



SJB News & Notes

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October 3, 2019

Principal's Corner

It was brought to my attention this week that we have been in school for 4 weeks, yikes! This year is flying by at record pace. In just a few short weeks, you will have a conference with your child's teacher about their progress to date this school year.

At this conference, you will be provided a report of their NWEA testing results. At this point in the school year, these test scores are used to give the teachers a starting point or baseline with your child's education. After the spring testing, it is our hope to see as much growth as possible in the different content areas.

In addition to the NWEA testing, your child's teacher will share their Fountas and Pinnell BAS leveled score. This is a reading assessment that was completed the first week of school for most students. The nice aspect of this assessment, is that it measures fluency/decoding as well as comprehension. This is an assessment that can be done at any time during the school year, and as many times as needed. This type of assessment gives your child's teacher a very current picture of their reading level.

Blessings,
Dawn Biren

Special Dates to Note

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

October 14-15 - Conferences...see online schedule

October 16-18 - Fall MEA Break - No School

October 31 - No Mass, see online calendar for classroom parties, All Saints Party 5-8pm

Marathon 2019 is Here

We are almost at the finish line, tomorrow is our 2019 Marathon at St. John's! Families and friends who are joining us for the marathon should meet in the back parking lot of the school at 10am. The Pre-K students will walk around the inside of the cemetery in the back, and the K-4 students will walk around the town of Vermillion. There will be parent volunteers stationed along the route to help students.

Today was our last pledge sheet collection day. As of today we have collected \$23,359 in pledges! You can now start sending the money you have collected into the school. Please have all money sent in by Wednesday, October 9 please.

Matching Grant Reminder- If your employer participates in a matching grant program, do not forget to have your marathon pledges matched!



Fall Conferences

We are just a week away from our Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 14 and 15. Thank you to everyone who has already scheduled a conference. If you still need to complete that, use the link below to register for an opening on the Signup Genius website.

If you need assistance registering for a conference time, please contact your child's teacher or the school office.

[Sign Up for Conferences](#)

Fall MEA Break

As noted on the school calendar, the students will be off from Wednesday, October 16 - Friday, October 18. We hope you enjoy this extended break as a family!

On Wednesday, October 16, all SJB teachers and staff will be gathering with 2,000 other Catholic school teachers and staff members to celebrate and learn more about Catholic education in our diocese.

Two years ago our teachers participated in the CSCOE Summit, and we will do that again this year. We will start the day with mass celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Hebda. Then it is off to a day of learning and connecting with other Catholic school teachers and staff members. Some of the classes we can attend will guide us in our new reading model, help in bringing STEM to our building, and building a solid foundation for community involvement.



Dressing for the Weather and Phy. Ed.

With the weather changing into fall, please make sure your child has the appropriate outdoor clothing for recess and Phy. Ed.

In addition, all students must wear athletic shoes at recess time and during

Phy. Ed. class. This is for the safety of your child. Students may leave athletic shoes in their school locker each day, to insure they have them for recess and Phy. Ed.



Sub at St. John the Baptist

If you would like to be a substitute teacher or aide at our school, please consider attending the Archdiocesan Substitute Teacher Training Session on Nov. 12 and 13.

[Substitute Training Information & Registration](#)

School Pictures

Monday, October 7 is picture day for K-4 and Monday Pre-K students. Tuesday, October 8 is for those missed on Monday and our Tuesday Pre-K students. There will also be a retake day on November 8. If you need another picture order form for Lifetouch, please contact the school office and we will send one home with your child.

Picture Day is a non-dress code day. Students may wear clothing of their choice for pictures. If you would like your child to change out of their picture clothing for the remainder of the school day, please send the change of clothing to school.

TADS Account

The following charges have posted to your online TADS account. Please make sure you log into your account to initiate payment by the due date, so that you do not incur a late fee.

- Activity Fee - \$60 (K-4)
- Textbook/Technology Fee - \$50 (K-4)
- Milk
- Hot Lunch
- Pizza Lunch
- BASE for September

Questions? Please contact the school office.

Parish Mass Help Needed

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

*****Hampton Mass on Oct. 12***** We have only 2 volunteers for this mass. Please consider representing our school at this parish mass.

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](#)

Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalm 119:105