PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

October 8, 2026

St John the Baptist CATHOLIC SCHOOL

From the Principal

Dear SJB Families,

Greetings from the Principal's Office!
We had a fantastic author visit this week! Matt Eicheldinger spent time with our students and provided a fun, engaging presentation for every age group. I hope your children came home talking about his stories and adventures! A huge thank you to our many Read-A-Thon donors last school year that made this visit possible. Also, thank you to Mrs. Bobnick for organizing the visit and for helping get our students excited about reading. What a great day!

A Reminder About Car Drop-Off
When going through the car drop-off line, please remember that if your child needs help getting out of the car, you should park in the main church parking lot and walk your child to the door. The car line needs to keep moving, so please do not park and get out of your vehicle in the drop-off lane. Thank you for helping us keep arrival safe and efficient for everyone!

7K for Kids Fun Run – Sunday, October 11th
Father Paul will be participating in the inaugural **7K for Kids Fun Run** this Sunday, October 11th, in Plymouth, and we would love to see some SJB families join him! Hosted by Opportunity for All Kids and the Center of the American Experiment, this family-friendly event includes several ways to participate, including a 7K run, a traditional 5K for runners and walkers, and a zero-mile fun run for kids and families.

Registration is $20 for participants ages 13 and older and $10 for children 12 and under. If your family is interested in running or participating with Father Paul, please contact him at frshovelain@stjohnnyb.org.

No School October 14–16
A reminder that there will be no school next Wednesday, October 14th - Friday, October 16th. Our

Upcoming Events

Faith & Blue Event	**Oct 12**
No District Busing Day	**Oct 12**
No School MEA	**Oct 14-16**
Parent-Teacher Conferences	**Oct 21-23**
No School	**Oct 23**
Gr. 4 Faith, Family and Fellowship	**Oct 28**
All Saints Party	**Oct 28**

Quick Links

- 2026-2027 School Calendar
- Preschool Page
- Virtus Information
- SJB Spirit Wear Store

School Safe Environment Coordinator (Virtus): Alison Wacek waceka@stjohnnyb.org | 651-633-1522 x1127

teachers are looking forward to spending these days learning and growing together at the Catholic School Center of Excellence training. We are grateful for the opportunity to invest in our teachers so they can continue to provide the very best for our students!

Parent-Teacher Conferences – October 21–23

Parent-teacher conferences are coming up October 21–23. We are looking forward to connecting with you, celebrating your child's successes, talking through areas for growth, and continuing to build a strong partnership between home and school. Thank you for making time to be part of these important conversations!

Appalachia Christmas Project

Our annual Appalachia Christmas Project collection begins October 12 and runs through October 23. Please take a look at the information below and consider donating an item to help bring some Christmas joy to families in Kentucky. This is such a meaningful opportunity for our students and families to put our faith into action by thinking of others and serving those in need.

Faith & Blue Assembly – Monday, October 12

We are excited to welcome New Brighton police officers and any SJB parents who serve as police officers, to our Faith & Blue Assembly on Monday, October 12! This will be a wonderful opportunity for our students to meet and thank some of the people who serve and protect our community. SJB parents who are police officers, please use the QR code below to register so we know you will be joining us.

No District Busing – Monday, October 12

Monday, October 12th will be a No-District Busing day for our students. MV schools are not in session so all students who ride the district buses will need transportation to and from school on Monday. Drop off will be in the north/gym lot beginning at 7:30am and pickup will be from the main Church lot at 2:30pm. Preschool drop-off and pickup will stay the same and the two SJB charter buses to the Blaine area will run normally.



Monthly JOY Award Recipients

One of our goals at SJB is to grow in virtue, which we do through our virtue program. Every month, students learn about a specific virtue and are challenged to live it out. The JOY award is then presented to the students who exemplify that month's virtue. The virtue for the month of September was Hope.

Congratulations to our JOY award winners for growing in Hope - trusting in God's loving plan.



I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your families. May you find some time to slow down, enjoy one another, and recognize the many blessings around us. Thank you for being such an important part of the SJB community!

God bless,
Anna Nagle
Principal





REGISTER HERE

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.

$25 dollars per student, per class
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, October 19th



Watercolor Painting

Grades K-5

Monday, October 26th



All Saints Stick Puppets/Peg Dolls

Grades K-8



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.

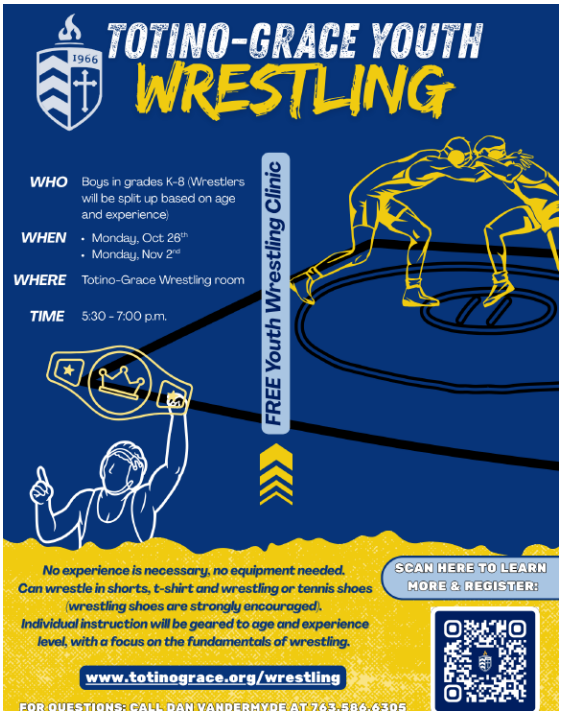
Please reach out directly to Mr. Cole Van Beusekom with questions.

