



SJB News & Notes

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Principal's Corner

We are making progress towards our \$20,000 Marathon goal. As of today's pledge sheet collection, we are at \$14,607. That means we have about \$5,400 left to meet our goal! Our marathon is next week on Friday, October 4. Please see the article in this newsletter for details on that day's events.

This week we finished our Fall NWEA testing. Results will be given to teachers in the coming week. We will share your child's results at fall conferences.

If you have concerns about your child's academic growth, at any time please contact their classroom teacher or me. There is no need to wait until fall conference to begin conversations on how to help your child succeed this school year.

Next week, on October 1, we will begin our 2019 LEGO League. This year we have ten students from grades 3 and 4 who will be participating in this exciting educational opportunity. When we get closer to their competition date in November, we will share photos and progress with our SJB school families.

Blessings,
Dawn Biren

Special Dates to Note

September 27 - There is **NO SCHOOL** tomorrow due to the Hastings School Calendar. Enjoy the day off!

October 2 - Our school mass is at 2pm this day.

October 9 - Our 9am school mass will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. Our Pre-K students will be joining us for mass this day. Also, students are encouraged to bring a stuffed animal to be blessed.

St. John's Parish Festival

The St. John's Parish Festival is THIS SUNDAY! This is the final push to get volunteers for the different areas of the festival. Please use the link below to sign up to volunteer. Remember, all volunteer hours at the festival count towards your required school volunteer hours for the year.

[St. John's Parish Festival 2019](#)

All K-4 students should meet in the school at 9:45am to walk over to mass together. Parents should pick up their student in the church immediately following mass.

Students and parents are encouraged to wear their Red Faith T-shirts to mass and the festival. All K-4 students who wear their t-shirt will receive an "out of dress code" pass to be used during this school year.

Line Dancing- All K-4 students should meet in the back parking lot shortly before 1pm to perform their special dances learned in Phy. Ed. class.

See you on Sunday!



Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone who completed their Virtus training and updates during this crazy first month of school. We truly appreciate your dedication to our school and students!

If you have not started the Virtus process to volunteer at school, or you have questions about the Essential Three, please contact our Safe Environment Coordinator, Deb Sauer, at office@sjb-school.org for more information.

Fall Conferences

Thank you to the many parents who have already signed up for their child's Fall Conference. New this year, you will sign up for a time with your child's teacher through the Signup Genius website. Please use the link below.

Our conference schedule:

Monday, October 14: Pre-K - 4th from 4:20-8pm
Tuesday, October 15: Pre-K from 9am-8pm
Tuesday, October 15: K-4 from 4:20-8pm

***Please note that there will be no Pre-K classes on Tuesday, October 15. Mrs. Allen has conferences scheduled for the entire day.

If you have any questions relating to conferences, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Biren.

[Sign Up for Conferences](#)



Parish Mass Help Needed

We are still in need of students and parents to volunteer to assist at parish masses this school year.

If your child and/or family can help represent our school at a parish mass, please click the link below to sign up for a mass. Parents are also invited to fulfill one of these mass roles and represent our school.

Below are the mass dates:

- Oct. 12 - 5pm in Hampton
- Nov. 10 - 10am Vermillion
- Dec. 15 - 8am New Trier
- Mar. 7 - 5pm Hampton
- Apr. 19 - 10am Vermillion
- May 10 - 8am New Trier

[Sign Up for a Mass](#)

Marathon 2019

Our Marathon Day is Friday, October 4 starting at 10am. Parents and younger siblings are encouraged to attend and walk with their SJB student. All should meet in the back school parking lot at 10am. Please note, permission slips will not be sent home this year, as all families gave permission for in-town events on the registration form for this school year.

After we finish our route, everyone will enjoy a hot dog lunch sponsored and provided by the St. John's Knights of Columbus.

If you will be joining your SJB student for the marathon and lunch, please use the following link to register. This way we know how many people to plan for with the marathon and lunch that day.

[Family Attending Marathon & Lunch](#)



HSA Volunteers Needed

Our Home & School Association (HSA) is in need of volunteers for some of our events throughout the school year. Please use the link below to let them know that you are able to help. Remember, all hours count towards your family's required volunteer hours.

[HSA Volunteer Form](#)

October is the Month of the Rosary

Throughout the month of October, St. John's students and staff will be praying the rosary each week. Please see the calendar in today's Blue Folder for the schedule.

Did you know...the word rosary comes from Latin meaning garland of roses? As Catholics, we associate a rose with the Virgin Mary. The rosary is a chance for us to meditate on the mystery that is associated with each decade of the rosary.

If you would like more information on how to pray the rosary with your child, please read this article from the [Catholic Kids](#) website.



Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.

1 Corinthians 16:13