

PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

May 7, 2026



From the Principal

Greetings from the Principal's office! What a joy it was to see so many smiling faces at our Spring Family Fun Night last Friday night! While the weather hasn't exactly felt like spring yet, events like these are wonderful reminders of the warmth, strength, and spirit of our Catholic school community. Watching students laugh, families connect, and our community come together in celebration filled the evening with energy and excitement. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the night so memorable. Your presence and support continue to make our Catholic school a truly special place for children to learn and grow.

On Friday morning, our Catholic school community gathered for a beautiful Mass that included a special May Crowning ceremony led by our 8th graders. This cherished tradition honoring the Blessed Mother was a reverent and meaningful experience for all who attended. Our 8th-grade students demonstrated great leadership and faith as they participated in the ceremony, helping to make the celebration especially memorable for our Catholic school community. At the end of Mass, they also received their SJB ribbons, a long-standing tradition at SJB. It was amazing to walk around and see our 8th-graders each sign their ribbons, which they can keep as a reminder of their time here at SJB!

This is also a very meaningful time for many of our second graders as they celebrated their First Holy Communion this past weekend. We are incredibly proud of our students as they take this important step in their faith journey. It has been beautiful to witness their preparation, enthusiasm, and reverence throughout this special season. It was wonderful on Wednesday to celebrate Mass with Bishop Izen and to recognize these 2nd-graders. We keep all of our communicants and their families in our prayers as they



Upcoming Events

St. Florian Day - Firefighter Appreciation	May 12
Spring Band Concert; 1:15 & 7:00pm	May 14
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	June 1

Quick Links

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

celebrate this blessed occasion together.

Finally, during Teacher Appreciation Week, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our outstanding teachers and staff. Every day, they give their time, talents, compassion, and dedication to ensure our students feel supported, challenged, and loved. Their impact reaches far beyond the classroom, and we are deeply thankful for all they do. A very special thank you also goes to our PTO for the incredible care and effort they put into organizing such thoughtful celebrations throughout the week. Your generosity and support made our faculty and staff feel truly appreciated!



Thank you for continuing to partner with us in creating a Christ-centered, caring, and vibrant Catholic school community. Wishing you all a joyful and blessed week ahead!

God bless,
Dr. Weingartz

Non-Uniform Passes - Upcoming Dates and Reminders

We know that many of our students have unused non-uniform passes and are planning on the exact right day to use them. Below is some information on dates for the rest of the year that may be helpful. These dates are not all-inclusive. Please be mindful of appropriate dress on Mass days and individual field trip days for your child's class.



- **Monday, May 11th and Tuesday, May 12th** - We will have a videographer onsite as we are working on a new school promotional video. **We ask that students be in uniform on these two days** so that we have a cohesive look during the filming. Thank you!
- **Monday, June 1st - Class Picnic Day** - 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

Parking Lot / Door 13 Closure next week

Beginning Monday, May 11th, the small, east parking lot by the school office along with door 13 (near the parish office) will be closed. There will be some construction taking place between door 13 and the rectory and the area will need to be clear of cars and pedestrians for equipment and work. Please plan to use the main Church doors (door 1) or door 4 (by the school playground). Door 12 by the school office will also be available, however, there is limited parking in this area.

Morning drop off for K-8 students will continue at door 6 (flagpole door) as usual.

Thank you for your flexibility during our construction!



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




SJB Read-A-Thon!

SJB Read-A-Thon 2026 is a SUCCESS!

Way to go SJB students! Together you have blown past our school-wide reading goal during our SJB Read-A-Thon!

As of today, students have logged over 82,000 reading minutes - more than 10,000 minutes over our goal. The read-a-thon officially ends tomorrow, May 8th so there is still time to increase that total even more or make your personal reading goal.

Thanks to our generous donors, we have also raised over \$10,000 for our school library. We are grateful for your support.

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>

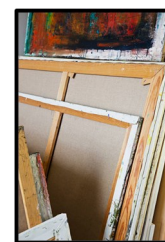


May After-School Art Classes



Monday, May 11th Art A-La-Carte: Woods Grades K-8

Choose from random unfinished wood projects to create something of your own design or use a project idea. An array of art supplies for completion will be provided.



Monday, May 18th Art A-La-Carte: Canvas Grades K-8

Choose from a random canvas to create something of your own design or use a project idea. An array of art supplies for completion will be provided.

Thursday, May 21st Pentecost Mixed Media Painting Grades K-5

Create a painting that celebrates the Church's birthday on the 50th day of Easter called Pentecost! The disciples of Jesus received the Gift of the Holy Spirit in the Upper Room!



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](#)



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

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. 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.



Catholic Watchmen

The Role of an Archdiocesan COO:
Transitioning from Secular to Church Leadership

Our keynote speaker is
Bill Lentsch

Chief Operating Officer of the
Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Tuesday, May 12
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

Restored by Grace Day Retreat

Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 8:00 am

Restored
by Grace



CATHOLIC
IN RECOVERY

Whether you are walking a path of recovery through a 12-step program, seeking freedom from addictions, compulsions, or unhealthy attachments, or simply longing for deeper healing in your life, you are warmly invited to join us for this special one-day Catholic in Recovery retreat. All people of faith—and those in recovery programs without a specific faith focus—are welcome to attend. Rooted in the Catholic tradition, this retreat centers on Jesus Christ as the true source of hope, strength, and transformation in our recovery journeys. Through prayer, reflection, sharing, and the sacraments, we will explore how surrendering to God's mercy and grace can bring lasting freedom and peace. Come as you are—no prior Catholic background is required—and experience the fellowship and healing that comes from placing Christ at the heart of recovery.



Scan the
QR to
Register



Location: St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 835 2nd Avenue NW, New Brighton, MN 55112
Contact: Chris Seiple, phone: 612.790-8410, email: cseiple71@yahoo.com

[Register Here](#)

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@stjohnn.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

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want...
Even though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with
me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me."
—Psalm 23:1-4

"I HETI'N PROPOSIU' DA BONA' CAUSI' P'P'OSU' WIT' MIO' P'P'RO' B'NDI'...

"Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the
devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to
God, and He will draw near to you."
— James 4:7-8



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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](#)