



Happy New Year!



St. John the Baptist School  
January 3, 2024

### From the Principal's

Dear Parents,  
Welcome back! Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed the holiday season!

The end of second quarter was December 19. Report Cards will go home on Friday, January 5.

There will be no school on Monday, January 15, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

During these cold weather months, please remember to send a coat, hat, and gloves for your children.

Also, as we all know, winter weather and hazardous driving conditions can impact us with little to no warning. Therefore, as we enter these winter months, please make the alternative plans necessary to respond to potential early dismissals, closures, and cancellations of school and/or After Care services because of challenging weather.

Thank you for your understanding.

God Bless,  
Mrs. Overschmidt and Mrs. Wissmann



### Dates to Remember

- B Boys Basketball Tournament at Spring Bluff, 1/4 - 1/6/24
- Report Cards – Friday, 1/5/24
- Polar Plunge, Sat. 1/6/24
- HOME Basketball Games vs. R2 – Monday, 1/8/24
- Basketball Games at Borgia, Tues., 1/9, at 6:30
- First Reconciliation for 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr. 1/11 at 6:30
- B Girls Spring Bluff BB Tournament-1/11-1/13
- No School – Monday, 1/15/24-MLK Day
- Home BB Games vs. St. George-1/17/24
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pro-Life Trip-1/18-1/21/24



### Polar Plunge

Let's cheer and support Mrs. Schmelz who will be taking the PLUNGE on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, at Veteran's Memorial Park. All are invited to join her in taking the plunge or come to give support.

We will also have a \$1 Jeans Day on Friday, 1/5/24, to sponsor Mrs. Schmelz. All proceeds will benefit the SJG Feed My Sheep Project. Please see the attached flyer for more details.



### TTEF Archdiocese Scholarships

The Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation, TTEF, opens the scholarship applications for the 2024-25 school year on Monday, January 22, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. All families are encouraged to apply for scholarships. For NEW and RE-TURNING families, an online application is required. Please visit: [ttef-stl.org](http://ttef-stl.org)

A complete application requires proof of income. Please contact Laura George at 314-792-7623, or [ttef@archstl.org](mailto:ttef@archstl.org) with any questions.



### SJG Dinner Auction

It is that time of year again. Reservations are open for our annual Dinner Auction & Dance. Make plans to attend February 24th.

Many volunteer opportunities are and will be available as we get closer to the main event. This is traditionally our biggest fundraiser for the school. Please consider how you can contribute to make this the best one yet!

Please stop by the gym on Friday, January 5th to pick up solicitation for donation letters.

Don't forget, Christmas break raffle tickets need to be returned by Friday to count toward the reward.

Keep selling!!



### First Reconciliation

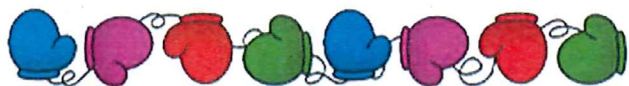
Please pray for our second-grade students and our second grade PSR students who will be making their First Reconciliation on Thursday, January 11, at 6:30 p.m.

A special thank you to Mrs. Gilmor, Ms. O'Malley, and Father Nick for preparing the students for this special time in their lives.

## Advent Project - Thank You!



St. John's Helping Hands would like to send all the families and faculty of St. John's School a special THANK YOU! Thank you for the unbelievable generosity by donating food, household products, personal care items, gloves and hats and money for gas gift cards. Your actions and response truly acknowledged the true "Spirit of Christmas". All is appreciated and many lives were touched by your generosity. God bless you all.



### SJG Jaguars

We are excited to cheer loud and proud for our SJG Basketball Jaguars at their games this season. They are practicing hard. Keep up the good work and we look forward to some exciting games.

