



SCHOOL NEWS

St. John the Baptist Catholic School Newsletter

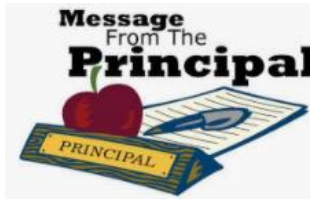
Mark Your Calendar



- 23 —Back to School Bash 4pm-7pm and Open School for elementary students to Meet the Teachers 4pm-5pm
- 24 —Elementary School First Day of School with a NOON dismissal
- 25 —Noon Dismissal for Kindergarten ONLY
- 26 —Noon Dismissal for Kindergarten ONLY
—Last Day for PTO Spirit Wear Orders
- 30 —Preschool Parent Orientation Mtg. - 7pm
- 31 —Preschool Parent/Student Orientation



- 1 —Preschool Parent/Student Orientation
- 2 —No School — Labor Day Weekend!
- 5 —No School — Labor Day
- 6 —First Day of Preschool for PK4 M-F Class (9 AM — 1 PM) and PK3 T/Th Class (Week 1: 9 AM—10:30 AM)
- 7 —First Day of Preschool for PK3 MWF Class (Week 1: 9AM -10:30 AM) and PK4 MWF Class (9 AM — 1 PM)
- 12 —PK3 Week 2: 9 AM — 11 AM
- 13 —Elementary Back to School Night 6:30 pm
—PK Soccer Shots Begins
—PTO Meeting, 4:15 pm via ZOOM
- 14 —Charleston Wrap Orders Due
- 18 —Parish Picnic after 11 AM Mass
- 19 — PK3 Week 3: 9 AM — 11:30 AM
- 20 —Tuesday Time for Twos Begins
—Spirit Day at Sons of Sicily
- 21 —No School—Diocesan Ed. Conference
- 22 —Thursday Time for Twos Begins
- 26 —Mission Day



Welcome back to the new school year! I am excited and honored to be the new principal of St. John the Baptist Catholic School. For

those that may not know me, I have been the fifth grade teacher for the last seven years. I look forward to the challenges and rewards of my new role in the school. I am very thankful to all of you for choosing St. John's and for entrusting your child to be educated by our wonderful and talented faculty. We have a few new faces in the school, all of which I am confident will continue to provide the high standards of education and faith which is expected at St. John's. I am also very excited that our elementary school students will be attending Mass with the parish again this year. I can't wait to welcome all of the students and to watch them grow in many areas this year. We are truly blessed here at St. John the Baptist Catholic School.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or myself if you have any questions or concerns. This is going to be a great school year for all of us.

Mrs. Michelle Williams

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!



Dear Lord - Bless us in our school today. Help us grow in love and kindness and more like Jesus every day. Amen



Good Information

- * All students should bring a water bottle and snack daily. Please make this part of your child's routine for preparing for the school day.
- * Attendance@sjbnf.org should be used to communicate all preschool and elementary student schedule changes including absences, early dismissals, doctors appointment, etc. Please be sure to include your child's teacher when you email attendance@sjbnf.org
- * Preschool arrival begins at 9 am and students should be escorted into the Capitani Social Hall. Please offer your child the opportunity to use the bathroom and wash their hands.
- * Elementary students may start arriving at 8:25 am. Elementary school starts at 8:40 am. If your child arrives after the morning bell, you must come to the office to sign them in as late arrival.
- * Elementary school dismissal begins at 3:20 pm directly after our closing prayer and announcements.
- * If your child is an elementary school dismissal car rider, please be sure to have your pick-up sign displaying your child's/children's last name visibly displayed in your vehicle. Please enter using Reehling Road and proceed to the car line through the school parking lot. School personnel will direct traffic and escort the students into the cars.
- * On the days your elementary student has gym, he/she may come to school dressed in the St. John's gym uniform and sneakers.
- * The elementary students will attend mass every Friday and on Holy Days. Boys should wear a dress shirt and tie rather than the logo polo. There is no change for the girls, as they should wear the plaid uniform jumper (K-4th) or khaki skirt (5th-6th). If a Holy Day falls on a gym day, the students may wear their gym uniform.
- * Please be sure to review the Parent/Student Handbook as it contains a wealth of information. It was emailed to elementary school families on August 16th and paper copies will be distributed to preschool families on August 30th and elementary families on August 23th.

