



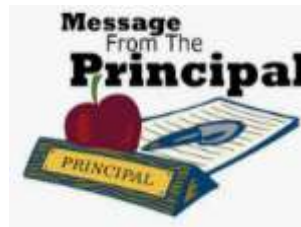
SCHOOL NEWS

St. John the Baptist Catholic School Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar



- 1** - Early Dismissal, Noon for Elementary and 11:30 am for Preschool
 - End of 2nd Trimester
 - PTO Spirit Day at Chuck E. Cheese Noon to 10 pm
- 2/3** - 4th Grade Student will read at all weekend Masses
 - Raffles and 50/50 at weekend Masses
- 4** - Preschool Picture Day for PK3 MWF, PK4 MWF and Time for Twos Thurs.
- 5** - PTO Meeting at 4:15 pm
 - Preschool Picture Day for PK3 T/Th, PK4 M-F and Time for Twos Thurs.
- 8** - Elementary School Report Cards Issued
- 10** - Family Prayer Service for 2nd Grade Students after 11 am Mass
- 12/13** - Vision Screening for PK3 & PK4
- 15** - Auction Set-up 1:30 - 4:00 pm
- 16** - Annual Spring Auction & Dinner
 - First Grade Retreat, 9:30 am to Noon at School
- 19** - Spirit Night at Seven Sports Bar & Grille, 4 pm - 9:30 pm
- 25** - Mission Day - Cereal Boxes!
- 27** - Early Dismissal, Noon for Elementary and 11:30 am for Preschool
- 28** - No School, Easter Break. School will be closed March 28 to April 2. School Resumes on Wednesday, April 3



The holy season of Lent is upon us. May we take this time to increase our prayers, give alms to a charity, and to fast in some part of our lives. I'm so proud of the students as they continue to be reverent on Fridays during Mass. Parents are always welcome to come to Mass on Friday mornings when the school children attend.

Our second graders received the sacrament of reconciliation on February 17th and it was inspiring to see so many children receiving this sacrament, but even more inspiring was to see how many parents also participated in the sacrament that day.

All elementary students are participating in the Stations of the Cross each Friday as part of our Lenten journey. Grades two through sixth will have a Penance Service on March 12th to prepare for the Resurrection of Jesus.

My hope is that each and every one of you feel the love of Jesus during this Lenten season and that your faith is strengthened



Save the Dates

PK4 & 6th Grade Graduations!

St. John's 6th Grade - Friday, May 31, 2024
The celebration will start with Mass at 9 am and then continue in the Capitani Social Hall with brunch and awards.

St. John's PK4 - Wednesday, May 22, 2024
The celebration will take place at 10 am in the Capitani Social Hall and last for about an hour.



Virtue Award Winners

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

K - Baylor Charnigo
1st - Grayson Kane
2nd - Everly Antkowiak
3rd - Zachary Fields

4th - Jackson Baker
5th - Samantha Shaffer
6th - Danielle Whitcraft

St. John the Baptist
PRENSCHOOL

50th Anniversary CELEBRATION

SUNDAY APRIL 28TH 12:30 - 2:30PM

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NEW FREEDOM

FOOD TRUCKS, FACE PAINTING, CARNIVAL GAMES, MUSIC, AND MORE TO ENJOY WITH PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE PRESCHOOL FAMILIES!

Preschool Families New and Old!



St. John's Annual Spring Auction & Dinner



St. John's PTO

Volunteer Opportunities Available!

If you are badged there are lunch monitor, pretzel Tuesday, Good Shepherd assistant, library helper, Donuts with Dad, and PTO bulletin board opportunities available. Please help and make a difference at our school for our staff and students!

<https://sjbnfpto.org/volunteer>

Chuck E. Cheese Spirit Day!

