



# 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 the 2019-2020 school year, St. John's School will adopt a full dress code that is similar to the other Catholic schools in our Archdiocese. Details will be announced by January 1, 2019. For the upcoming 2018-2019 school year, a modified dress code will be implemented that paves the way for this change. The 2018-2019 dress code is attached and will go into effect on the first day of school in the fall (September 4, 2018).

On May 30 at 3:00 PM, we will hold a rosary procession through the school. The students, staff, and guests will move from classroom to classroom reciting the Holy Rosary. Please feel free to join us for this special event.

We are blessed to have access to a relic from Blessed Stanley Rother, who was beatified in September 2017 and has ties to our community. We will hold a relic veneration and prayer service on May 31 from 9:00-9:30 AM at the school. All are welcome.

May has been a busy month for field trips at St. John's School! The Kindergarten class visited Carpenter Nature Center to learn about birds. The 2nd graders visited Crystal Cave and the Eau Galle Corp of Engineers Recreational Park in Spring Valley, WI to learn about speleothems (cave formations) and bats. The 5th and 6th graders participated in a three-day trip to the Audubon Center of the North Woods near Sandstone, MN. Activities included creek creatures, wildlife, archery, orienteering, high ropes, and outdoor survival. The 3rd graders visited Sea Life to learn about aquatic life. Thank-you to our volunteer chaperones for sharing these memorable learning experiences with our students.

If you haven't done so, please return your Parent Involvement Program (PIP) Volunteer Hours Tracking Form to the office. The form is available on the school website ([sjb-school.org/documents/volunteer-hours-reporting-form/](http://sjb-school.org/documents/volunteer-hours-reporting-form/)). If you need additional volunteer hours to fulfill your obligation, opportunities are still available. Contact Deb in the office.

Are you or someone you know interested in leading young people to fulfilling lives? We have a part-time Kindergarten Aide position available for the 2018/2019 academic year. For more information, visit the Employment section of the school website ([sjb-school.org/employment](http://sjb-school.org/employment)) or contact the school (651-437-2644, [mstrommen@sjb-school.org](mailto:mstrommen@sjb-school.org)).

We have been blessed with high demand for next school year. Our PreK is full, and our Kindergarten is nearly full. Please spread the word that we still have Kindergarten through 6th grade spots available. Families who are interested in a high-quality education based on Christian virtues, 21st century learning, and service should inquire. 651-437-2644, [office@sjb-school.org](mailto:office@sjb-school.org).

The school recently received a pledge of \$25,000 from the Catholic Schools Center of Excellence (CSCOE). However, in order to receive these funds, we need to raise our own \$25,000. Please spread the word to anyone who would be interested in making a donation. More information can be found on the school website at [sjb-school.org](http://sjb-school.org). Checks can be sent to St. John's School at PO Box 50, Vermillion, MN 55085. Thank-you for spreading the word. Please also invite people to visit the school to see how we're building on the excellence established over in the past 60 years.

### **Upcoming Events**

- May 25, Grade 4-6 maker program "passion project" presentations at the school, 2:00-2:45 PM.
- May 30, Reading Adventure closing ceremony and awards at the school, 2:30-3:00 PM.
- May 30, Rosary procession at the school, 3:00-3:25 PM.
- May 31. Blessed Stanley Rother relic veneration and prayer service at the school, 9:00-9:30 AM.
- Jun 1, Mini-courses. 12:30-3:30 PM (pending a sufficient number of courses and volunteers).
- Jun 5, Field Day at the school, 12:30-3:00 PM.
- Jun 5, Grade 6 graduation mass and reception at St. John's Church, 6:30-8:00 PM (The time was listed incorrectly in previous letters).
- Jun 6, last day of school.
- Jun 6, PreK graduation (for students who are entering Kindergarten next year) at the school, 10:15-10:45 AM.
- Jun 6, Kindergarten graduation at the school, 11:00-11:30 AM.
- Early Catholic Family Life (ECFL), postponed until the Fall.

Please see the calendar posted on the school website ([sjb-school.org](http://sjb-school.org)) for information on events.

Blessings,



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