B Boys Tournament at Spring Bluff – 1/4/2024-1/6/2024

Monday, 1/8/24, at 5:30 vs. R2 at HOME

Tuesday, 1/9/24, at 5:30 at Borgia

B Girls Basketball Tournament at Spring Bluff, 1/11-1/13

Wed. 1/17/24, at HOME vs. St. George, at 5:30

Monday, 1/22/24, at St. Ignatius, at 5:30

Tuesday, 1/23/24, HOME BB Games vs. IL, at 5:30

### Jaguar Spirit Wear Webstore

The SJG Jaguar Spirit Wear webstore is open.

Order your Jaguar attire here to wear on home game days and other special SJG days.

[sjgsprit23-24.itemorder.com/shop/home](https://www.sjgsprit23-24.itemorder.com/shop/home)



### Prayer for Ms. Smith

"Dear Lord, please bless and bring comfort, healing, and peace to all those in our school family who are in need of your tender love and healing, especially Ms. Smith and her family.

Dear Lord, You are the source of all healing and hope. We pray together and ask you to bring healing and comfort to our principal, Ms. Smith. Restore her health and fill her with your strength, peace, and joy. We pray that You will surround her with your love and protection. May we all pray together for Ms. Smith as she continues her treatment and healing journey.

We pray that the Lord will hold her close during this time. Amen."



### Missourian Season's Greeting Contest

Congratulations to Levi Derner who won 1<sup>st</sup> place of all the second-grade students and to Brooklyn Madden who won 2<sup>nd</sup> place of all the first-grade students in the Missourian Season's Greeting contest. Great job! We are so proud of you. Their drawing was published in the December 23<sup>rd</sup> issue of the Missourian Newspaper.



### Prevent and Protect

If you would like to volunteer, go on a field trip, or attend a class party, you are required to set up your account in the Prevent and Protect online program. The Archdiocese of St. Louis has an online system for safe environment compliance called Prevent and Protect STL.

<https://www.preventandprotectstl.org>

Enter the pass code: stlprotect



### Jaguar Grill

Check out our Jaguar Grill menu with hot lunches prepared and served by Mrs. Tricia Tune and Mrs. Christina Morgan. Please see the attached January menu. Encourage your child/children to try a delicious hot meal at school. These ladies are doing a fantastic job.

Enter lunch money through your prepay account in FACTS. If you have any questions, please call the school office.

Thank you to all for donations and for helping support our school lunch program.

### Moe's Dine to Donate

Mark your calendars for our next Dine to Donate event at Moe's On Thursday, January 25, 2024.

This event is Dine-in only.

We hope to see you there.





Thank you for your support!



# St. John the Baptist School

"Dear Lord, We Thank YOU for the Gift of this Blessed New Year."

