



# St. John the Baptist School



August 19, 2020

"Lord God, help us to bring our hopes and needs to You as we begin this new school year. As we look forward to all that this school year will hold, we know that You will walk with us everywhere we go, encourage us, protect us, and inspire us. Help us to carry Your love into each day that lies ahead of us. Bless us with Your tender mercy, and guide us in Your way of peace. We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen."

## From the Principal:

Welcome! I am so happy that we can meet in person to start the 2020-2021 school year. I am excited and feel lucky to be a part of the St. John the Baptist Family. My schedule remains the same as last year, mornings on M-W-F and afternoons on T-Th. Of course, this can change as needed per school circumstances.

I am always available to listen to suggestions/concerns, but please know and understand that I will make the best decisions for the school as a whole. Here's to a fantastic school year!

Ms. Smith

## FACTS

### Tuition Management and School Information System

We are using the FACTS tuition Management and School Information system again this year. All tuition, registration and book fees, lunch, before and after school payments will be made through FACTS. If you have made a payment by check this year, this amount will be credited to your account. To set up your payment plan, you can log into ParentsWeb by going to <https://SJB-MO.client.renweb.com/pw/>. Next, click the Financial option in the menu and then click Financial Home. Please call or email the school office if you have any questions. All tuition, lunch, before and after school accounts will be available for you to view online to check balances. You will receive an alert when your balance is getting low for lunch and before and after care.

## No School

There will be no school on Friday, September 4 and Monday, September 7. Enjoy the Labor Day holiday weekend.

## School Pictures

Wednesday, October 7, is our school picture day starting at 8:00 a.m. in our Parish Center. Our photographer this year will be from Interstate Photography. More information will be emailed out as the date gets closer.

## Email Address

We will be sending out all newsletters and correspondence through email this year. If you are new to our school and are not receiving emails, please send an email to [office@sjgschool.org](mailto:office@sjgschool.org). If your email address has changed from last year please send us your updated address. Thank you.

## Jeans Day

This year Student Council will NOT be collecting tabs. We will be having \$1 Jeans Days throughout the school year to benefit our school and St. John's Helping Hands. We will post the dates in the Newsletter.

Students may wear blue jeans, jean skirts, jean shorts (appropriate length), or khakis with a shirt appropriate for church and school. No tank tops or shirts with inappropriate language. Please refer to the Parent Handbook for all Uniform Policy information.

## Prevent and Protect

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has developed a new system for safe environment compliance called Prevent and Protect STL. Everyone ministering to minors and vulnerable adults (clergy, employees and volunteers) in the Archdiocese are required and asked to register in the new system before December 31, 2020. This includes those new to service and those who are currently in service. For those who have already attended a Protecting God's Children workshop, your previous training date will transfer to this new system. In addition to attending a live Protecting God's Children workshop, all clergy, volunteers, and employees will register for an updated background screening, view two new online training modules on abuse reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct.

Contact your parish Child Safety Coordinator, Joan Knight with any questions or for further assistance. Thank you.

Go to:

<https://www.preventandprotectstl.org>

Enter the pass code: stlprotect

## School Board Nominations

Nominations are being accepted for two School Board members for the 2020-2021 school year. Terms run for three years and begin in August. Thank you to Melissa Dowil and Jill Schmelz for their time and dedication to our school and whose terms were up in May, 2020. Returning members are Father Foy, Ms. Diane Smith, John Clarkson, Jason Weggemann, Sarah Collins, and Craig Shofner. Please return all nominations to the school office by Friday, August 28.

Thank you.

## Food Allergies

We have several students in our school with peanut allergies. Our school is a "nut-free environment". Peanut butter and other peanut products are not served in our cafeteria. Nut-free sounds simple, but it also means reading labels of other foods where peanuts or peanut oil is hidden. Most items contain an allergy statement at the end of the listed ingredients. Please do not send peanut products with your children. We want to keep these children safe from an allergic reaction. Thank you and we wish to express sincere appreciation for your support and understanding of this life-threatening allergy.

## WELCOME BACK EVERYONE

### Welcome to our new students and families

Welcome everyone! We are so excited and happy to be back in school. Welcome to our new students and their families. We are so happy to have you join our school family.

#### **PRESCHOOL—Miss Cara & Mrs. Justina's Class:**

Elliot Benhardt  
Levi Derner  
River Hopper  
Addy Tune

#### **PRESCHOOL - Mrs. Erica's Class**

Allie Brueggemann  
Grace Myers  
Parker Neff  
Mikayla Taber  
Lyla Wilson

#### **KINDERGARTEN—Mrs. Wissmann's Class:**

We welcome our entire kindergarten class as they join

Our grade school here at St. John's:

Luke Bath  
Leah Benz  
Gaige Breeden  
Dylan Brinkmann  
Reese Gilmor  
Noah Hall  
Molly Riegel  
Gus Scheel  
Raven Sinklear  
Daniel Wilson

#### **GRADE EIGHT—Mrs. Tina Brueggemann**

Brooklyn Whitby

## Blood Drive

St. John's is sponsoring a Blood Drive with Mercy Hospital on Tuesday, March 25, in the Parish Center from 2:30 until 6:00 p.m. Thank you for helping save a life.

Below are links to the video and online registration.

Links:

- [1] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=021EEy83h6Y>
- [2] <http://mail.yhti.net/tel:314-251-7455>
- [3] <http://mail.yhti.net/tel:314-251-7454>
- [4] <http://mail.yhti.net/tel:314-302-9402>

## WELCOME BACK

### Teachers and Staff Members

Welcome back everyone and we hope to have a good year. We are so happy to be back in school.

Father Tim Foy—Pastor

Mrs. Sara Maune—Parish Secretary

Ms. Diane Smith—Principal

Mrs. Joan Knight—School Secretary

Ms. Cara Aholt—Preschool Director and 4-5 year Teacher

Mrs. Justina Ming—Preschool Teacher Assistant

Mrs. Erica Dees—Preschool 3 year old Teacher

Mrs. Ruth Wissmann—Kindergarten Teacher

Mrs. Cheryl Overschmidt—Grade One Teacher

Mrs. Katrina Gilmor—Grade Two Teacher

Mrs. Amanda Benz—Grade Three Teacher

Mrs. Jill Schmelz—Grade Four Teacher

Ms. Emily Patke—Grade Five Teacher

Ms. Brenna Hanratty—Grade Six Teacher

Mrs. Dawn Casey—Grade Seven Teacher

Mrs. Tina Brueggemann—Grade Eight Teacher

Mrs. Emma Straatmann—Resource Learning Consultant

Mrs. Lauren Benz—Resource Learning Consultant Sub

Mrs. Brianna Hall—Technology Teacher/Cafeteria Assistant

Mrs. Margaret Durbin—Music & Art Teacher/ Office Asst.

Mrs. Angie Weidemann—PE Teacher

Mrs. Annette Kleekamp—Librarian / Teacher Assistant

Mrs. Melissa Dowil—Cafeteria Manager / Cook

Mr. Leroy Wells—School Custodian

Mr. Tom Shearin—Parish Center Event Set-Up

Mr. Richard Davis—Preschool Custodian