



# SCHOOL NEWS

St. John the Baptist Catholic School Newsletter



## November Calendar

- 1** - All Saints Day — 9 AM Mass for ES  
- Elementary Mass at 9 AM with Saints Project Presentation
- 2/3** - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students will Read at Weekend Masses
- 7** - YSO Field Trip for grades 3-6
- 8** - Virtue Awards at 9 am Mass  
- End of 1st Trimester  
- Early Dismissal  
11:30 AM - PK3 & PK4 MWF  
12:00 PM - Elementary School & PK4 M-F/FD  
- PTO Spirit Sale Starts
- 10** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Family Prayer Session after 11 am Mass  
- Children's Choir at 9 am Mass
- 12** - PTO Meeting at 4:15 pm
- 15** - ES Report Cards  
- PTO Hammer & Stain Event at SJB
- 17-22** - Discover Catholic School Week!
- 19** - 6th Grade Shadow at York Catholic  
- Spirit Night at Seven Sports Bar & Grill
- 21** - Taco Thursday (pre-ordered)
- 22** - Elementary School Grandparents Day  
- Advent Event at St. John's Lutheran
- 24** - Parish Breakfast in Capitani Hall
- 25** - Early Dismissal - ES Parent Conferences  
11:30 AM - PK3 & PK4 MWF  
12:00 PM - Elementary School & PK4 M-F/FD
- 26** - Early Dismissal - ES Parent Conferences  
11:30 AM - PK3 & PK4 MWF  
12:00 PM - Elementary School & PK4 M-F/FD
- 27-12/2** - No School Nov. 27 - Dec. 2  
Thanksgiving Break
- 30-12/1** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students will Read at Weekend Masses

**Important Information!** If you are not receiving texts from St. John the Baptist Catholic School, please text **YES** to **79041**. This will allow the Bright Arrow app to communicate messages such as closings, reminders, urgent messages, etc. Thanks!



Happy fall!

It's hard to believe October is just about over! It has been a busy month in the school.

Thank you to all who supported our Crab Feast fundraiser earlier in the month, whether by donating something for a raffle or by attending that night. Fundraisers are important to our school, so that we can continue to keep tuition down, retain our dedicated staff and upgrade our resources. With that said, we will be sending out information about our Annual Fund. This is a great way for you, family members, and friends to help our school without having to sell or buy anything. All of the funds are used for the school, both elementary and preschool.

As we begin November, which is the month we reflect on what we are thankful for, I want to express my sincere gratitude to you, the families, for your continuous support. I am truly thankful that you have chosen St. John the Baptist to educate your child. It is wonderful to see so many families at weekend Masses and that you are partnering with us to keep the promises you made at Baptism for your child.

Many Fall Blessings to each of you!



St. John the Baptist Religious Ed Program in conjunction with St. John's Lutheran Church is offering, an Advent Journey to Bethlehem Family Night on Friday, November 22 from 6-8pm. This event will feature a family dinner, crafts and fellowship. Registration is required. More information will come home next week.



We're partnering with White Clover Family farm in East York for a Fall Candle Fundraiser. We're offering 4 different candles from White Clover. These candles are hand-poured, 100% premium soy candles with no harmful chemical additives. They burn longer, more evenly, and smell better!! Each large 16-ounce candle is only \$20. Order forms were sent home but reach out if you need another, [sshaffer1@sjbnf.org](mailto:sshaffer1@sjbnf.org).



## School Closings and Delays

In the event of inclement weather, we follow the Southern York County School District for delays and cancellations. We have built snow days into our schedule.

You may also check WBAL TV 8 for school closing communication. Our closing will be listed under York County as St. John the Baptist Catholic School. Please note that this includes St. John's Elementary, Preschool and Little Angels. If the school district has a two hour delay, please continue to watch because sometimes they may decide to close at the last minute.

You will be notified directly through Notify which is our phone/email notification system.

Little Angels Policy: If school closes due to inclement weather, Little Angels will be closed. If school has a two-hour delay, Little Angels will open at 9:30 am. If school is dismissed early due to inclement weather, all children must be picked up within one hour of the elementary school dismissal or be subject to a late fee.

In the event of a delay the preschool schedule will be modified as outlined below:

Ms. Stephanie's PK3 Classes (9-11:30) - class will begin at 11:00 a.m. and dismiss @ 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Kelly Ann's PK4 Class (9-1) - class will begin at 11:00 a.m. and dismiss at 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Serena's PK4 Class (9-1) - class will begin at 11:00 a.m. and dismiss at 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Serena's PK4 Class (9-3:15) - class will begin at 11:00 a.m. and dismiss at 3:15 p.m.

**Please be sure to send a packed lunch to school for your child on the two hour delay days.**



## Wreaths Across America

St. John the Baptist Catholic School, The Knights of Columbus Council #8891 & The VFW Post 7012 will join together to honor every veteran in our cemetery by placing a wreath at the head stone of each grave. Please consider sponsoring a wreath by November 30<sup>th</sup> for \$17.

For more information and how to sponsor, scan the QR Code:



## Elementary School Parent/Teacher Conferences

Elementary School Parent/Teacher conferences will be on November 25 and 26. Please expect to hear directly from your child's teachers regarding how to sign-up for a time slot.