Join in on the fun all day after SJB Elementary early dismissal on Friday March 1st. The students have a half day. Spend the other half playing games at Chuck E. Cheese. Print out a flyer for coupons and mention SJB when purchasing games and food. A special guest, Chuck E. Cheese himself will be cheering students on at the car line that day as a reminder! Location: Chuck E. Cheese 2801 E Market Street, York, PA 17402

<https://sjbnfpto.org/spirit-nights>

Totally Catholic Jewelry Easter Fundraiser

After masses on March 2, 3, 10 & 11 as well as the Lenten dinner on March 8. Perfect gifts for Easter or upcoming Baptisms, First Communions, and Confirmations! Volunteer sign-up available!

<https://sjbnfpto.org/volunteer>

Donuts With Dad

Early Sign-up is available now for Donuts with Dad attendees and volunteers! Thursday April 4th and Friday April 5th from 8am-8:40am. Please sign-up for one day only, please. Dads or Grandfathers may attend with your student(s). Join us for donuts and refreshments! Students that take the bus will miss this event as it starts before drop-off.

<https://sjbnfpto.org/donuts-with-dad>

Save the Dates!

Sunday, April 28, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Preschool 50th Anniversary Celebration

Tuesday, April 30, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
PTO Volunteer Dinner

PTO March Meeting

Thank you to the parents and staff that attended and helped decide and vote on events at our Feb. meeting! Our participants from Feb.'s meeting will be eligible to win a small prize in our live raffle drawing at the next meeting. Our next virtual meeting is the FIRST Tuesday of the month on March 5 at 4:15 pm

Connect With Us!

Facebook: @sjbnfpto

Website: sjbnfpto.org

Email: pto@sjbnfpto.org

St. John's online auction has now concluded and the many winning bidders helped us to raise over \$12,000! Now it's time to party! The Live Auction and Dinner is Saturday, March 16th at 6 pm. Please join us in St. John's Capitani Social Hall for the live auction, photo booth, games, raffles, dinner and dancing!

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Don't miss the fun!

Tickets can be purchased at:

www.tinyurl.com/SJBAroundtheWorldTickets

Tickets can also be purchased by sending cash or check to the school office.

If you have any questions, contact our Development Director, Sarah Shaffer, sshaffer1@sjbnf.org.



Lenten Dinners

St. John's Knights of Columbus will host Lenten Dinners on the following Fridays during Lent:

March 8th & 22nd
4 pm to 7 pm in Capitani Social Hall

The menu offers: crabcakes, fried fish or shrimp, pasta, mac & cheese, mozzarella sticks, baked potatoes and more!



PK3 & PK4
Vision
Screening



Vision Corps will be at our school to screen the PK3 & PK4 students on Tuesday, March 12th and Wednesday, March 13th.

The screening process takes less than a minute. A Vision Corps/KidSight Packet opt out form will be home in early March with additional information.



Catholic Schools Week 2024

The students enjoyed an assembly by the Baltimore Bee Company, dress down day, a Bee Movie, tacos and some academic competitions during Catholic Schools Week. Fourth grader, Gunnar Bodoh placed 1st in the Faith Bee. Fifth grader, Eddie Campbell placed 1st in the Spelling Bee and the Geography Bee. Congratulations to Gunnar and Eddie!

The Geography Bee lasted 7 rounds with David Steidle placing 2nd and Zachary Szymanik placing 3rd. The Faith Bee lasted 9 rounds with Landyn Clasing placing 2nd and Julianna Hackler placing 3rd. The Spelling Bee lasted 12 rounds with Hunter Brodbeck placing 2nd and Jackson Baker placing 3rd.

The winners of the Spelling and Geography Bees will go to Harrisburg to compete against other schools in the Diocese. Best wishes for success to our St. John's students.

It's never too early to study for next year!

Also, a big thank you to St. John's PTO parents for lunch and the special treats for the St. John's staff during Catholic Schools week. Your generosity and thoughtfulness is very much appreciated!



Seven Sports Bar & Grille

March 19th is Spirit Night at the Seven Sports Bar & Grille from 4 pm to 9:30 pm. Seven Sports Bar & Grille is located at 14 E. Franklin St. New Freedom, PA 17349. This event is dine in only. Be sure to let your server know you are there for St. John's Spirit Night. Flyers will come home soon!