



SJB News & Notes

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Principal's Corner

Catholic schooling is different from public schooling in many ways. The most obvious of these is that we share our faith in the classroom. As Catholics, our worldview is shaped by our faith. We teach students that God is the creator and has a purpose in their lives. I believe this meaning and quest for purpose is very important for students. Knowing that God has a purpose can be the impetus to achieve and to work through difficult situations. Faith in God works in tandem with academic learning. Since we believe God is the truth and the truth comes from God, we also believe that the truths we learn in science, math, or other subjects is a part of God's truth. While we do not identify as a testing centric school, Catholic elementary schools consistently outperform other schools in academic testing. The Catholic Church has been a supporter of some of history's most influential scientists and continues to operate many of the most academically successful universities.

As someone who attended public school and religious education on Wednesday evenings, I am drawn to another major difference in our Catholic schools. That difference is community. We are blessed to know each child and family in a personal way. Our students know students from other grades and our teachers recognize students from years past. Our faith teaches that we are both unique individuals but also that our connection to one another is of critical importance. This attention to both the individual and the community is another reason for our success.

One of my favorite parts of teaching our faith is talking about Saints. Saints are a great way to represent the values we hold most dear. St. Teresa of Calcutta was known for being assertively friendly. She was more than just kind. She pursued friendliness in a way that could be called tactical. Blessed Stanley Rother was known for backing his flock and looking out for their interests in all situations, even leading to his death. These examples are inspirations for living our own lives in bold ways.

- Paul

Volunteers for morning crosswalk.

We are looking for volunteers to help at the crosswalk from 8:30-8:50 am. Please contact Deb or Paul if you can help for a week or do the same day on a regular basis.



Archbishop Flynn Gift

Archbishop Harry Flynn served as the leader of our Archdiocese from 1995-2008. Sadly, the Archbishop passed in September of last year. This week we were informed that as a part of his passing Archbishop Flynn requested gifts be made for five Catholic schools including St. John's. The reason we were chosen is because Archbishop Flynn had a special devotion to Blessed Stanley Rother who was a classmate of the Archbishop during seminary and is uniquely connected to our community.



Thank you Think Small

Thank you to Think Small for providing SJB with monthly donations of PPE like hand sanitizer, gloves, and masks. You are awesome.



Marathon October 9th

The SJB marathon for non-public education is on October 9th. Information was sent home in your marathon folder today. Please familiarize yourself with this information. The Marathon is our biggest fundraiser of the year. SJB family's commitment to this fundraiser is one way we are able to offer one of the most competitive tuition rates in the Archdiocese.

Happy Birthday!

Willa M - Sept 3
Owen S. Sept 4
Wyatt S - Sept 6



No School Tomorrow.

Don't forget no school 9/4. We missed this on the at a glance calendar.

Tennis shoes T/TH/F

PE is every T/TH/F. Make sure students wear or bring tennis shoes. Sandals and shoes with heels are not safe for PE.

Have a plan - Health reminder.

We have gotten off to a great start to our year. I have been amazed as the first days pass. Our students are doing a great job following our new procedures. I think they are better at changing than us adults. One way we plan to keep our community safe is by asking families to quarantine if their student tests positive or has been exposed to a positive test. I am hoping this is not me and I know you are hoping it is not you. The health of our community will depend on each of us to follow these procedures. Parents who are careful not to send sick students to school are protecting all of the other students at school. Please make sure you have considered a plan for if your student is asked to quarantine for any reason. We will continue to post assignments students can complete on seesaw. While we all hope this is not us, we will all benefit by others having a plan.



Tough time to be a parent

We believe that parents are primary educators of students. Our partnership is crucial in your students success. This is a tough time to be a parent. I am praying for you. Take care of yourself. Commit time to doing something you love or something that is relaxing. We need to remind ourselves to find healthy outlets for our stress. For me it is exercise, watching my dogs play in the yard, and committing to one day each week when I will not think about work. I hope you are also finding healthy ways to stay grounded. Caring for ourselves is the first step in being able to care for others.