



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 is off and running. 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 was emailed to each family and is posted on the school website (www.sjb-school.org). 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 Monday. They will be able to choose from the Stein Haus menu for lunch on Wednesday or Thursday. All entries will stay in the drawing throughout the raffle period (January 12 - February 25), so sell early and sell often! Additional raffle tickets are available from Deb in the office.

The students will participate in **ice skating and boot hockey** during PE classes starting on January 23. If you haven't done so, please return the permission slip that was included in last week's blue folder.

We will celebrate **Catholic Schools Week** from January 28 through February 3. The schedule, book fair information, roller skating permission form, and family picnic sign-up sheet were included in last week's blue folder. If you have not done so already, please complete and return the roller skating permission form and payment, and the family picnic sign-up form and payment. 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.

Our school **science fair** is just around the corner (March 9th). Grade 2-6 students are required to complete a science project as part of their science curriculum. Grades 3-6 students may advance to two regional science fairs. Participation is optional but encouraged for Grades PreK-1 students. Please see the enclosed information to help get you up and running. This is a great opportunity for you to help your children explore and/or create. I hope you enjoy it.

During the winter season, we have lots of lost-and-found mittens, scarves, and hats. Please label these with your child's name, so we can return them. Lost items are collected outside the 3rd grade room if you're looking for something.

Upcoming Events

- January 19, hot lunch at school.
- January 26, NO SCHOOL.
- January 28 – February 3. Catholic Schools Week. Various events during the week. See the schedule on the school website (www.sjb-school.org).
- 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.
- 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Strommen".

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