Elementary Open School Night Back to School Bash

On Tuesday, August 23th from 4pm-5pm elementary students are invited to meet their teachers and sneak-a-peek at their seats. Parents are asked to remain in the social hall to complete any pending paperwork and pick up car line signs.

Preschool families are invited to come to meet other St. John's families at this event from 4pm-7pm. Our NEW Principal, Mrs. Williams, will be joining us! Come on out and say "HI!" We will have two food trucks on hand, Pit Shack and GillIce, so bring your wallet, or you are more than welcome to bring your own food, blanket, and chairs as well. Come on out and have fun as we get excited to kick off a brand-new school year!



St. John's PTO

Who are we and what do we do?

Visit www.sjbnfpto.org for more information to include a list of events and meetings. We also post updates to www.facebook.com/stjnpto. For any additional questions contact us by email: pto@sjbnf.org

Many Volunteer opportunities are available. Most immediate need is for Pretzel Tuesdays. To learn about all volunteer options visit us at <https://sjbnfpto.org/>. Please consider donating your time as you are able.

A few current items:

- St. John's spirit wear is on sale until August 26th and can be purchased by visiting:

<https://22stjohnthebaptistspiritwear.itemorder.com/>

- Pretzel Tuesday orders are due by August 26. See our website for the form.



PTO is offering a 25 Days of Giving Gift Card raffle tickets for \$20 each for a chance to win gift cards. The drawings are based off the Daily PA Lottery Pick 3 evening drawing (straight pick). Only 250 tickets will be sold and we have about 100 tickets remaining. Top prizes include \$250 Amazon, \$250 Visa, \$150 Walmart and much more!

Little Angels Before & After Care

Openings are still available in St. John's Before & After Care Program. Please contact Debbie Gardecki at dgardecki@sjbnf.org if you are interested.



St. John's is having a Charleston Wrap fundraiser that offers gift wrap, personalization, holiday décor as well as kitchen and home products. Information will be sent home with elementary students in late August and emailed to preschool students in late August. Please view the items at: www.charlestonwrapstore.com

Our organization ID is 19218
This fundraiser ends on Sept. 14th

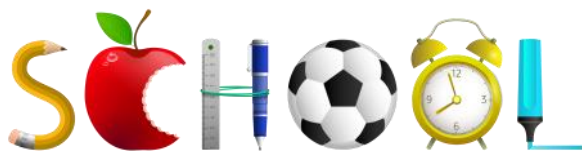
Preschool/Prekindergarten Information and Orientation



Preschool parent orientation is Tuesday, August 30th at 7:00 pm. This information meeting is for parents only. Parent/student orientations are on August 31st and September 1st. You should have

received a letter via U.S. mail with your assigned date and time for parent/child orientation session.

If you have any questions, please contact the preschool secretary, Patty Mazziott, at pmazziott@sjbnf.org or 717-235-2535 x230.



Elementary School Mission Days

Each month the elementary student have the opportunity to dress casually for Mission Day donations. The monies or food items collected go to the food pantry most months, although we do have other missions we support throughout the year and will let you know the cause we support for the month. The family donation is one item or a \$1 donation per family. Thanks for helping us teach our children to share our blessings with others.



New Freedom Fest

Come on out to the New Freedom Fest, Saturday, September 17th starting at 9am. St. John's will have a booth set up for information and we'd love to have volunteers help man it.. We will have a Sign-up Genius link available for interested families to sign up to help out at the booth in 1 hour increments. This will be a fun day to share our school with the community. We are looking to have a handout available to handout to those who stop at our booth and possibly a small game with prizes for children. If you are available to help out at the school booth this day, please contact Sarah Shaffer at sshaffer1@sjbnf.org or see the sign-up link that will be sent out soon.



Good Eats!!!

We all enjoy a night off from cooking and St. John's School has a Spirit Day on Tuesday, Sept. 20th - ALL DAY! - at Sons of Sicily. This restaurant is located in the Shrewsbury Square Shopping Center at 14645 Mount Airy Road. Dine in or carryout - 717-227-2270.



Mark your calendar and join us Sunday September 18th for an 11am Outdoor Mass (weather permitting) followed by a good old fashioned St. John the Baptist Family-Friendly Parish Picnic with hamburgers, hot dogs, and fun for everyone. More details coming soon!