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
	<b>1</b> No School Christmas Break 8:00am Mass	<b>2</b> No School Christmas Break	<b>3</b> 8:00 All School Mass Grade 6 Plan Mass	<b>4</b> B Boys B'ball Tourn. Spring Bluff	<b>5</b> Report Cards B Boys B'ball Tourn. Spring Bluff	<b>6</b> Polar Plunge 10:00am Veterans Memorial Park - Union; B Boys B'ball Tourn. Spring Bluff
<b>7</b> Sunday Mass 7:00 / 8:30 / 10:30 5:30 - 7:30 Children's Bible Study	<b>8</b> 8:00 All School Mass Grade 5 Plan Mass 5:30 Home Bball Games vs R2; 7:00pm Men's Sodality	<b>9</b> Adoration 7:00pm Communion Service/Mass 5:30 Away Bball Games vs Borgia	<b>10</b> 8:00 All School Mass Grade 5 Plan Mass PSR 6:30 - 7:45pm	<b>11</b> 6:30pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade First Reconciliation; B Girls B'ball Tourn. Spring Bluff	<b>12</b> B Girls B'ball Tourn. Spring Bluff	<b>13</b> B Girls B'ball Tourn. Spring Bluff 5:30pm Mass
<b>14</b> Sunday Mass 7:00 / 8:30 / 10:30	<b>15</b> No School Martin Luther King Jr Day 8:00p Parish Council	<b>16</b> Adoration 7:00pm Communion Service/Mass	<b>17</b> 8:00 All School Mass Grade 4 Plan Mass 5:30 Home Bball Games vs St George PSR 6:30 - 7:45pm	<b>18</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Pro-Life Trip	<b>19</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Pro-Life Trip	<b>20</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Pro-Life Trip 5:30pm Mass
<b>21</b> Sunday Mass 7:00 / 8:30 / 10:30 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Pro-Life Trip 5:30 - 7:30 Children's Bible Study	<b>22</b> 8:00 All School Mass Grade 3 Plan Mass 5:30 Away Bball Games vs St Ignatius; 6:30pm WCU Meeting; 7:00 Finance Meeting	<b>23</b> Adoration 7:00pm Communion Service/Mass; 1:00pm Relay for Life Presentation Gr. 3 - 6 5:30 Home Bball Games vs IL	<b>24</b> 8:00 All School Mass Grade 3 Plan Mass PSR 6:30 - 7:45pm	<b>25</b> Moe's Dine to Donate 5:30 Home Bball Games vs OLL	<b>26</b> January/July Birthday Jeans Day	<b>27</b> 5:30pm Mass
<b>28</b> Sunday Mass 7:00 / 8:30 / 10:30 Catholic Schools Week	<b>29</b> 8:00 All School Mass Grade 2 Plan Mass; Catholic Schools Week	<b>30</b> Adoration 7:00pm Communion Service/Mass; Catholic Schools Week; 10:00am World Bird Sanctuary; Book Fair; 5:30 Away Bball Games vs St George	<b>31</b> 8:00 All School Mass Grade 2 Plan Mass; Catholic Schools Week; Book Fair PSR 6:30 - 7:45pm			

# January 2024



Let's Celebrate!

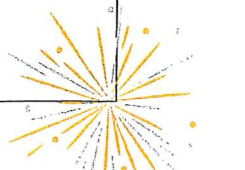
## HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Monday, Wed & Friday**  
*Chef Salad*  
*Bread Stick*  
*Fruit*

**Tuesday**  
*Ham & Cheese*  
*w/Pretzel Bun*  
*Chips & Fruit*

**Thursday**  
*Ham, Turkey & Cheese*  
*Sub*  
*Chips & Fruit*

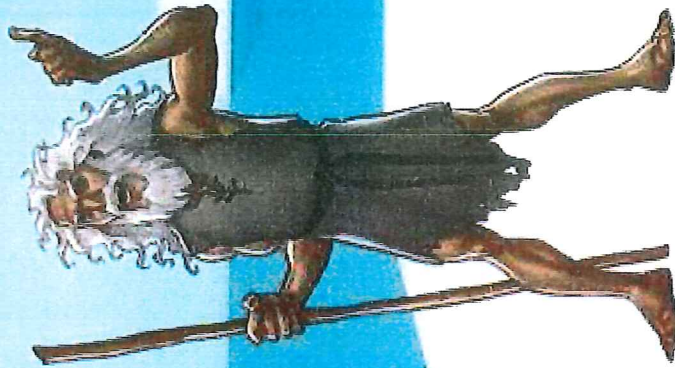
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 New Year's Day	2 Off School	3 French Toast Sausage Fruit	4 Sloppy Joes Fries Fruit	5 Pepperoni Pizza Salad Fruit	6
7	8 Mini Chick Tacos Cucumbers Fruit	9 Pork Fritter Mashed Potato Fruit	10 Mostaccioli Green Beans Fruit	11 Biscuits and gravy Tots Fruit	12 Hot Dogs Fries Fruit	13
14	15 Off School MLK Day	16 Tator Tot Casserole Peas & Carrots Fruit	17 Waffles Sausage Fruit	18 Popcorn Chicken Veggies Fruit	19 Grilled Cheese Corn on the Cob Fruit	20
	22 Mozzarella Sticks Marinara Carrot Sticks Fruit	23 Loaded Nachos Corn Fruit	24 Spaghetti Meat Sauce Bread Sticks Fruit	25 Pancakes Sausage Fruit	26 Ham & Cheese Sliders Pretzels Fruit	27
28	29 Mini Corn Dogs Brocc, cheese Casserole Fruit	30 Taco Soup Bosco Stick Fruit	31 Chicken Quesadilla Corn Fruit	<b>DESSERT FRIDAYS!</b>		



