



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

There is **NO SCHOOL** tomorrow, May 4.

Congratulations to the following students for participating in the **Southern Minnesota Regional Science & Engineering Fair** in Mankato:

- Grade 3: Annika Ries (bronze medal), Cooper Wagner, Lily Simones, Ava Parisian, Courtney Pine (bronze medal), Stephan Smith
- Grade 4: Ryan Wentzler, Piper Brockman (silver medal)
- Grade 5: Clara Wilson (gold medal), Mary Strommen (gold medal)
- Grade 6: Jack Sieben (silver medal)

You represented yourselves and your school well.

Do you want to connect with parents in a welcoming and supportive environment? Do you want to learn the best in child development and how to teach the Catholic Faith? Do you want to deepen your relationship with your child? Then join us for **ECFL (Early Catholic Family Life)**. Our first four spring sessions are for families and their children 0-5 years old. Siblings are welcome, and expectant parents are also welcome! At ECFL we believe that a child's first and most important teachers are his or her parents. During our sessions there will be parent-child interaction time, parent discussion time, and children's enrichment time. We are excited to bring ECFL to our faith community.

- Cost: \$25 per family (for all four sessions)
- Dates: May 2, 9, 16, and 23 (Wednesdays)
- Time: 5:30 – 7:00 PM
- Location: St John the Baptist School
- Leaders: Shannon Allen, Teresa Huneke, Brandy Wentzler
- Sign up using the SignUpGenius link posted in the Special Events section of the school website: <https://sjb-school.org/special-event/>.
- Contact Brandy Wentzler for additional information: bwentzler@sjb-school.org, 507-429-6434.

Next Friday evening (May 11) we will host **Leonardo's Basement** at the school for a Family Maker Night. Please plan to attend for an evening of creativity and fun. 6:00-8:00 PM.

The **All Saints Music Festival**, hosted at the Little Log House Pioneer Village (six miles south of Hastings), will be held on Friday, May 18. This is a collaborative party thrown by our five local Catholic parishes to promote our various ministries and to celebrate our rural heritage. Get more information and purchase tickets on the All Saints Music Festival website (www.allsaintsmusicfestival.com). There are also many opportunities to volunteer at the event, including band/stage setup, event setup, serving beverages, admissions, and event cleanup. Since much of the money raised at the festival is directed to the school (and because it's a lot of fun), we'd like to encourage our school families to volunteer. A link to a SignUpGenius is posted in the Special Events section of the school website. These volunteer hours can be included in your annual volunteer commitment to the school. Many volunteers are still needed, so please sign up.

Please find enclosed a nomination form for **Home & School Association officers**. Please record your nominations and return the form to the school or to Becky Armstrong at the email address listed on the form.

As the weather warms, please remember that **shorts are not allowed at Wednesday Mass**. Students may change after Mass into other clothes that follow the school dress code, including shorts. All students should also have a water bottle at school to keep hydrated during the day.

Upcoming Events

- April 25 – May 8, NWEA MAP Growth tests.
- May 2, 9, 16, 23, Early Catholic Family Life (ECFL) at the school, 5:30-7:00 PM.
- May 7, 16, 21, 30. Rosary at St. John's Church (except May 30 at school), 3:00-3:25 PM.
- May 9, Earth Day cleanup of school grounds, 2:00 PM.
- May 11, Step-up Day. Students visit next year's classroom.
- May 11, Easter party at school, 2:30-3:30 PM.
- May 11, "Family Maker Night with Leonardo's Basement" at the school, 6:00-8:00 PM.
- May 14, Spring Musical, 2:30 PM and 7:00 PM.
- May 18, All Saints Music Festival at the Little Log House Pioneer Village. Gates open at 6:00 PM.
- Jun 1, Mini-courses. 12:00-3:30 PM.

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

Blessings,



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