SJB News & Notes

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Principal's Corner

As we move into November, our school community is entering one of the busiest and most exciting times of the year! Between honoring our veterans, enjoying field trips, wrapping up the trimester and preparing report cards, celebrating Thanksgiving, and beginning preparations for our annual Christmas program and Christmas caroling around Vermillion, there is much to look forward to in the weeks ahead. While the days seem to get busier, I hope we can also take time to slow down, enjoy these special moments, and recognize the many blessings within our school community.

Thank you to all of the parents who joined us for this week's Home and School Association meeting! Your time, ideas, and willingness to support our school make such a difference. We have several upcoming opportunities for parents to take a leadership role in helping with school events, and we would love to have more families involved. These include St. Nicholas Day, our Advent Toy Drive, and Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week.

Many hands make light work, and these events are wonderful ways to show our students and staff what a caring community we are. Thank you for considering sharing your time and talents! Contact the school office if you are interested in any of these opportunities.

Blessings to you all ~ Mrs. McSweeney

"The joy of the Lord is my strength" (Nehemiah 8:10)

Parent Volunteers to Chaperone Caroling

Our annual Christmas Caroling around Vermillion will be Friday, Dec. 18 at 1:45 pm. Parents and grandparents are welcome to join us for the afternoon of caroling, cookies and cocoa!

Please sign up using the link below. This is a K - 4 student event only.

Christmas Caroling

Scholarship Opportunities for Next School Year

Aim Higher Foundation scholarship applications are now open for the 2027 - 2028 school year. All families are encouraged to apply using this link. This application process also provides an opportunity for private financial assistance from generous donors to the school.

Schulze Family Foundation scholarship application is open for all students entering PreK next school year. Use this link for more information and to apply. This scholarship usually closes by early December, so please don't delay in your application.

With winter weather right around the corner, please make sure your child has appropriate winter clothing at school each day. Winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats, and mittens are essential as temperatures drop and snow arrives. Please take a few minutes to check that your child's winter gear is at school and ready for the season!

Virtue of the Month: Respect

Speaking and acting according to our own and others' rights, status, and circumstances.

Respect involves everyday actions that show awareness, kindness, and consideration for classmates, siblings, and authority figures.



Hot Lunch Orders Due Soon!!

Hot lunch orders must be submitted by **9:00 am on Monday, November 16th, 2026.** No late orders will be accepted.

K-4 - https://forms.gle/tAQSiqDcWXUPaAT66

PreK - https://forms.gle/imy5MveKEoTrYhj69



Volunteer Opportunities

K - 4 Lunch/Recess Volunteer Sign Up

Remember to keep a tally of your volunteer hours as these will go toward the yearly family requirement. Due to safety and liability concerns, volunteers may not bring younger children when volunteering.

Happy Birthday!

Brooklyn W.	K	11/1
Wayne	PreK	11/2
Berkeley B.	PS3	11/3
Grayson	Pre K	11/11
Eleanor	2nd	11/16
Maggie	K	11/20
Weston	Pre K	11/20
Owen	1st	11/26
Max	3rd	11/30

What's Coming Up?

11/13	UMN Marching Band field trip (2nd -4th gr.)
11/19	Fall Clubs 3:30 - 4:30
11/22	St. Mary's Sausage Supper
11/25	No School - Thanksgiving Break
11/26	No School - Thanksgiving Break
11/27	No School - Thanksgiving Break
11/29	First Week of Advent
11/30	No Busing - Parent Drive Day

Our annual gift card fundraiser is underway! Check your child's folder for the ordering information - these make great gifts for family and friends this holiday season!

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.