PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

OCTOBER 22, 2026

St John the Baptist CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

Dear SJB Families,

Greetings from the Principal's Office!

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful MEA break last week!

Thank you to all the families who have met with teachers for conferences this week, and to those who will be joining us tomorrow! These conversations are an important part of building strong partnerships between home and school. We hope you have found this time valuable as we celebrate your child's strengths, discuss areas for growth, and work together to support a successful and joyful school year for every student!

Looking ahead, we have two fun celebrations coming up next week!

First, our All Saints Party is Wednesday from 5:00 - 7:30pm The evening will include pizza for purchase in St. Joseph's Hall, Saint Bingo, raffle prizes, estimating jars, and pumpkin voting for pumpkins carved with saint or religious themes. At 6:10pm, Father Paul will lead a blessing in the church, followed by a group picture. Then, families will enjoy trick-or-treating, games, and photo opportunities throughout the school and parish spaces. We can't wait to see the creative ways our students and families celebrate the saints and enjoy an evening of faith, fellowship, and fun! More information on the All Saints Party may be found below.

Then, on Friday, we'll wrap up the week with our classroom Halloween parties! Students may be out of uniform and wear Halloween colors (please, no costumes). Classroom parties will take place in the afternoon from 1:15–2:00 p.m.

Saint Grams & Coloring Contest

Saint Grams will be on sale October 26–29 for 25 cents each or five for $1. Coloring contest sheets will also go home with students next week, so be sure to keep an eye out! These are fun ways for our students to spread a little joy, share kind messages, and celebrate the season together as an SJB community!

Thank You for Supporting Our Book Fair!

A big thank-you to all the families who visited the book fair or sent money with their children to shop this week! We are also grateful to Mrs. Bobnick for organizing this wonderful event. The proceeds from the book fair go right back into our school, helping purchase new books for the media center and allowing us to bring incredible authors and illustrators to visit our students, just as we experienced this fall. Thank you, Mrs. Bobnick, for all you do to inspire a love of reading at SJB!

Upcoming Open House – Help Us Spread the Word!

Our Fall Open House will take place on Thursday, November 12, from 5:30–7:00 p.m., and we are excited to welcome prospective families to SJB! This is a wonderful opportunity for families considering Catholic education to tour our school,

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 21-23
Parent-Teacher Conferences
Oct 23
No School preschool – gr. 8
Oct 28
Gr. 4 Faith, Family & Fellowship
Oct 28
All Saints Party
Nov 4
Gr 5 Faith, Family & Fellowship
Nov 12
Fall Open House
Nov 23-24
No District Busing
Nov 25-27
No School – Thanksgiving Break

IMPORTANT LINKS

2026-2027 School Calendars

Preschool Page

Virtus Information

SJB Spirit Wear Store

SJB School Amazon Wish List

School Safe Environment Coordinator (Virtus): Alison Wacek mailto:waceka@stjohnnyb.org| 651-633-1522

meet our dedicated staff, and experience what makes SJB such a joyful, nurturing, and faith-filled place to learn and grow. Guests will get a glimpse into our classrooms, curriculum, Catholic values, and the welcoming community that makes SJB so special.

If you know a family looking for a supportive, academically strong, and faith-centered school community, please encourage them to join us! Our current families are some of our very best ambassadors, and we appreciate your help spreading the word about all the wonderful things happening at SJB. We would love to welcome more families into our SJB community!

Honoring Our Veterans

Please watch for an upcoming invitation to welcome special guest veterans to Mass as we celebrate and honor them in recognition of Veterans Day. We look forward to sharing more details soon!

Thank you for your continued partnership and for all the ways you help make SJB such a special community. Many of you heard Father Paul's announcement this past week that I have officially been named Principal of St. John the Baptist, and the interim title has been dropped. I am incredibly humbled and grateful for the support, encouragement, and confidence this community has shown me. It is an honor to serve as your principal, and I am excited to continue this journey alongside all of you. I look forward to many, many happy years at SJB, serving the Lord and working together to help our students grow academically, spiritually, and socially.