## Thanksgiving Break!



**Preschool:** Early dismissals Mon., on., Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> and Tues., Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 AM - PK3 & PK4 MWF  
12:00 PM - PK4 M-F/FD

**Elementary School:** Early dismissals at Noon Mon., Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> and Tues., Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>

**NO school Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## Keep Christ in Christmas Contest

The Knights of Columbus Council 8891 is sponsoring the "Keep Christ in Christmas" picture contest. This contest is open to students in grades K-6<sup>th</sup> who attend St. John the Baptist Catholic School. Students may submit their artwork to the school office on or before Dec. 3, 2024. The artwork may be no larger 12"x18". The concept, layout, slogan and visual image must be the original artwork of the student. The elementary school divisions are grades K-1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. One of the winners from St. John the Baptist Catholic School will have their artwork featured on the front of the program for the School Christmas Concert!

## St. John's Annual Campaign

The SJB Annual Fund is now in our 3rd year and growing. The goal of the SJB Annual Fund is to advance the mission and the long-term viability of St. John the Baptist Catholic School. The gifts to the SJB Annual Fund will benefit every student by offsetting the actual cost of education which is, on average, \$3,000 more than our current tuition. The SJB Annual Fund is the best way possible for current parents, the family of alumni, grandparents, parishioners, friends, and organizations to strengthen St. John the Baptist Catholic School. Each gift, no matter its size, has a significant impact on our students and all funds are used for the school and pre-school.

We become stronger when you share your time, talent, treasure, and faith with the school community! Please consider donating and spreading the link to family and friends.

<https://tinyurl.com/SJBAnnualFundDonate>



**Spirit Night on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 4 pm - 9:30 pm** at Seven Sports Bar & Grille located at 14 E. Franklin St., New Freedom, PA 17349. You must give the flyer to the server when ordering. Flyers will come home soon!



## St. John's PTO Upcoming Events

### Volunteer Opportunities Available!

If you are badged there are Grandparent's Day, Fall Teacher Luncheon, lunch monitor, pretzel Tuesday, Walking Taco, Good Shepherd assistant, library helper and Breakfast With Santa volunteer opportunities available. Please help and make a difference at our school to help our staff and our students!

<https://sjbnfpto.org/volunteer>

### Holiday Spirit Wear Sale

Order from Friday, 11/8/24 to Friday, 11/24/24 for before Christmas delivery! Gym uniforms, jackets, winter accessories, polos, dress shirts, and more are available for purchase.

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

### Gingerbread House Family Spirit Night

Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4-6 pm. Purchase a gingerbread house kit with our paper order form by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> and join us for some hot cocoa and Christmas songs while decorating your house. Gingerbread houses will be displayed at Breakfast with Santa!

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

### Hammer & Stain Christmas Sea Glass Workshop

Join us on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Capitani Hall to create Christmas trees, succulents, and sun catchers out of sea glass! Ceramic trees are also available to decorate! Order your project online before Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> to attend and decorate.

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

### PTO Presents: Reptile Smiles Assembly for PreK & K-6 Students

On Friday, 11/22/24, after Grandparent's Day in the afternoon, the student will learn about, see and hold different reptiles! Half day PreK students are invited to attend with their parent. Badged volunteers are needed! <https://sjbnfpto.org/grandparents-day>

### PTO Meetings

Thank you to the parents and staff that attended our October meeting! The next PTO virtual meeting will be Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:15pm.

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

Email: [pto@sjbnf.org](mailto:pto@sjbnf.org)

Facebook: @stjnpto

### Grandparent's Day for Elementary Students

On Friday 11/22, Grandparents are welcome to join our students at mass and then later in the classroom. If attending Mass, please arrive at 8:45 am at the church. If not attending mass, arrive at 10 am at the social hall. Please send in your family grandparent registration form before Wed., 11/18!

<https://sjbnfpto.org/grandparents-day>

### Fall Teacher Appreciation Potluck Luncheon

The luncheon is Monday, 11/25 and donations of baked goods and hot dishes are needed to provide lunch for our teachers during parent/teacher conferences!

Find our Sign-Up Genius at:

<https://sjbnfpto.org/volunteer>

### Breakfast With Santa

Saturday 12/14/24: Tickets available for 9am, 10am, and 11am seatings! Volunteers and donations needed.

<https://sjbnfpto.org/breakfast-with-santa>

### PTO Service Day:

#### Christmas Caroling at local Retirement Home

Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 pm. If any students are interested in singing Christmas songs to local senior citizens at SpiriTrust Lutheran, please sign-up! The residents love to hear our students sing! Practice for caroling will be held on Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> from 12-1pm with St. John's music teacher, Mrs. Kelly Ann Miller.

<https://sjbnfpto.org/service-days>

### Become a Badged Volunteer!

Join us. Clearances are good for almost 5 years.

[sjbnfpto.org/get-badged](http://sjbnfpto.org/get-badged)

### Save the Date!

January 19: Hershey Bears Hockey Game Spirit Night

February 15: Daddy Daughter Sweetheart Dance



## Virtue Award Winners Kindness

The following students exemplified to others the meaning of kindness through their actions, words and behavior.

K - Bryson English

1<sup>st</sup> - Aaron Hackler

2<sup>nd</sup> - Emma Grieshaber

3<sup>rd</sup> - James Leh

4<sup>th</sup> - Ariella Corbin

5<sup>th</sup> - Pia Watson

6<sup>th</sup> - Elizabeth Fei Fei Stitt

