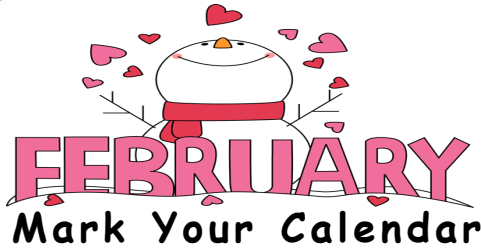


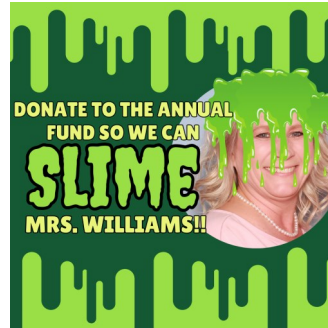


# SCHOOL NEWS

St. John the Baptist Catholic School Newsletter



- 1/2** 1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade students read at Masses
- 6** - Souper Bowl Dress Down Day
  - 9** - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 11 am Mass and Prayer Service
  - 11** - PTO Meeting at 4:15 pm
  - 13** - PK Parent Conference (must sign up)  
- No Preschool Classes
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  - 15** - PTO Father Daughter Sweetheart Dance  
5:30 pm to 8:00 pm
  - 16** - Bingo! New Freedom Center at 12:30pm
  - 17** - No School - Presidents' Day
  - 18** - Great American Saloon Spirit 4 pm-8 pm
  - 23** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Family Prayer Service after  
the 11 AM Mass
  - 24** - Dental Hygienist to Visit all classes  
- ES Mission Day—Dental Items



It's hard to believe that we are halfway through the school year already. Our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school will be Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our teachers are very dedicated to providing the best education to all the students. The extra time that each one puts in is to be commended, as they do this to provide a great learning experience.

The staff that is either in the classrooms or in the office all work hard every day to keep the school running. They are appreciated beyond what words can say. Our PTO and all the volunteers are another group of people that work hard to make our school the best. The events that they plan to gather the school together really help build us into a family. Most of all, I want to celebrate, you the parents, for choosing St. John the Baptist as your child's school. I know that you have different options for schools and I want to thank you for picking this school. You are all so generous and always willing to help out in any way. All of us together, make up the St. John the Baptist Catholic School family.

As registration is underway for the upcoming school year, we are still fundraising for this school year. Fundraising is important as our actual cost of education is closed to \$9,000 per student. Please consider giving to the Annual Fund as this helps cover instructional supplies and teacher's salaries. If \$5,000 more is raised, the students will get to slime me in the spring! Thank you for consideration to help us meet our fundraising goal this year.

## Spelling, Geography and Faith Bee Competitions

Each year during Catholic Schools Week, our 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students participate in academic Bees. The Faith Bee lasted 6 rounds with Eddie Campbell placing 1<sup>st</sup>, Mary Claire Carleton, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Gemma Russo, 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Geography Bee lasted 7 rounds with Gabe Catherman placing 1<sup>st</sup>, Samantha Shaffer, 2<sup>nd</sup> and a tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> place between Gemma Russo and Victoria Amedzake. The Spelling Bee lasted 6 rounds with Mary Claire Carleton placing 1<sup>st</sup>, Samantha Shaffer, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Eddie Campbell, 3<sup>rd</sup>. The winners of the Spelling and Geography Bees will go to Harrisburg to compete against other schools in the Diocese. Congratulations and best wishes for success to our St. John's students at the Diocesan.





# St. John's PTO

**Thank You!** Thank you to the dedication and generosity of our school families! We appreciate all the volunteers and donations helping with Catholic Schools Week this year!

## Volunteer Opportunities Available!

If you are badged there are spring lunch monitor, pretzel Tuesday, Good Shepherd assistant, and Taco Thursday opportunities available. Please help and make a difference at our school to help our staff and our students! <https://sjbnfpto.org/volunteer>

## Sweetheart Father Daughter Dance

The PTO is hosting another Father Daughter dance with a Valentine's Day theme for our preschool and elementary school girls on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00 pm. There will be dinner, dancing, and photo opportunities to remember this special night. Tickets are available for purchase on the PTO website: <https://sjbnfpto.org/spirit-nights>

## SAVE THE DATES!

March 28<sup>th</sup> - Laser Alleys Family Spirit Night  
April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> - Donuts with Dad  
More info coming soon!