Have a wonderful weekend, and God bless!

Anna Nagle
Principal

Saint Grams and All Saints Day Coloring Contest

The SJB Student Ambassadors are hosting two activities for our students for All Saints Day. These are both optional activities for students.

Saint Grams

Student Ambassadors are sponsoring Saint Grams. These are notes that may be purchased to send to other students or staff at SJB. They are 25¢ each or 5 for $1.00 and will be sold in the classrooms next week, Monday, October 26 – Thursday, October 29th. All grams should be filled out and returned to school **no later than Friday, October 30th** and will be distributed on Monday, November 2nd

Coloring Contest

Ambassadors will also be sponsoring a coloring contest for our students. Coloring sheets will be distributed to students on Monday, October 26th and are due no later than Thursday, October 29th. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each grade and will be announced during morning announcements on Monday, Nov 2nd

St. John the Baptist After School Art



Monday, November 2, 2026

Mixed Media Milagros
Grades K-8

Monday, November 16, 2026



Turkey Watercolor Painting
Grades K-5

Monday, November 9, 2026



Plaid Acorn Cap Project
Grades K-5

All classes are from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Pick up is at Door 5 near the Playground and J-Care entry. In inclement weather it will be in the vestibule, near the interior J-Care Door.

Grade level is noted for each class.
Accommodation can be made by grade level and/or experience as needed for the grade level range fixed to every class.

12 students per class, $25 dollars per student
Charge for the class is made after attendance in your TADS Account according to the Sign-Up Genius.

Email your child's teacher with the date of your child's class so they don't put them in the car line or on the bus.

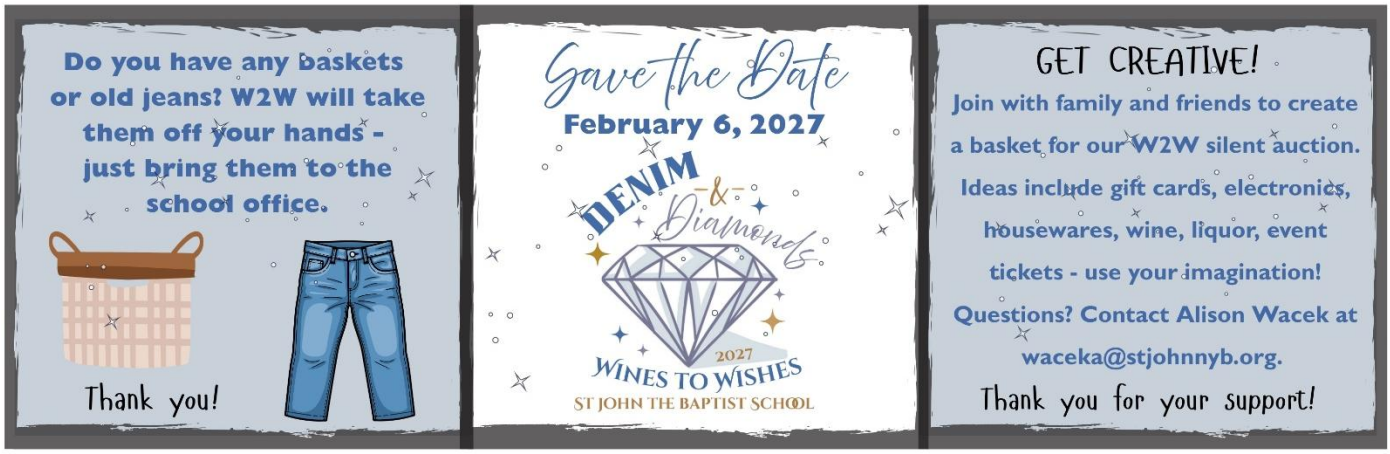
Monday, November 30, 2026



Advent Wreath Collage
Grades K-8

REGISTER HERE for November After-School Art Classes

Wines to Wishes 2027 – Save the Date!



