



SJB News & Notes

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Principal's Corner

Two first year teachers applied for a job. One had perfect grades in college and said all the right things in the interview. The second had pretty good grades and was a bit nervous in the interview.

When the principal called their references, the references for the teacher who had great grades said he was not a team player and that he often got in arguments. The references for the second teacher talked about how he brought out the best in others and led his group in solving a big problem.

The principal thought she had an easy decision. She hired the teacher who was a problem solver and was praised for teamwork skills.

At SJB, we have been testing students in math and reading for the past two weeks. Overall our scores have been great and students, parents, and teachers should all be proud.

Yet, the most important skills do not get measured by standardized tests. Cooperation, teamwork, and perseverance will be more influential on lifetime success than math and reading. Emotional Quotient or EQ is a measurement of emotional intelligence. Adults with high EQ have been shown to have greater lifetime wage earnings than those with high IQ. Of course math and reading are still important and of course lifetime earnings aren't everything.

Students learn these soft skills in school by having conflicts and solving those conflicts. They learn perseverance and grit by trying things, failing, and working hard to adjust. As adults we should protect students from harm but we don't need to protect them from every type of conflict or every struggle. The way our students get better at math is to have someone teach them math and to practice. No one gets every problem right. The way they get better at solving conflicts is to have someone teach them to solve conflicts and practice. No one gets every conflict right.

- Paul

No Busing: 9/30, 10/7
Yes Busing 9/25



Home and School Zoom

Please join us and learn how you can volunteer

September 29th - 6pm

Join with this link and password

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78117292339?pwd=SFBXSVBTaFV0VGxXSEhVS0oya0owZz09>

Password = SJBHSA

Family Learning Corner

Are you hoping to sneak some extra math into your child's life without them knowing? Try cooking together. For younger students you could count the number of items or the number of each item. You could ask how many more of one item than another. For older students you can start measuring. For our older students you could chat about fractions, measurements, temperatures and cooking times. At the end you get to eat!

Thank you Knights of Columbus

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for providing SJB with a canopy for afternoon pickup rainy days. Thank you also for letting us use your sign to advertise the school. We appreciate you!



Marathon Day Plan

The SJB Marathon is on October 9th. K-4 students will walk a 2 mile path in Vermillion. Pre-K will walk around the cemetery.

Parents are welcome to join us for the marathon. You may meet your class outside of door # 5 which is on 190th street at the crosswalk. Please be very mindful of social distancing. Parents can help us by avoiding large groups and staying spread out. We will need some parents to help so the walk is safe so please feel free to join.

Start times

Kindergarten - 10am
1st Grade - 10:15
2nd Grade - 10:30
3rd/4th - 10:45

Thank you St. Paul and MN foundation.

Thank you to the St. Paul and MN foundation and Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation. SJB recently received a \$10,000 grant from this group for remote learning technology. This money will offset some of the technology spending we have done to prepare for teaching in the time of Covid.

All Saints Party: October 31 6pm - 8pm SJB Parking lot

- Pizza
- Cider/ Cocoa
- Games & Prizes
- Pictures

Volunteers needed. Please email Paul if you are able to help. Please observe social distancing.



I asked these fellas what a caterpillar turns into before it becomes a butterfly and they said Chrysalis! What smarties!

Happy Birthday!

Ms. Simek 9/23
Nora F. 9/24
Harmon W. 9/27
Alivia D. 9/29

