



## St. John the Baptist School

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### Principal News

Dear Parents,  
I had a good experience in Boston last week at the National Catholic Education Association Convention. The timing right after Spring break wasn't the best, but it is always a good opportunity for me to connect with other Catholic Administrators from around the country and to attend worthwhile sessions that are pertinent to our needs at the time. I went to some sessions on marketing, on multi age classrooms, being the arms of God in the world, teacher tips, to name a few. So, for me, it is back to school and diving in with a very full week!

#### Book Fair

Set up is well underway as I write this – thanks to Mrs. Dressel, the Maintenance crew and Scholastic staff and our very appreciated helpers – Mrs. Dolan, Mrs. Feltl, Mrs. McNeil, Mrs. Colaianni, Mrs. Winters. Don't miss it – there are books for everyone and every occasion to be sure! A couple things for you to know:

- Your child will have the chance on Wednesday or Thursday to go and preview books
- Hours of the Book

Fair - Wednesday 9:00-2:00, Thursday and Friday – 9:00-3:00, Saturday 4:30-6:30 and Sunday 9:30-11:30

- Teachers fill out a wish list too for items they would love in their classrooms, so you are very welcome to help them fill their wish list

- Not only do you get good books for your readers, but the more we sell, the larger the amount that comes back to us. We earn scholastic dollars to purchase additional books to build up our Library

- "One For Books" is also available and a win/win in several ways. Near the cashier is a box for your donations. Each dollar contributed is a book for Risen Christ School and more dollars for purchasing books we need here at SJB. Can't make it in? Never fear – You can order online at <http://onlinebook-fairs.scholastic.com/default.aspx?f=2968816> until April 26th

- If you happen to find an hour or two to help cashier, please let us know – we can still use additional help

We have a team of students from the University of St. Thomas working with us on Marketing, which is a great opportunity for a win/win for both of us; the students gain the experience of putting their project into action with a "real" place, and we can gain from the ideas they propose.

They will be joining us for breakfast in the morning when we have our breakfast for interested kindergarten parents. We must have replies in order to prepare adequately, so if you are bringing a guest, please let us know immediately!

#### Grand Friends' Day

Friday is the big day!!! Please invite the special friends and grandparents who make a difference in the lives of your children. Celebrate Mass with us at 8:00, proceed to the Gathering Place to shop the Book Fair and enjoy some refreshments. Our students will entertain you in the Gym at 10:00 with some Irish dancing and an all school concert. A delicious lunch is planned for our students and guests – Turkey croissant, fresh fruit, pasta salad/Coleslaw, chips and cookie. In order to be prepared, we need a number for lunch



#### Prayer Corner

Pray for our First Communicants

#### Upcoming Events

- 4/20 Grand Friends Day
- 4/20 Scholastic Book Fair
- 4/22 First Communion

#### PARENT HELPERS Lunchroom/Playground

- 04/16 Olson DJ/Valentine
- 04/17 Schneider/Halbmaier
- 04/18 Smith/Warren
- 04/19 Winters/Wigger
- 04/20 Lunger/Anderson
  
- 04/23 Luong/Froehling
- 04/24 Mitchellette/McNeill
- 04/25 Moore/Anderson
- 04/26 Rosensteel/Colaianni
- 04/27 Tholen/Ploof

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as soon as possible. Please email [kchapman@stjohns-excelsior.org](mailto:kchapman@stjohns-excelsior.org) or call 952-474-5812, and we will charge your child's lunch account for them and their guests.

\*Mrs. Weber would like 4 lunch helpers to help serve that day, so please let us know if you can help so the lunch line can be kept moving.

### **Congratulations**

To the following students making their First Communion: Ben Aeshli-man, Alisa Augdahl, Emma Boeing, Adrian Colaiani, Mary Furlong, Seamus McNeil, Liam Purtell, Hannah Tholen. We ask God to bless them and keep them always close to Him.

Easter Blessings,  
Nancy Ronhovde

### **School Committee Membership for 2012-2013**

We are looking for parents, alumnae and/or parishioners who can give their time, energy and expertise to help in the advancement of our wonderful school! The School Committee is looking to appoint several new members for the 2012 - 2013 school year. The School Committee meets on the third Tuesday of each month during the school year and acts as an advisory committee on such topics as advancement, education programs, finance, our school's strategic plans and technology goals. Please give some prayerful thought and consideration to this opportunity. You are welcome to contact me, or any of the current School Committee members, should you have any questions or want to know more about the committee.

Thank you! Gina Buchholz  
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### **School News**

#### **Save the Date**

St John's Golf and Year-end Celebration/Fundraiser June 11, 2012 at Island View in Waconia. Save the Date!

The theme for this year's event is "**Building for the Future-Today!**"

The ST John's Golf Committee, to those new at ST John's, is a volunteer group that raises money via a one day fundraiser. All monies raised go to St John's School for specific needs that are identified by the Principal and Staff. This is our sixth year and past projects we FUN-Raised for included; Smart Boards, science equipment and books, landscaping, gym floor and equipment, as well as a new sound system and risers for the gym.

This year we are most excited to Fun Raise for two areas: 1. *A remodeling project at Kids of the Kingdom* 2. *Technology*. We think both of these projects address two real needs that will help us "Build for the Future." KOK is growing rapidly and is a great feeder for our school. Colleen King and Staff do a great job but the area is dated and needs help. Walls need to be opened up, new carpet and padding installed, cubbies updated among other needs. By making KOK more attractive we hope to attract and retain more students to the school. Technology - there are three needs here. A. a technology teacher/consultant to rebrand and reenergize our technology curriculum. B. We need new computers for the computer lab. Many of the present ones work intermittently or are outdated. C. a Server so we can have our own ST John's network; so students can maintain their own files and also share files and do all kinds of "really cool things" interfacing with the Smart Boards. In addition we are organizing a Tech-

nology Committee to help advise Nancy and Staff and assist our Technology teacher.

We hope these investments will give us a cutting edge story to tell prospective students and enhance a Child Care program that has a lot of momentum right now. The Golf Committee is willing to do the work but we need your generosity and involvement to be successful. This is the largest project we've ever attempted to finance and we need to be successful! So please get your foursomes and card playing friends together. We must reach out beyond the St John's Community to friends, relatives, neighbors, vendors and other business associates. So please help us help your child by **BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE TODAY!**

"The world is not interested in what we do for a living. What they are interested in is what we have to offer freely- hope, strength, love and the power to Make a Difference!

Thank you for your generous past support of this effort. I look forward to seeing you at the Year End Celebration!

Tim Graupman  
612-597-1999

### **Holy Family**

Holy Family offers a variety of summer camp opportunities for people of all ages. Looking for athletics such as basketball - we have that. How about Lego robotics for kids as young as 2nd grade - we have that. Are you an adult wanting to make a mosaic glass window - we have that too. For a full listing of all the opportunities available, visit our website to download the camp information. Camp registration is available online \**Football camp information is available at [firefootball.org](http://firefootball.org)*

*The mission of St. John the Baptist Catholic School community is to provide academic excellence in the Catholic learning tradition. Our vision is to strengthen faith, build character, encourage success and foster the uniqueness of each individual student.*

## Plant Sale



Many families have already ordered and received their Holasek plant certificates. This Spring fundraiser will end in a couple more

weeks. Remember that each child is required to sell \$75 worth of certificates to families, friends or neighbors. If you opt to "buy out" and not receive certificates, you may send in \$50 per student. We will also gratefully accept donated certificates to SJB for our landscaping needs.