



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

The **Catholic Schools Raffle** sponsored by Catholic United Financial starts tomorrow. Please find the tickets enclosed. Additional raffle tickets are available from Deb in the office. This is one of the most important fundraisers for our school and one of the easiest to sell (due to the great prizes). 100% of the proceeds go to our school. In addition to selling to family and friends, we are asking families to sell raffle tickets at local churches and events. A SignUpGenius link will be sent in the next few days. Also, 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 Stein Haus menu. All entries will stay in the drawing throughout the raffle period (January 12 - February 25), so sell early and sell often!

Family Movie Night will be held tomorrow (January 12) from 6:30-9:00 PM at the school. The students voted for the movie, and the winner is ... Swiss Family Robinson. Bring a pillow, blanket, something to drink, and friends! This will also be our kickoff for the Catholic Schools Raffle. We'll give a short presentation before the movie to describe the raffle.

The students will participate in **ice skating and boot hockey** during PE classes starting on January 23. Please complete the enclosed permission slip to participate.

We will celebrate **Catholic Schools Week** from January 28 through February 3. The schedule, book fair information, and a family picnic sign-sheet are enclosed. A new activity this year is a "Grandfriends" event on Monday, January 29. The intent is to welcome some of the older adults in our community to the school to engage with our students. This year we'll play bingo together. Please contact the school office (651-437-2644) if your child's grandparent or other older adult would like to participate.

In our world today, an estimated 925 million people are chronically hungry, though there is enough food in the world for everyone to have adequate nutrition. YOU can make a difference by joining 270 others at St John's School on February 10 to pack 50,000 meals. **Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)** is a Christian nonprofit hunger relief organization working with volunteers (that's YOU!) to pack MannaPack Rice, a food formula that is culturally acceptable worldwide. Organizations in nearly 70 countries around the world distribute these meals to children in greatest need. JOIN US! Adults and children (5 years and older) will measure and scoop ingredients, seal bags, and prepare boxes for shipping. Invite your friends, family, coworkers, book clubs, and school groups! It's a blast! Registration is OPEN NOW at give.fmsc.org/vermillion. Two-hour slots are open on February 9 from 5:00-7:00 PM for setup, on February 10 from 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM for packing, and on February 10 from 4:30 – 6:30 PM for cleanup.

Volunteer Opportunity! Have you seen the posters of American art in the hallway going to the community room and wondered why they are there? The posters, changed monthly, are a part of “**Picturing America**,” a program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. St. John’s School received a grant of 40 poster images of American art ranging from the year 1100 through 1996. The images include paintings, sculptures, architecture, and more. Mo McNeary has been our Picture Person since 2008, bringing these images to all of our students. We thank Mo for her years of dedication to this program! She is getting ready to transition out of the Picturing America program so we are looking for someone who would like to spend time monthly with the students talking about American art. There is a resource book to learn about the images and, of course, the years of knowledge and materials Mo has collected. Please contact the office or Miss Therres if you are interested in being the new Picture Person or if you would like to know more about the program.

Upcoming Events

- January 12, Family Movie Night and Catholic Schools Raffle kickoff at the school, 6:30-9:00 PM.
- January 15, NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Day.
- January 26, NO SCHOOL.
- January 28 – February 3. Catholic Schools Week. Various events during the week. See the enclosed schedule.
- 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.
- 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. 270 volunteers needed. Sign up at give.fmssc.org/vermillion.
- February 19, NO SCHOOL, President’s Day.

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

Blessings,



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