



# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

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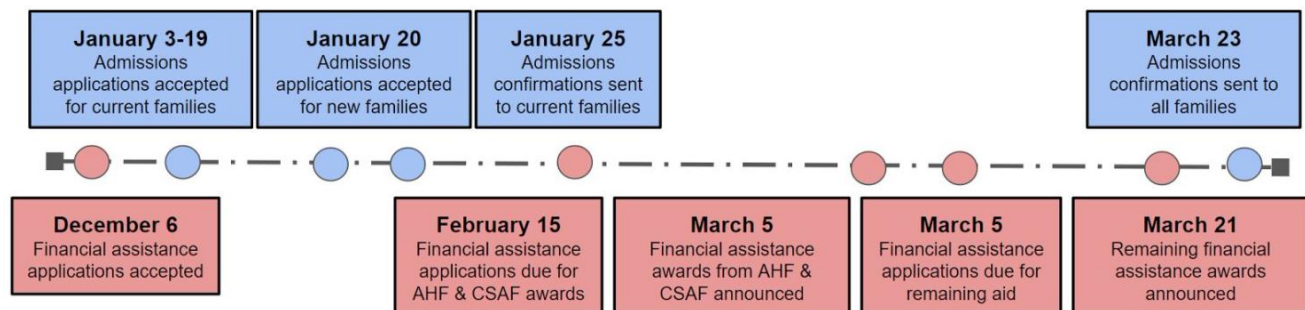
*Our essential purpose is to become the best version of ourselves.*

-Matthew Kelly, popular Catholic speaker and author

## News & Announcement

We hope you and your families had a meaningful and relaxing holiday break. It's great to have your children back.

Please remember that **admissions and financial assistance** applications are being accepted. Here are the key dates:



- Financial assistance assessments (applications) are **due by February 15** to be eligible for all sources of need-based financial aid. Assessments are submitted through TADS ([www.mytads.com](http://www.mytads.com)). We are blessed that several foundations including the Aim Higher Foundation, Catholic Community Foundation, Catholic Services Appeal Foundation, and the Two Eagles Foundation generously contribute need-based financial assistance to schools in our Archdiocese. We highly encourage families to apply for these funds.
- We have established an early admissions application period for current families. Please complete the Admission Application form and return to the school office **by January 19**. This will give us a head start on our planning.
- Details and forms for the admissions and financial aid processes are posted on our website ([www.sjb-school.org](http://www.sjb-school.org)) under the "Admissions" section.

Our most effective way to **promote St. John's School** is through your referrals. Please pass the word on to families who may be interested in attending. Please find enclosed our new brochure that summarizes the St. John's offering. Pass it on to interested families and/or refer them to our new website at [www.sjb-school.org](http://www.sjb-school.org). School visits and student shadowing opportunities are always available. The following events are also available to learn more about St. John's School:

- St. John's School open houses, February 6 (PreK) and February 7 (Kindergarten), 6:30-8:30pm at St. John's School.
- Hastings Area Youth Expo and Preschool Fair, 5:00-8:00pm at the Hastings High School commons area.

The **Catholic Schools Raffle** sponsored by Catholic United Financial starts next Friday. Please see the enclosed flyer for details. This is one of the most important fundraisers for our school and one of the easiest to sell (due to the great prizes). Please help by actively selling tickets.

**Family Movie Night** will be held on Friday, January 12 at the school. Please plan to attend and bring a pillow, blanket, something to drink, and friends!

St. John's School is sponsoring the **Feed My Starving Children "Vermillion MobilePack"** on Saturday February 10 at the school. If you've never packed food for FMSC, you won't want to miss this. We'll run three two-hour shifts and pack nearly 10,000 "MannaPacks" to be shipped to those in need. We need over 270 volunteers for this event. Children 5 years and older can participate. The website for signing up will be open tomorrow morning, January 5, at 8:00AM at [give.fmsc.org/vermillion](http://give.fmsc.org/vermillion). We are offering our school families the first opportunity to secure volunteer time, so we won't promote this site until Sunday. Watch the school Facebook page (St. John the Baptist Catholic School-Vermillion) for additional details. Again, you won't want to miss this. These are fun events that teach great lessons in teamwork and service.

### Upcoming Events

- January 5, classroom Christmas parties (PreK – 6<sup>th</sup> grade).
- January 12, Family Movie Night at the school, 6:30-8:30 PM.
- January 28 – February 3. Catholic Schools Week. Various events during the week.
- Sunday, January 28. All School Mass at St. John's Church, 10:00 AM. Open house, book fair, and KC's pancake breakfast at the school, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM.
- Friday, February 2. School open house 9:00 AM, Mass 11:00 AM, family picnic 12:00 PM.
- Saturday, February 10, Feed My Starving Children "Vermillion MobilePack" at the school. 270 volunteers needed. Sign up starting on February 5 at 8:00 AM, [give.fmsc.org/vermillion](http://give.fmsc.org/vermillion).

Please see the calendar posted on the school website for information on events.

Blessings,



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Help  
St John the Baptist School  
raise our goal:  
**\$20,000**

Catholic United  
Financial 2009  
SINCE  
**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS  
RAFFLE**

**\$5**  
each

ON SALE  
**Jan 12 - Feb 25**

Every dollar we raise stays  
with our school!

The Catholic United Raffle kickoff is fast approaching. This is an important fundraiser for our school. 100% of the ticket sales will stay our school, and your support is important.

Raffle tickets will be sent home with students on Thursday, January 11, and the first day of ticket sales is Friday, January 12. We will host our second annual Family Movie Night from 6:30-8:30pm on January 12 in which we will give further information regarding the raffle.

Following the movie night, a SignUpGenius will be available to sign up to sell tickets before and after Masses at St. John the Baptist, St. Joseph, St. Mary's, St. Mathias, and St. Pius V. This is a fun way for you and your family to support your school.

Back by popular demand is "Lunch with Mr. Strommen". For every 10 raffle tickets a student sells, they will get an entry in a drawing for a weekly lunch with Mr. Strommen. Four students will be drawn each week, and they will be able to choose from the Steinhaus menu. All entries will stay in the drawing throughout the raffle period (January 12 - February 25), so sell early and sell often! Each student is eligible for one lunch. If their name is drawn a second time, their sibling can have lunch with Mr. Strommen.

Additional raffle tickets will be available from Deb in the office.

The 2018 prizes include the following:

- \$100 Visa Gift Cards (15 winners)
- \$150 Amazon Gift Card (10 winners)
- \$200 Cabela's Gift Card (6 winners)
- iPad (5 winners)
- Twins Tickets (4 winners )
- 55" HD Smart TV (4 winners)
- Duluth Family Getaway (3 winners – includes tickets to the Great Lakes Aquarium, Glensheen Mansion and Lake Superior Railway Museum plus hotel stay)
- Dream Vacation (1 winner - \$5,000 travel voucher)
- GRAND PRIZE: Chevy Trax or \$20,000 in Cash (1 winner)
- School prizes for top selling student and class:
  - A Woowee Robot to the top selling student at each school
  - An all-school hot dog party if we reach our school goal. Families and friends of the school are invited.
  - A \$3,000 grant to the top three performing schools

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