



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

-Matthew Kelly, popular Catholic speaker and author

News & Announcement

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.

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. If you have not done so, please return the sign-up sheet and a questionnaire sent home previously. 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.

Please remember that the last day to sell **Catholic United Financial Raffle** tickets is this Sunday (February 25). This is our final push! We haven’t met our goal yet, so anything you can go will help. Please return tickets (sold and unsold) and cash/checks by Monday morning at the latest. We need to send all the purchased tickets to Catholic United Financial by Tuesday. Thank-you for diligently selling tickets during this important fundraiser.

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 each of you for generously **volunteering** your time and talent. You make St. John's School great. If you have completed your volunteer commitment for the year (30 hours for K-6 families or 15 hours for PreK families), feel free to turn in your completed Volunteer Hours Reporting Form to the school office. The form is posted on the school website (www.sjb-school.org) under "For Parents", "Forms", or can be picked up at the office. We still have several upcoming events for which we need volunteers. Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer but don't know where to start.

A gentle reminder ... please be sure to pack the correct **utensils** for lunches. We have been going through many plastic utensils lately. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

- February 23, Science Museum of Minnesota field trip, 9:15 AM - 3:15 PM.
- February 26, March 5, 19, 26, Student-led Stations of the Cross at St. John's Church, 3:00-3:30 PM.
- February 28 and March 1, Parent/teacher conferences, 4:00-8:00 PM.
- March 2, NO SCHOOL.
- March 9, Science Fair at the school. Public viewing of projects 9:00-11:30 AM, judging 12:30-3:00 PM, awards ceremony 3:00-3:30 PM.
- March 12-16, NO SCHOOL, Spring Break.

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

Blessings,



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