



SJB News & Notes

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Principal's Corner

I struggled in middle school as middle schoolers often do. During that struggle, I asked my 8th grade math teacher why I needed to know what we were learning in math. He replied that I needed to know this so I could succeed in ninth grade. This is something educators say sometimes and this line of reasoning is extremely unhelpful. I too have said unhelpful things when I wanted to move past a question from a student and get back to teaching.

The idea expressed is easy to believe. In education we talk about scope and sequence. You can't understand fractions without understanding division. You can't understand division without understanding multiplication. You can't understand multiplication without understanding addition. You need 8th grade to do 9th grade.

Yet the endeavor to know why we are doing this is greater. Yes we learn one prerequisite topic to move onto the next. The purpose however is about so much more than getting to the next level. The purpose is to know more about the world that God created. By understanding the pieces of God's world we can put them together to make a whole. To know and serve God we must understand God's world. This helps us become, in the words of our mission, the greatest versions of ourselves. In the end our understanding pales compared to God's reality. Without this understanding though, we cannot fulfill God's mission for us. God has a purpose for each of our students.

Coming up:

- January 14** - Raffle Sales Begin
- January 17** - No School MLK Day
- January 28** - No School - Staff Inservice
- January 30** - Catholic Schools Week Mass 10am - Pancake Breakfast at school 11am
- January 31** - Science Fair
- February 1** - Science Museum comes to SJB
- February 2** - K-4 Skateville Field Trip
- February 3** - SJB Art Show
- February 4** - All School Bingo

[Summer Program Signup Form](#)

Catholic Schools Week Volunteers Needed - Sign up Here.

Catholic Schools Raffle
SINCE 2009

January 14 to February 27, 2022

GRAND PRIZE: 2022 FORD ESCAPE
or \$20,000 cash!

More prizes...\$5,000 Dream Vacation • Mall of America Family Fun Getaways • 4K Smart TVs • iFly Indoor Skydiving Party • Traeger Pro Series Grills • Smokeless Firepits • Dinners for a Month from Blue Apron & more!

TICKETS \$5 each

Every dollar we raise stays with our school!

Watch the live prize drawing online on March 10, 2022

[Sign up here to sell raffle tickets at Mass.](#)

Blue Folders have a lot of information today: Raffle Tickets, Summer Sign up, Skateville Permission Slips. Please check your blue folder today!

Positive Cases Last 7 days: 3 PK, 2 Elementary, 1 Adult



Blood Drive

St. John's Catholic School

Community Room
111 Main St. W
Vermillion, MN 55085

Monday, January 17, 2022
1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Vermillion to schedule an appointment.

Parenting Exceptional Children

January 19, 7pm - [Signup here](#)

Parenting children with educational and behavioral differences can be rewarding AND challenging. Even children who are gifted and talented present special challenges in parenting. In this session we will discuss parenting children who have diverse needs because of educational, behavioral, and mental health challenges, as well as those who may need more enrichment.

At Home Tests

We are now accepting at home Covid tests for students who are excluded. We know it is hard to get an in-person test and that no one wants to send their child to school and get others sick. Please use BD Veritor or Binaxnow tests if you are testing at home. The school does have some at home tests available if you are having a hard time acquiring one.

Raffle

This year the Catholic United Raffle runs from Friday, January 14, 2022 through Sunday, February 27, 2022. The Raffle is one of St. John's biggest fundraisers of the year. **The school receives all the money from ticket sales.** Please encourage family and friends to purchase tickets. They have a chance to win a FORD EcoSport, a television, a resort getaway or gift cards. Thank you to everyone who sells and purchases tickets.

Students will also have chances at winning prizes, through Catholic United Raffle and through the school. Top selling students can win a tuition reimbursement prize up to \$500. At our school, students can win a special hat made by Mrs. D, a backpack, a free dress pass, a donut, or a handful of treats.

Each student will start off with 20 tickets. Once the tickets are sold, turn them and the money into the school. Call or email the school office and let us know how many more tickets you want. We will send them home with students.

Please fill in all the information on each ticket. There

are a few St. John's so please write St. John the Baptist - Vermillion. Tickets are only \$5.00. Turn in by Tuesdays to be in on the weekly school drawing. See the raffle information sent in blue folders today for more information. Any questions, please email or call the school office, 651-437-2644.

Help
St. John the Baptist Catholic School
raise our goal:

SINCE 2009 Catholic United Financial

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS RAFFLE

\$18,000

\$5 each

TICKETS ON SALE
Jan. 14-Feb. 27

EVERY DOLLAR WE RAISE STAYS WITH OUR SCHOOL!