



SJB News & Notes

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Principal's Corner

What a blessing the sunshine has been these past couple of days! It is amazing how a little thing like that can lift everyone's mood.

Part of the School Advisory Council's responsibility is to review and update policy manuals and handbooks for our school. This year they have tackled the Volunteer Handbook and Parent/Student Handbook. Updated versions of these two items can be found on the school website. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Blessings,
Dawn Biren

Goodbye to Mrs. Wentzler

We are sad to tell you that Mrs. Wentzler will not be joining us next fall as a Pre-K Aide. As you may know, she also works at the library in Hastings and has decided to take on more hours there. We wish her the best, and we wanted to share with you Mrs. Wentzler's thoughts on our wonderful school.

I have been so pleased with all of the positive work that has gone into this school year and the outlook for St. John's School in the next few years. As you may know I was a student here. It means so very much to see this place handled with such deep affection by our leadership team.

I have loved this school and this parish for a long time. I never imagined I'd be back here as a parishioner, let alone be in the building as a teacher's aide. Along with taking on more at the library, I will continue to devote my time to our confirmation students and the Synod process. Thank you for keeping the light burning at St. John's!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Brandy Wentzler

Enrollment Update

We are halfway through our enrollment period for our current families. Thank you to everyone who has already completed the online enrollment process.

As a reminder, your priority for registration lasts through February 29, 2020. This is also the last day to register and have your registration fee apply directly towards your tuition for next year.

Below are our current enrollment numbers for next year.

Pre-K Enrollment

- Pre-K 3 - 3 students
- Pre-K 4 - 16 students

K-4 Enrollment

- Kindergarten - 6
- 1st - 3
- 2nd - 5
- 3rd - 5
- 4th - 2



Please note, that with some current Pre-K students still left to register for next year, our 4 year old Pre-K program is considered full with families on the waiting list. This is great news to report in February!

For all current families who have not registered, if you need another registration link emailed to you, please contact Mrs. Biren directly.

Teacher Workshop - February 14

There is no school on Friday, February 14 and Monday, February 17 for students. On Friday, our teachers will participate in a workshop day.

They will meet with a trainer from Tierney, thanks to CSCOE, to continue their work on differentiation in their instruction and assessment. This is the second of three meetings this school year with the trainer. This year's focus is on reading curriculum.

In the afternoon, the teachers will get to be "students" in our STEM Lab. Our resident STEM expert, Miss Anderson, will lead the teachers and staff through several STEM activities. Should be a great day!

Lost and Found Abounds!

Our Lost and Found basket has become a rather large Lost and Found mound in the hallway. If your child is missing something, please make sure to check the basket for that item.

After conferences in March, all items remaining in the basket will be donated to a local charity. Now is the time to find your missing items!



Virtus Training Session

All volunteers at school and chaperones on field trips must complete the Essential 3. One of the requirements is to attend an in-person three hour training session.

There will be a Virtus Training session on Monday, February 24 at 2pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Red Wing. If you need to begin the Essential 3 process, consider registering for this session. If at anytime you have questions, please contact our Safe Environment Coordinator, Deb Sauer.

Valentine's Class Parties are Thursday, February 13 at 10:30am (Pre-K) and 2:30pm (K-4). Room parents should coordinate with the classroom teacher.



Return Raffle Tickets Please!

If your family will not be selling your raffle tickets this year, we ask that you please return them to school as soon as possible.

We have families who would like to sell more tickets, and we are running low on tickets here in the office.

As a reminder all tickets and money must be returned to the school by March 2.

Note: Next week's drawing is for two \$5 Dairy Queen gift cards.

Please save your gallon-size plastic milk jugs with the cap. Our Pre-K classroom is building an igloo, and we need 400. You can send the cleaned milk jugs to school at any time.

Special Dates to Note

January 17 - March 1 - Catholic United Financial Raffle Ticket Sales

February 14 & 17 - No School for Teacher In-Service and Presidents' Day Break

February 25 - Burning of the Palms at 3pm

February 26 - Ash Wednesday Mass at 2pm

February 28 - Stations of the Cross at 2:45pm

March 4 & 6 - Spring Conferences, [register here](#)

March 13 - Science Fair

Spring Break - March 16-20 (No School)