## February PTO Meeting

Thank you to the parents and staff that attended our January meeting! Our participants from November's and January's calls will be eligible to win a small prize in our live raffle drawing at the next meeting. Our next virtual meeting will be Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 pm where we will discuss the Father Daughter Dance.

## Contact Us

Website: [sjbnfpto.org](http://sjbnfpto.org)

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Facebook: @sjbnfpto

## Preschool Picture Day



Lifetouch photographers will be at St. John's School on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> for Preschool Picture Day.

On Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> students in PK3 T/Th and PK4 M-F and will be photographed individually and in group class pictures.

On Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, students in PK3 MWF and PK4 MWF and will be photographed individually and in group class pictures.

Additional information regarding ordering will be sent home in February.

## School Registration for 2025-2026

**Elementary School** - Registration is now open to the public. We are asking that all families apply for financial aid this year through Simple Tuition Solutions. Tax statements will need to be submitted with financial aid applications. There are two different scholarships for which you may apply. One is the Neumann Scholarship through the Diocese and the other one is through our school. Please apply through Simple Tuition Solutions.

**Preschool** - Registration for Preschool classes is now open to the public as well.

Please be sure to register in a timely manner as our classes fill quickly. Please feel free to share this information with families who may be interested in our preschool program. If you have questions, please contact Patty Mazziott at [pmazziott@sjbnf.org](mailto:pmazziott@sjbnf.org) or 717-235-3525 x 230.



February Spirit Night

Tuesday, Feb 18<sup>th</sup>  
4pm-9pm

Join us for St. John the Baptist Catholic School's Spirit Night at Great American Saloon located at 20 Dairyland Square, Red Lion, PA. Be sure to bring your flyer as you must present it when ordering.



February 16, 2025 at 1:30 pm  
Doors open at 12:30 pm

This event will be held at the New Freedom Community Center. All tickets purchased in advance are \$25 and are available in the school office. Join us for Cash Prizes, Special Games, Door Prizes, Great Food and Fun!



## Virtue Award Winners

The following students exemplified to others the meaning of **Faith** through their actions, words and behavior during the month of January.

- K - Elise Zimmermann
- 1<sup>st</sup> - Baylor Charnigo
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Christopher Carleton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Joshua Szymanik
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Evelyn Loveland
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Jackson Baker
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Gabriel Catherman

## ANNUAL ONLINE AUCTION

Mark Your Calendars for our Annual Online Auction! The online auction will be running from Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

<https://tinyurl.com/SJBAuction2025>  
This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. The online auction offers hundreds of items for bid such as services, garden items, events, collectables, sports memorabilia, family outings, class baskets, adventures, entertainment, trips, home décor and much, much more! If you are interested in helping or donating please contact Sarah Shaffer

[sshaffer1@sjbnf.org](mailto:sshaffer1@sjbnf.org)

## February is Dental Month

Our school will collect dental items for our mission day this month!



## TALENT SHOW

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Talent Show  
Friday, March 14, 2025 at 6:30 pm  
St. John's Capitani Social Hall

Talent Show participation forms will be sent home and need to be returned by Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. Students may audition during school hours on Feb. 19 & 20 or by arrangement with Mrs. Miller. There will be prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. There will also be a People's Choice Award this year! Don't miss seeing the talent at St. John the Baptist Catholic School!



Souper Bowl  
Dress Down  
Day  
Thursday,  
February 6<sup>th</sup>

Students may bring in cans of soup and wear red for the Chiefs or green for the Eagles to cast their vote for the teams in the Super Bowl. Soup donations will go to the Southern York County Food Pantry.



Market Day  
Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

Join us for St. John's 2nd Annual Market Day held in the Capitani Social Hall. A fun entrepreneur event for our school. Our 4th, 5th and 6th graders and some Alumni students will showcase and sell a wide variety of items they have made. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come, purchase and support our young entrepreneurs!



A heartfelt thanks to St. John's PTO and to the many volunteers who made Catholic Schools Week a great success! The staff enjoyed yummy cinnamon rolls, a delicious lunch, gifts, plants and much more! Our parents are simply the best!