



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

For several years, Mo McNeary has taught our monthly **Picturing America** lessons. Thank-you, Mo. This has been a valuable initiative for our students. Mo is moving on, and we are looking for a volunteer to teach the curriculum. Picturing America is an initiative from the National Endowment for the Humanities that brings masterpieces of American art into classrooms nationwide (picturingamerica.neh.gov). By spending time looking at each image, students hopefully gain a deeper appreciation of our country's history through paintings, sculpture, architecture, photography, and fine crafts. Each class (K-5) meets for 1/2 hour once per month in the library to discuss one of the designated images that hang outside the St. John's school library. A reference teaching guide is supplied and prep work is usually less than an hour. Times are coordinated and set with Miss Therres well in advance. The commitment is less than 4 hours per month. Please contact Miss Therres (mtherres@sjb-school.org) or Deb (office@jb-school.org) if you are interested in teaching all or part of this curriculum. Thank you.

Our teachers and staff will host an **Easter party** at the school on April 3 from 2:30-3:30 PM. Several activities are planned, including an Easter egg hunt.

The **3rd quarter ends** on April 4. We plan to send report cards home on April 12.

Please remember that we will host an **all-school lunch cookout** on Friday, April 6 from 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM to celebrate our success in the Catholic Schools Raffle. Please plan to join us - we all contributed to this great effort. Contact Deb in the office (651-437-2644) if you would like to attend.

Our annual **Bingo Fun Day** will be held at the school on April 8 from 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM. Please come to enjoy the children's' games, bingo, raffle, silent auction, and food. This event is always a lot of fun. You won't want to miss it.

We are planning to hold a K-6th grade field trip to **Leonard's Basement** in Minneapolis on May 3 (leonardosbasement.org). Leonardo's Basement is a learning center where children use their imagination to build things. Their vision is "Helping people build their imaginations so that they can reinvent the world." This is part of our efforts to foster creativity, collaboration, and grit through our maker programs. The staff of Leonardo's Basement will follow this up with two events at St. John's School:

- May 8, "making" activities in the classrooms
- May 11, "Family Maker Night with Leonardo's Basement", 6:00-8:00 PM. Families come to participate in "making" projects. Please plan to join us.

It's almost that time again ... the **All Saints Music Festival** is just around the corner (Friday, May 18). The event, which will be held at the Little Log House Pioneer Village (just south of Hastings), is a collaborative party thrown by our five local Catholic parishes to promote our various ministries and to celebrate our rural heritage. The event drew over 3000 attendees in each of the first two years it was held. Additional information and ticketing can be found at www.allsaintsmusicfestival.com. Volunteers are also needed at the festival for band/stage setup and teardown, event setup, serving beverages, admission, event cleanup, and other duties. This is a fun way to experience this great event. Signup information is posted in the Special Events section of the school website (www.sjb-school.org). Volunteering at this event counts toward school volunteer hours.

Upcoming Events

- March 30 and April 2. NO SCHOOL.
- April 3, Easter party at the school, 2:30-3:30 PM.
- April 4, Third quarter ends.
- April 8, Bingo Fun Day at the school, 11:00-1:30 PM.
- May 3, K-6 field trip to Leonard's Basement.
- May 11, "Family Maker Night with Leonardo's Basement" at the school, 6:00-8:00 PM.

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

Have a blessed and meaningful Holy Triduum.



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