students. Your child can work on maintaining skills they have acquired during the school year and work on gaining new skills.

Please contact the individual teachers below to schedule days and times for your child.



<p>Becky Germscheid Math and Reading PK - grade 3</p>	<p>Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday ½ hour or hour sessions germscheidb@stjohnnyb.org</p>
<p>Maria Koskie Math Kg - grade 4</p>	<p>Monday and Wednesday ½ or hour sessions koskiem@stjohnnyb.org</p>
<p>Diane Ptak Reading Kg - grade 5</p>	<p>Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday ½ hour and hour sessions ptakd@stjohnnyb.org</p>
<p>Christy Reina Reading Kg - grade 5</p>	<p>Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday ½ hour or hour sessions reinac@stjohnnyb.org</p>
<p>Laurie Maxwell Math grade 4-7</p>	<p>Tuesday and Thursday ½ hour and hour sessions maxwelll@stjohnnyb.org</p>

Cost is \$35 for each half hour session and \$50 for each hour session.

Cancellation Policy: We require a 24 hour cancellation notice. If you cancel less than 24 hours before your session, you will be charged for your session.

Sunday Night Mass Time Change

This Sunday, May 24th, the evening Mass will switch back to 6:15 pm for the summer months.



Memorial Day at SJB Cemetery



On Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, there will be a special Memorial Day Parade and Cemetery Commemorative Event to remember and honor all those who served our country, sponsored by Brooker Edmond VFW Post 724 in New Brighton. The parade begins at 10:00 am at New Brighton City Hall and travels 8th Street to 8th Avenue to 7th Street and ends at St. John the Baptist Cemetery.

We hope you will be able to join us in honoring and praying for those who served our country!

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

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REGISTER

Catholic Watchmen

Origin and Vision for Catholic Watchmen

Our keynote speaker is
Jeff Cavins

Catholic evangelist, author, biblical scholar, and creator of The Great Adventure Bible Study program

Tuesday, June 16
6:00 pm - 8:45 pm
St. Joseph Hall



- 6:00 pm Rosary
- 6:30 pm Dinner
- 7:00 pm Presentation
- 8:15 pm Adoration and Confession
- 8:45 pm Depart

