



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- *Christian Virtues*
- *21st Century Learning*
- *Service*

1 February 2018

Our essential purpose is to become the best version of ourselves.

-Matthew Kelly, popular Catholic speaker and author

News & Announcement

Student **report cards** are enclosed. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Thank-you for your participation in our **Catholic Schools Week** activities. We will conclude the week with the following events:

Thursday, Family Science Night

- 6:30 – 7:15 PM, fun science activities in each classroom.
- 7:15 – 7:30 PM, St. John's science fair instructions in the school Community Room.
- 7:30 – 8:00 PM, group science activity in the school Community Room.

We encourage all families to attend this event to kick off our science fair "season".

Friday, Open House

- 9:00 – 9:45 AM, meet with Mr. Strommen. Everyone is welcome to join us for refreshments in the school community room and learn more about the school.
- 9:45 – 10:45 AM, visit students in the classrooms.
- 11:00 AM, Mass at St. John's Church.
- 12:00 PM, family picnic in the church basement.

Friday, Prayer Service, 3:00-3:30 PM in the school Community Room (note that this start time is 10 minutes earlier than previously communicated).

Thank-you for everyone who submitted your **admission applications** for next year. Confirmations were sent to current families who submitted an application before January 20. The next set of confirmations will be sent on March 23. Please complete your admission applications for next year, so we can plan accordingly. Also, if you haven't done so already, I encourage you to submit a **financial assistance assessment** through TADS (www.mytads.com) by February 15. This information is used to distribute need-based financial assistance. This assessment must be completed in order to receive assistance. Details of our admission and financial assistance processes (including dates and forms) is posted in the Admissions section of the school website.

Our **enrollment** season is in full swing. Please encourage your friends/family and their children to visit the school. Ask them to contact the office (651-437-2644, office@sjb-school.org) to schedule the best time for a visit. We are also sponsoring a PreK open house on February 6 and a Kindergarten open

house on February 7 to learn more about our programs. Both events run from 6:30-8:30 PM. No reservations are required.

The **season of Lent** is not far away. Please bring in your palms from last year, so we can burn them on February 13, the day before Ash Wednesday.

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, February 6. PreK open house, 6:30-8:30 PM.
- Wednesday, February 7. Kindergarten open house, 6:30-8:30 PM.
- Saturday, February 10, Feed My Starving Children "Vermillion MobilePack" at the school. Sign up at give.fmssc.org/vermillion. If the time slot that you would like is not available, contact the school office (651-437-2644, office@sjb-school.org) and we'll contact you if the slot opens up.
- February 19, NO SCHOOL, President's Day.
- February 23, Science Museum of Minnesota field trip.
- February 28, March 1, Parent/teacher conferences.
- March 9, Science Fair at the school, 12:30-3:30 PM.

Please see the calendar posted on the school website (www.sjb-school.org) for information on events.

Blessings,



Mike Strommen, Lead Learner (Principal)
mstrommen@sjb-school.org

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

2018 PHOTO CONTEST

WIN
\$1,000!

Calling all Catholic School Supporters
(Students, too!)

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SNAP A CATHOLIC SCHOOL PHOTO

CATEGORY 1: Photos with people (students, teachers, staff, etc.)

CATEGORY 2: Photos without people (buildings, classrooms, students with class projects, etc.)

CATEGORY 3: Photos taken by pre-K through 8th grade students

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ENTER THE PHOTO CONTEST BY APRIL 2, 2018

- Email your photos to CatholicSchoolsPhotoContest@gmail.com.
- Include your name, the name of the school pictured and which category you are entering in the body of the email for each photo submitted.
- Each entrant may submit multiple photos, but can only win once.
- The subject matter of the photo must have something to do with Catholic grade schools.
- Photos of Catholic high schools/students will not be considered.

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CONTEST WINNERS NOTIFIED BY APRIL 16, 2018

JUDGES:

Auxiliary Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Annemarie Vega, Director of Enrollment at CSCOE

Melissa Hamilton, Communications Manager at CSCOE

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PRIZES MAILED TO WINNERS BY APRIL 30, 2018

PRIZES AWARDED TO 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE WINNERS IN EACH CATEGORY

1ST Place Categories 1 & 2: \$1,000

2ND Place Categories 1 & 2: \$500

3RD Place Categories 1 & 2: \$250

1ST Place Category 3: \$100

2ND Place Category 3: \$50

3RD Place Category 3: \$25

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NOTE ABOUT PHOTO RIGHTS

By entering the photo contest, you are authorizing the Catholic Schools Center of Excellence, its partners and all Catholic grade schools in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis to copyright, use and publish your photos in print or electronically with or without your name for such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising and web content.

Grandfriends Valentines

Join the SJB 2nd Grade class making valentines
just in time to be handed out to your loved
ones!



Monday, February 12
2:35 in the School Community Room

valentine making material will be provided, but feel free to
bring any you would like to contribute as well.

Refreshments provided

You do not need to have a grandchild at
St. John's School in order to come have fun with us!

St. John the Baptist Catholic School
111 west Main Street vermillion, MN
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Birthday Bags

During the month of February, St. John's Church is having a collection for the Lewis House. The Lewis House is a safe place for survivors of domestic abuse. Attached are the most needed items. If you would like to donate any items, you can drop them off at church or send them to school marked for the Lewis House.

The Second Grade will be helping the people assisted at the Lewis House by bringing a little fun into their lives with "Birthday Bags." The bags will consist of all the items needed for a birthday celebration – gift bag, cake mix, canned frosting, candles, and a decoration. If you would like to donate any of these items, please send them to school. I would like us to be able to put several Birthday Bags together. The gift bags should be a size that will hold the other items, but not so big they would be hard to store. Decorations can include streamers, banners, balloons, napkins, etc. We will put the bags together on February 22; however, you are welcome to send in items any time.

mtherres@sjb-school.org



Lewis House® Needs

Donate items to support Lewis House, a safe haven for women and children who have experienced domestic violence.

Greatest current needs:

- Gasoline gift cards
- Target, Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS gift cards
- Silverware
- Cooking utensils
- Dishes
- Pots, pans, bakeware
- Day/Month at a Glance calendars
- Diapers – size 4 and up
- Baby wipes
- Diaper rash ointment
- Baby formula
- Baby wash
- Vaseline
- Bath towels, washcloths /new
- Comforters /new
- Twin sheets /new
- Mini/portable crib sheets /new
- Pajama's – all sizes /new
- Bathrobes – all sizes /new
- Shampoo, Conditioner
- Ethnic hair care products
- Body wash
- Body lotion
- Ladies deodorant
- Ladies razors
- Combs, brushes
- Advil, Tylenol, cold medicine (children and adult)