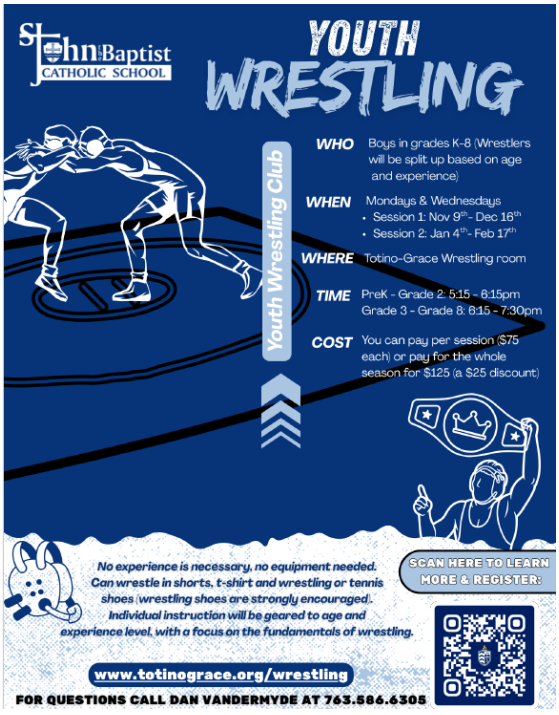
SJB Basketball Registration

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.

2026 Appalachia Christmas Mission



Family Formation, Council of Catholic Women, and SJB School are teaming up this year to support the Archdiocesan CCW Appalachia Christmas Mission. This outreach mission has been going on for 50 years, bringing Christmas gifts and joy to some of the most impoverished communities in Kentucky. Our parish will send gifts to Holy Family Catholic Church in Booneville, Kentucky. This is an area with very few Catholics, but many struggling people (35% live beneath the poverty level). These residents have few employment opportunities and poor health. The tiny mission parish now serves over 600 families with home repairs, utility bill relief, and other needs.

We'll be collecting the gift items from Oct. 12 to Oct. 23. Collection boxes will be in the school and under the Harvest Table in the church plaza. We'll transport the gifts to Randolph sometime between Oct. 23 and Oct. 31. There a semi-trailer, generously donated by Terminal Transport Company of Roseville, will be loaded with donations from all over the archdiocese. The volunteer driver will then make the journey to Kentucky, delivering much-needed supplies and holiday cheer to families in need.

Gift suggestions (new items only, please) to donate:

Clothing (large sizes)	Toys	Accessories	Miscellaneous
Socks, Slippers	Pull toys	Watches	Fishing equipment
Shirts	Rattles, teethers	Belts	Sports equipment
Infant or toddler sleepers	Board games or puzzles	Wallets, billfolds	Wrapping paper, ribbons, ornaments
Sweatshirts	Balls or Blocks	Purses	Blankets/ bedding
Sweaters	Dolls	Hats, Scarves	Kitchen items
Coats or Jackets	Cars/trucks	Mittens	Craft kits
Hunting clothes	Crib mobiles	School supplies	Towels

Think about items that would be appreciated in an impoverished area. (However, no food items or canned goods. No high-tech toys. No "war toys.") The community, young and old, have so little, and they truly appreciate these gifts. Adults are able to visit a Free Store and choose Christmas gifts for themselves and their families.

If you'd prefer to mail a check for gifts, please write "Appalachian Christmas" in the memo line and mail to: Sr. Judy Donohue, Holy Family Catholic Church, 1439 KY 11S, Booneville, KY 41314

In the 2026 Spring newsletter, Sister Judy wrote: *"Holy Family's Christmas Sharing helped 100 families have a blessed Christmas. On Dec. 16th, we opened our Yard Sale room for the families to select 15 items. Many families were able to give a bicycle or doll to a grandchild for Christmas. Thank you to the donors who made this possible, and to the volunteers who gave of their time to make this Christmas Sharing happen."*



