



# SCHOOL NEWS

St. John the Baptist Catholic School Newsletter

## Mark Your Calendar



- 20 — Sneak A Peak at Your Seat 4pm-5pm  
Back to School Bash 5pm-6:30 pm
- 21 —Elementary School First Day of School with a NOON dismissal
- 22 —Noon Dismissal for Kindergarten ONLY
- 23 —Noon Dismissal for Kindergarten ONLY
- 26 —Read-a-Thon Starts - more info coming
- 27 —Back to School Night at 6:30 pm
- 28 —Charleston Wrap Fundraiser Begins  
—Preschool Parent/Child Orientation
- 29 —Preschool Parent/Child Orientation
- 30 —Elementary School Noon Dismissal  
—Preschool - No School



- 2 —No School — Labor Day
- 3 —First Day of Preschool for  
PK4 M-F Class (9AM—1 PM) and PK4 FD 9AM-3:15 PM  
PK3 T/Th Class (Week 1: 9 AM—10:30 AM)
- 4 —First Day of Preschool for  
PK4 MWF Class (9 AM — 1 PM)  
PK3 MWF Class (Week 1: 9AM -10:30 AM)
- 7 —PTO First Fruits Farms Family Service Day
- 9 —PK3 Week 2: 9 AM — 11 AM
- 10 —PTO Virtual Meeting, 4:15
- 15 —Parish Picnic after 11 AM Mass
- 16 — PK3 Week 3: 9 AM — 11:30 AM
- 17 —Sons of Sicily Spirit Day, 11A-10P
- 18 —No School—Diocesan Ed. Conference
- 19 —Read-a-Thon Ends
- 18 —No School—Diocesan Ed. Conference
- 21 —New Freedom Fest 10am-5pm
- 22 —Orioles Game
- 23 —Little Flowers, 6:30-8pm
- 30 —Mission Day



Welcome back to the new school year! I am excited to begin another year as the principal of St. John the Baptist Catholic 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 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 and are very grateful for the volunteers from the school and parish who helped to get our school ready for a new school year. I truly appreciate all the hours spent volunteering at the school. I hope to see our families at weekend Mass and at the parish picnic.

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

## Sneak a Peek at your Seat Back to School Bash

On Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-5pm all students are invited to meet their teachers and sneak-a-peek at their seats. Elementary school and Preschool families may escort their children to meet their teachers. Lunch order forms and car signs will be available.

All families are invited to stay and meet other St. John's families at the Back to School Bash from 5pm-6:30 pm. Come out and say "HI!" Or "It's nice to meet you." Families are welcome to bring picnic food, blankets, and chairs as well.

Come to socialize and have fun as we get excited to kick off a brand-new school year!



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 school 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 white 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-4<sup>th</sup>) or plaid skirt (5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>). If a Holy Day falls on a gym day, the students should wear their Mass uniforms.
- \* Please be sure to review the Parent/Student Handbook as it contains a wealth of information. It is available on our website.
- \* A link for Back to School forms and the Parent Student Handbook were email on 8/19/24. Please review these online forms and acknowledge as soon as possible. We hope to greatly reduce paper this year by using online forms!



## St. John's PTO

### Become a Badged SJB Volunteer!

Join the many parents, grandparents, and guardians of our students with school parties, activities, events, and more by being a badged volunteer. Badge requirements are located on our website and once completed are good for almost 5 years: [sjbnfpto.org/get-badged](http://sjbnfpto.org/get-badged)

### Volunteer Opportunities

Have a clearance badge? Help our teachers and staff and be a part of your student's day by signing up to volunteer as a lunch monitor, make pretzels on Tuesdays, library help, and Good Shepherd assistance. [sjbnfpto.org/volunteer](http://sjbnfpto.org/volunteer)

### 25 Days of Christmas Gift Card Raffle

Each \$20 ticket gives you 4 chances to win selected gift cards for 25 days. Students that sell 4 or more tickets will receive a dress down day pass! [sjbnfpto.org/gc-raffle](http://sjbnfpto.org/gc-raffle)

### Pretzel Tuesday

On Tuesdays, students have the option to have pretzels with lunch. Pretzel options are plain, salted, and cinnamon at \$1 per pretzel. Make sure to fill out and send in your Pretzel Order forms by Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. [sjbnfpto.org/print-forms](http://sjbnfpto.org/print-forms)

### Class Parent Interest Forms

When parents help teachers, who wins? Our kids! Each classroom teacher is looking for a badged class parent to help communicate and plan class activities. Class Parents should also try and attend our virtual PTO meetings. Please fill out your interest on our website and a class parent will be chosen by each teacher for October. [sjbnfpto.org/class-parent](http://sjbnfpto.org/class-parent)

**Save the Date!** Trunk or Treat will be Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. More information to come.

**Virtual PTO meetings** are usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Our first PTO Meeting of the school year will be Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:15pm. The school secretary will send the meeting link and information the day of the meeting. We hope to see you there!

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## Little Angels Before & After Care

Openings are still available in St. John's Little Angels Before & After Care Program which is available from 6:30 am-5:30 pm. Registration and fees apply. Call the office for more information or register at:

<https://tinyurl.com/LittleAngelsRegistration24-25>



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 as well.

Please view the items at:

<https://registercw.com/gateway?organizationMidasId=19218>

This fundraiser runs from 8/28/24-9/11/24



## Back to School Night

Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm is Back to School Night for all school families. This information meeting is for parents only. This meeting will take place in the Capitani Social Hall adjacent to the school. Mrs. Williams will introduce new staff members, highlight important information in the Parent/Student Handbook and then families will proceed to the classrooms for the teacher presentations. If you have any questions, please contact the school secretary, Patty Mazziott, at [pmazziott@sjbnf.org](mailto:pmazziott@sjbnf.org) or 717-235-2535 x230.

## Orioles Game - Sat., Sept. 22

Get tickets by using promo code CAL at:

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/Stjohn24>

## Read-A-Thon

Packets will be sent home and you can share this link with family and friends

[:https://tinyurl.com/SJBReadathon24](https://tinyurl.com/SJBReadathon24)



**School Missions Days...**Each month the elementary students have the opportunity to dress casually for Mission Day donations. The monies or items collected go to various charities we support throughout the year and we 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 21<sup>ST</sup> starting at 10 am. 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 will have a handout available to those who stop at our booth and possibly glitter tattoos. If you are available to help out at the school booth this day, please contact Sarah Shaffer at [sshaffer1@sjbnf.org](mailto: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. 17<sup>th</sup> - 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 15<sup>th</sup> for an 11am Outdoor Mass (weather permitting) followed by a good old fashioned St. John the Baptist Family-Friendly Parish Picnic with fun for everyone.