SJB Winter Athletics

Basketball



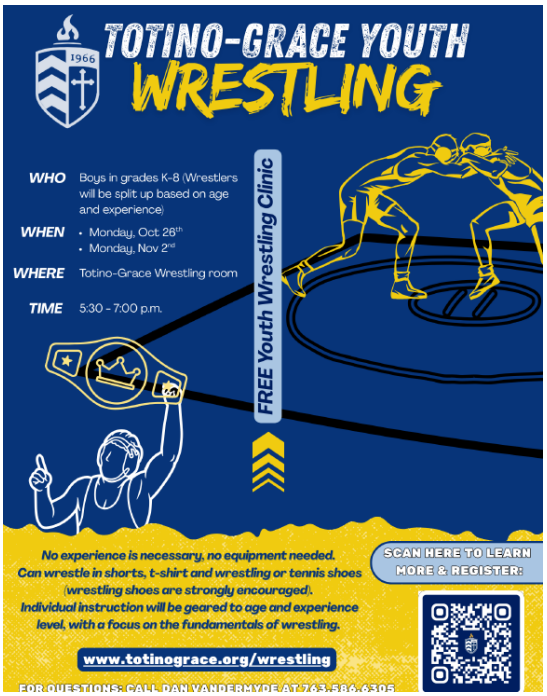
SJB Basketball is open to girls and boys in grades 5-8. Registration is now open for the 26-27 basketball season. **October 28th is the deadline to register your child(ren) for basketball**.

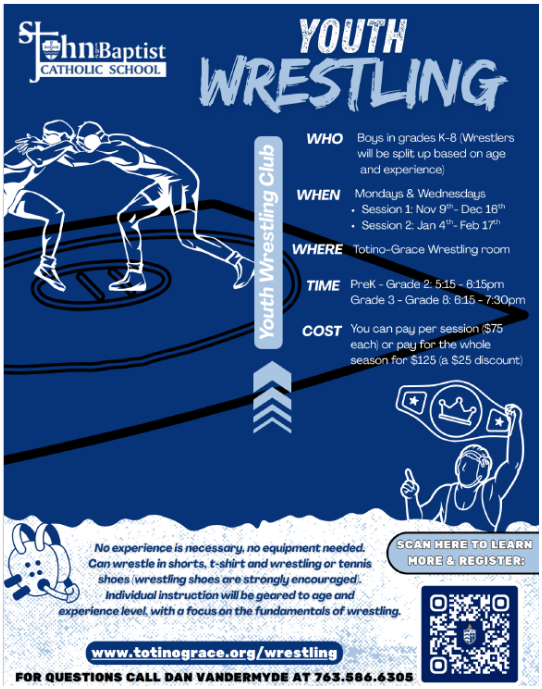
To register your child(ren), complete the online form below. Please fill out a separate form for each child participating. Please reach out directly to Mr. Cole Van Beusekom with questions.

Basketball Registration

Wrestling

Totino-Grace is offering a FREE YOUTH WRESTLING CLINIC for anyone Pre-K to 8th grade. The clinic will be on Monday, October 26th and Monday, November 2nd from 5:30pm-7:00pm. You can participate in one or both nights. If your child(ren) is interested in being on the St. Johns Wrestling Team, the season starts Monday, November 9th. Please reach out directly to Dan Vandermyde with any questions. Phone: 763-586-6305





Registrations for SJB Hockey (grades 5-8) will begin in late October and for SJB Swimming (grades K-8) in late November.

Community News



Halloween Bus Bash

Northstar Bus Lines and American Student Transportation invite our local school staff, students and families to the 4th Annual Halloween Bus Bash! This event is especially for the children and families of the districts and schools we serve.

