



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

15 February 2018

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

-Matthew Kelly, popular Catholic speaker and author

News & Announcement

Our 4-6th graders are organizing a “**Mile of Pennies**” fundraiser during Lent. The goal is to raise awareness about the need for clean water in Africa and other locations. The 4-6th grade students visited each classroom today and gave a presentation to highlight the need for clean water and to ask the students to bring in pennies and other coins. A collection jar and a tracking chart have been placed in the school lobby.

Parent/teacher conferences will be held on February 28 and March 1 from 4:00-8:00 PM. Please return the sign-up sheet and a questionnaire sent home last week. Unfortunately, I will not be available at the conferences. Please contact me if you would like to set up a time to meet.

VIRTUS training is being offered at St. Pius V church in Cannon Falls on February 27 at 7:00 PM. Please remember that this training must be completed before having regular or unsupervised interactions with youth. Register at www.virtusonline.org. The training may also be completed at any of the other locations listed on the 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@sib-school.org) to schedule the best time for a visit. Enrollment information and forms are posted on the school website.

Thank-you for everyone who submitted your **admission applications** for next year. If you have not submitted your application, please do so before March 23. After March 23 admissions will be made on a first-come-first-served basis. Details of our admission and financial assistance processes (including dates and forms) are posted in the Admissions section of the school website or may be obtained by calling the school.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the **Feed My Starving Children Vermillion MobilePack** last Saturday. 273 volunteers packed 54,432 meals and had a great time. The development director for FMSC sent me a note giving our children her highest praise, “I have worked with groups of kids in our packing room for 10 years, and I am being totally honest when I say that I have never seen young children stay on task and be so well behaved through the 2-hour shift.”

Upcoming Events

- February 16, NO SCHOOL.
- February 19, NO SCHOOL, President's Day.
- February 23, Science Museum of Minnesota field trip, 9:15 AM - 3:15 PM
- February 28 and March 1, Parent/teacher conferences, 4:00-8:00 PM.
- 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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

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