# Polar Plunge 1.6.2024

**“Make straight the way  
of the Lord”**

John 1:23



**Sign up to take the plunge  
&/or vote for the person(s)  
you want to see plunge.**

- 1. Jill Schmelz**
- 2. Deacon Keith Henderson**
- 3. Leslie Lause**
- 4. Rachel Reagan-Purschke**

**Come out to celebrate the Feast**

**of Jesus' Baptism**

**Registration: 10am**

**Plunge: 10:30-11:00 am**

**Ages: 10-up**

**Pre-register:**

**[www.christplunge.com](http://www.christplunge.com)**

**\$25 donation (includes t-shirt)**

**\$10 donation (plunge only)**

**t-shirts: \$25**

**Location:**

**Veterans Memorial Park**

**600 Progress Pkwy**

**Union, MO**

**Hosted by: St. John the Baptist Church-Villa Ridge**

**Western Catholic Union Branch #268**

**All proceeds: Feed My Sheep Project**

# RESERVE YOUR SCHOLARSHIP!



*"The only limits for tomorrow are the doubts we have today."*



**SCHOLARSHIPS UP TO \$2,500 PER STUDENT**  
**APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR THE 2024 – 2025 SCHOOL YEAR**  
**JANUARY 22, 2024**

**BECOME A SCHOLAR! APPLY HERE: [WWW.TTEF-STL.ORG](http://WWW.TTEF-STL.ORG)**



TODAY & TOMORROW  
CHANGING THE FUTURE — ONE CHILD AT A TIME

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
VISIT [TTEF-STL.ORG](http://TTEF-STL.ORG)  
CALL (314)-792-7623  
OR SCAN THE QR CODE



2024 DINNER AUCTION & DANCE RESERVATIONS  
**Roaring 20s**  
**Saturday, February 24, 2024**

**RESERVATIONS LIMITED TO FIRST 200 PAID GUESTS**

**RESERVATIONS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be seated with: \_\_\_\_\_

Who are you paying for now (list NAMES for entry purposes): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE: Reservations are \$50 each and must be paid at time of reservation (all checks and credit cards are held until event on 2-24-24)

Amount Paid: \$\_\_\_\_\_ by: \_\_\_Cash / \_\_\_Check payable to St. John the Baptist / \_\_\_Card (see below)

◇ Sorry I cannot attend but would like to make a donation and my family name or business name be represented in the event Program on Feb. 24, 2024: Amount Enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please return this Reservation to school office or parish c/o "Dinner Auction Reservation" or contact us at [sjgauction@gmail.com](mailto:sjgauction@gmail.com) or (636) 388-8276

**OPTIONAL EXPRESS PAY FOR DINNER AUCTION & DANCE CHECKOUT!**

◇ Please use my card to pay for my Reservation at Dinner Auction & Dance on or after Feb. 24, 2024 Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_

◇ To avoid lines for checking out and easy play options for raffles and auctions, please use my card information on or after Feb. 24, 2024 to pay for any raffle games I "purchase" and sign for at time of play at the Dinner Auction & Dance, and any silent or oral auction items, unless I specify otherwise before the end of Dinner Auction & Dance checkout. A paid itemized receipt will be mailed or emailed to me and my card information shredded. This option is most convenient, efficient & safe!

(Please Print) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*By signing here, I agree that I am responsible for any amount either declined or not approved on my card by co. regarding 2-24-2024 charges

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