



SJB NEWS & NOTES

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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER TIX

I am happy to announce that Mrs. Pam McSweeney has been hired as the new Principal of St. John the Baptist Catholic School. Pam will start as Principal on July 1, 2024.

Pam comes to us from St. John's in Savage where she has taught 5th grade for the last four years. She will complete her Certificate in School Leadership from Saint Paul Seminary in July. Previously, Pam taught at Carondolet Catholic School in Minneapolis, Providence Academy in Plymouth, and St. Michael's Catholic School in West St. Paul. Before coming to the classroom, Pam worked in senior management overseeing many Sears Roebuck and co. stores in the upper Midwest.

Pam was the unanimous choice of our search team. Many thanks to Jess Beissel, Jean Beskau, Elizabeth Otterness, Julie Strommen and Paul Dieltz for their hours of time and energy in reviewing resumes and participating in the interviews that led to Pam's hiring.

On page two of this newsletter you will find Pam's introduction of herself to you. You are invited to meet Pam at an informal Meet-and-Greet on Tuesday, April 2nd in the School Community Room, 3:30-4:30 pm. Pam and her husband Corey will also be attending our upcoming Blue and White Gala on Friday, April 12th, and Bingo Fun Day on May 19th.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Blue & White Gala

Friday April 12th
5:30pm
Cocktails | Dinner | Dessert Dash | Live Auction | Fund-A-Need

Starkson Family Life Celebration Chapel
3075 Vermillion Street
Hastings, MN 55033

Tickets can be purchased after each mass, parish office, school office, Starkson's office or online on the school website.
Scan the QR code below.

\$75 | Single Ticket | Dinner | Assigned Seating
\$600 | Table of 6 | Dinner | 12 Drink Tickets | Reserved Seating

GALA FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What is the Gala? Our first ever Blue & White Gala is a fundraising event to celebrate the tradition of support for Catholic education in each of our three parishes, how this continues today at St. John's with students from each of our three parishes and beyond, and how we look forward to providing this opportunity for generations to come as something that grounds them in faith and values to serve as leaders of tomorrow.

What's for dinner? Carved prime rib, Tuscan chicken, baby red potatoes, green beans with almonds, glazed carrots, bread choices, special desert.

Where will I sit? There will be assigned seating to maximize what we are hoping for as a sellout crowd of 200 or more. Those purchasing a table will have the opportunity to choose who will sit at the table, otherwise people will be randomly assigned.

What to wear? Consistent with the gala theme, blue and white is the dress code for the evening whether in formal or casual wear. It is your choice.

Auction info? There will be a live auction of limited items. See page two for a list of live auction items.

Sponsorship opportunities? For businesses there is the opportunity to sponsor the Blue & White Gala. For more information about being an event sponsor contact ???

Funds raised? Funds raised from the evening will be used to support the operations of St. John the Baptist Catholic School. As part of the evening there will be a specific Fund-A-Need with these being designated funds toward a specific project to be shared at the Gala.

St. John the Baptist Catholic School is an enduring community, welcoming students to be known and loved, to excel academically, thrive spiritually, and lead with generosity and joy.

INTRODUCTION FROM MRS. MCSWEENEY

My name is Pam McSweeney and I am honored and humbled to have been chosen to be the next principal at St. John the Baptist in Vermillion. Faith, family, friends, and football are things that are very important to me and in my life. My husband (Corey) and I have been married for 35 years and have two adult children who are alumni of St. John's in Savage: Sean (28) is a second-year urology resident at the Cleveland Clinic and Kathleen (25) is a conservator/guardian for Lutheran Social Services. I am a *passionate* Green Bay Packer and Wisconsin Badger fan, born and raised in NE Wisconsin, but am also a big fan of the Minnesota Twins and the Minnesota Wild. I have two dogs - Finn (golden retriever rescue) and Murphy (terrier mutt mix rescue) that keep me busy as an empty nester!

Our family moved to Minnesota from Illinois more than 24 years ago. Before becoming a teacher, I spent 14+ years in corporate management for Sears, moving around the Midwest. I discovered my vocation for teaching when I started volunteering and working at SJB in Savage. My foundation of Catholic education began at Marquette University, where I received a B.A. in Communications/Public Relations. I completed a teaching licensure program through the College of St. Catherine in 2006, and my Masters of Arts through the Murray Institute at the University of St. Thomas in 2016. A lifelong learner, I am currently finishing a certificate program in Catholic School Leadership through the St. Paul Seminary/University of St. Thomas.

I couldn't imagine a better community to begin my career as a Catholic administrator. I was attracted to St. John the Baptist and the Vermillion community for how much it reminds me of the community where I grew up: a tight-knit community of hardworking, honest, authentic people who love God and each other. Just as God called me to pursue teaching, He once again called me to seek leadership in a Catholic school, and it is through His grace that I am here in Vermillion!



CLICK ON THIS BOX TO CHECK OUT MRS. MCSWEENEY'S RECENT INTERVIEW WITH THE PRACTICING CATHOLIC SHOW FROM THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT.

MRS. MCSWEENEY WAS RECENTLY A FEATURED LEADERSHIP BIO FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE. CLICK ON THIS BOX TO SEE THAT BIO

SUMMER PROGRAM SIGN UP NOW AVAILABLE. CLICK [HERE](#) FOR THE FORM. PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE. EARLY BIRD PRICING AVAILABLE UNTIL 5/1. CHECK OUT OUR SUMMER SCHOOL DAILY EVENTS CALENDAR [HERE](#).

BLUE AND WHITE GALA LIVE AUCTION ITEMS:

The Road Trip Cooler

The Griller's Delight Meat Box from Greg's Meats

"We Like it Hot" An authentic Indian dinner hosted by the nuns

Takin' It Easy Package

Delta Club Experience at the Twins Game

Pizza with Padre at the Ries Farm

Emerald Greens Simulator Experience