🗓️ Saturday, October 24, 2026
⏰ 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
📍 Northstar Bus Lines: 11800 95th Avenue North | Maple Grove, MN 55369

Come dressed in your favorite costume and enjoy:

- 🚌 Decorated school buses and Trunk or Treat
- 🎃 Pumpkin giveaways
- 💃 Halloween dance party
- 👻 Haunted maze
- 🍔 Food trucks
- 📸 Halloween photos
- 🍰 Cake walk
- 🎯 Mini-games and prizes
- ✨ And more surprises throughout the event!

⚠️ **VISIT OUR SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ZONE** Along with the Halloween fun, children and families can participate in engaging, hands-on safety activities:

- 🚌 School bus evacuation practice
- ⚠️ School bus Danger Zone practice
- 🚒 Meet members of the Osseo Fire Department
- 🚓 Meet members of the Osseo Police Department

Children can complete the activities using a special Safety Passport and collect a stamp at each station!

RSVP HERE



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SJB Parish News

Only One Thing Is Necessary

HOW CATHOLIC FAMILIES CAN STRIVE TO BE UNITED IN THIS LIFE AND THE NEXT

SJB Plan 2026-27

October - Growing Faith in the Home

Virtue: Studiousness - Seeking knowledge to grow closer to Truth

Theme: Living the Faith Daily

Focus: Faith grows when families practice prayer and devotion together.

Feast of the Month and Saint: Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (Feast Day: October 1) – reflect on this Saint Thérèse quote and how it can inspire family life:

"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; al-ways doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."

Pastoral Letter Connection: "But they [the Martin family] made it a point to do three things very well; to love each other and their children unconditionally; to teach their children about God and the virtuous life; and to worship God at home and in the parish." (19)

October Week 3: Family Prayer Intentions.

- Activity: At dinner or bedtime, each person shares one prayer intention.

October Week 2: Attend Mass and join the parish in expressing gratitude to God

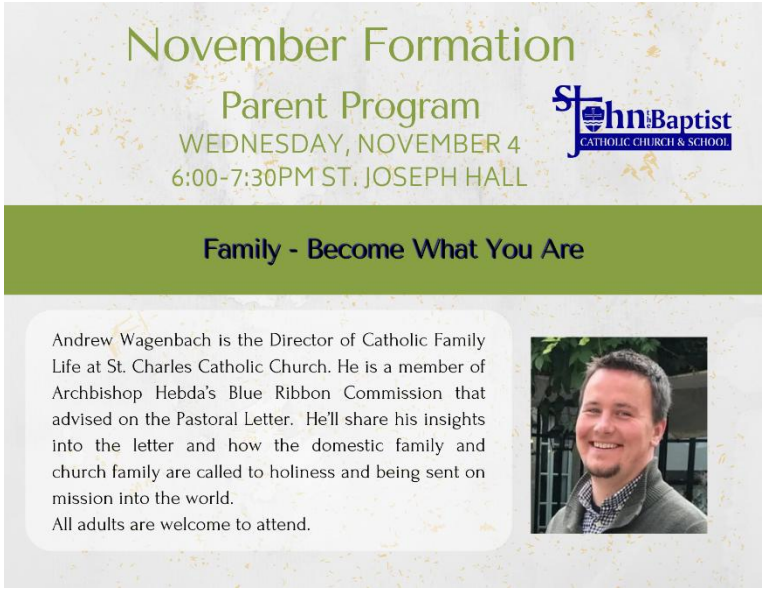
- Activity: Read the Gospel before attending Mass.
  Find the readings here: https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading
- Prayer: Share one thing you remember from the homily at Mass.

October Week 1: Pray the Rosary

Resource: https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary

- Activity: Pray one decade of the Rosary together.







ADULT VOLUNTEERS



STUDENT VOLUNTEERS (MS OR OLDER)

HOST A TRICK-OR-TREAT TABLE