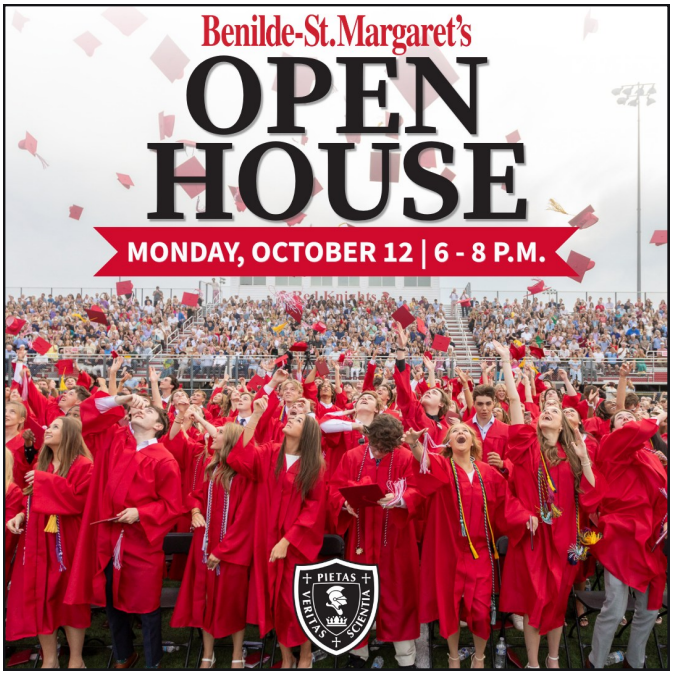
Let's open our hearts again to these "neighbors" in Appalachia! God bless you and your families.



CLASS OF 2029
ADMISSIONS SHOWCASE - OCTOBER 12

Attend our Showcase to learn about our challenging curriculum, leadership focus, diverse athletic and co-curricular programs, and discover why we are consistently a top-rated school in the metro area.

RSVP at cadets.com/showcase





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; always 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 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.

CGS

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CGS IS A PART OF THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM IN PRESCHOOL. WHILE WE ARE NOT YET READY TO INCORPORATE IT INTO OUR KINDERGARTEN DAY PROGRAM, WE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER AN AFTER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY.

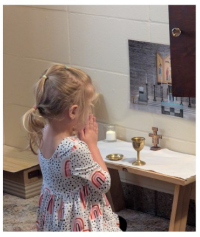
TUESDAYS, 2:45-4:15PM

CHILDREN CAN COME TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AFTER SCHOOL AND WILL BE ESCORTED TO THE ATRIUM

OCTOBER 13-MAY 18

LIMITED TO 10 SPOTS

CATECHIST THERESA BROSTROM & ASSISTANT KYLIE SCHACHTNER



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

St John the Baptist Catholic Church & School

Cost is $95

Discounts available

Register Here



CONTACT Rachael Wratkowski, CGS Catechist and Materials Coordinator at wratkowskir@stjohnnyb.org

SJB FALL GATHERING FOR

HEALTHCARE WORKERS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

BRUNCH | PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION | PRAYER

**"Must Medicine Always Aim at Healing?
A Catholic Response to End-of-Life Challenges"**

By Brad Thames, Adjunct Faculty of Philosophy, University of St Thomas



Healthcare workers and spouses are invited to a morning of discussion, prayer, and fellowship. Families will enjoy a brunch together (~9:30am) following 8:30am Mass; program to begin at 10am.

Childcare available with RSVP by 10/8!

REGISTER HERE

9:30-11:30 AM

RM 206/208

SJBHEALTHCAREWORKERMINISTRY@GMAIL.COM

St John the Baptist CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

Catholic Watchmen

Amplifying Light through Storytelling

Our keynote speaker is

David Fischer

Director of Business Affairs & Acquisitions at Angel Studios

Tuesday, October 13
6:00 pm - 8:45 pm
St. Joseph Hall



CATHOLIC WATCHMEN

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St John the Baptist CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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

Living Rosary

Monday, October 19 at 7:00 pm

The Council of Catholic Women invites you and your family to join us for our annual Living Rosary on Monday night, October 19, at 7:00 pm in the church. Eucharistic Adoration is also a part of our Living Rosary.



St John the Baptist CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

devoted

Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 pm

All women are invited to devoted in October and November to our two part series with spiritual director, Holly Hoey Germann on creating, sharing and praying with your spiritual map. Learn how God has been active throughout your life. Social at 7:00pm, program from 7:30-9pm in St. Joseph Hall.



Contact Jill Fink at finkj@stjohnnyb.org with questions.



St John the Baptist CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

SJB Family Events

All Saints Party

Wednesday,
October 28, 2026

5:00-7:30 pm

5:00-6:00 pm Pizza for Sale
6:10 pm Blessing in Church
Trick-or-Treating, Games, Photo Spot, Carved Pumpkin Contest and Bonfire





St John the Baptist Catholic Church & School

Dress as your favorite saint!

Adult Volunteers Sign up Here

All Saints Party



Carved Pumpkin Contest Rules

1. Pumpkin must be real, no artificial pumpkins.
2. Pumpkin must be carved.
3. Pumpkin must be carved as a saint or other religious theme.
4. Pumpkin can be embellished with other materials in addition to being carved.
5. Pumpkin must be dropped off at the Welcome Desk on Tuesday, October 27 or Wednesday, October 28 by 5 pm along with the completed contest form. *(Forms will be at the Welcome Desk.)*
6. Pumpkins will be judged in one of three age categories: Middle School, High School and Adult.
7. Winners will be announced at the end of the All Saints Party.

Questions? Contact Jen Livermont at livermontj@stjohnnyb.org

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