



# SCHOOL NEWS

St. John the Baptist Catholic School Newsletter

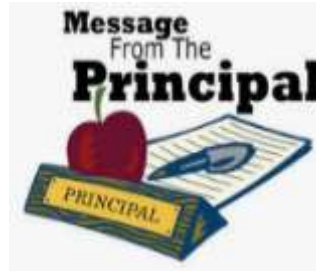
## December



- 1 - No School, Thanksgiving Break  
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders read Masses  
- Advent Begins
- 2 - No School, Thanksgiving Break  
- PTO Gingerbread Houses Event
- 3 - Elementary Students Picture Retake Day  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Instructional Mass at 6 pm  
- Keep Christ in Christmas Contest Deadline
- 4 - PTO Christmas Caroling at SpiriTrust Lutheran Home
- 7 - New Freedom Christmas Parade- PTO Catholic Jewelry Sale Begins
- 10 - Elementary School Christmas Concert, 6:30 pm, Main Church  
- I:55 Book Fair Begins
- 12 - Elementary Students Field Trip to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- 13 - Wreaths Across America
- 14 - PTO Breakfast with Santa  
- PTO Catholic Jewelry Sale Ends
- 16 - Mission Day
- 17 - Elementary School Instrumental Concert, 7 pm, Social Hall  
- Spirit Day at Primanti Brothers, 11a-11p  
- I:55 Book Fair Ends
- 19 - Taco Thursday (pre-order)
- 20 - Last day before Christmas Break. This is a full day of school.



**Christmas Break School Wide**  
**No School Dec. 23 - Jan. 3**  
**School resumes Jan. 6, 2025**



I hope that you and your families have a Happy Thanksgiving and that the break is a time to relax and recharge with family. We are entering the Advent season and will be praying and adding to a Jesse tree each morning, along with lighting the Advent wreath.

This is the time of much excitement with many holiday events happening throughout the month including the elementary school Christmas concert on December 10<sup>th</sup>. I hope everyone can attend weekend Mass to prepare for the coming of Jesus and to remind the children the real reason of the season, Jesus our Savior was born. Our school children are invited to participate in two Christmas Eve Masses and I hope that many will take advantage of this opportunity to participate at the 4 pm or 6:30 pm Masses.

My wish this Christmas season is that your families have a safe, fun, and holy holiday. Jesus is the cornerstone of our school and I hope He is the cornerstone of your homes. Let us all strive to live and give as Jesus did.



### Christmas Masses

#### St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - 4 PM, 6:30 PM & 10 PM Main Church

The children's choir will sing at the 4 PM Mass.

December 25<sup>th</sup> - 9 AM & 11 AM



Children wishing to participate in our "Living Creche" and/or assist in various ministries at our 4:00 and 6:30 Masses as Greeters, Readers, Gift bearers etc. are asked to volunteer their services by calling the Rel. Ed Office at 717-235-2156 Ext 225 or email [srjkeller@sjbnf.org](mailto:srjkeller@sjbnf.org)

## PRIMANTI BROS. Spirit Day RESTAURANT & SPORTS BAR

Enjoy a meal out and support fundraising for St. John the Baptist on Tuesday, December 17 from 11 am to 11 pm. The restaurant is located 2151 South Queen Street, York, PA 17402. Bring your flyer or mention St. John's Spirit Day!



The I:55 Book Fair begins on December 10 and remains until December 17. Parents will have the opportunity to shop on Dec. 10 before the Elementary School Christmas concert as well as at Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 14 at school from 9 am - Noon. Shopping is available online from Dec. 8 - Dec. 19 as well using this link:

<https://i55bookfairs.com/pages/pa022>

A flyer will be sent with additional shopping times.



## Wreaths Across America

The St. John's Community is participating in Wreaths Across America. This opportunity allows us to remember our fallen U.S. Veterans, honor those who serve and teach the value of freedom. The wreaths will be delivered by Wreaths Across America to our campus in the next few weeks. Please join us on Friday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 pm to place a wreath at the grave of each veteran buried in the cemetery at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. There is a ceremony at 10 am on Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at the New Freedom Veterans Park located off Campbell Drive. Many thanks to VFW #7012 and the Knights of Columbus #8891.



## Catholic Schools Week

Jan. 26 - Feb. 1, 2025

There will be many activities and opportunities to volunteer during this annual celebration. Please check the PTO website for more details:

[sjbnfpto.org](http://sjbnfpto.org)



## Student Council Christmas Spirit Day

The elementary students will enjoy holiday movie, crafts, games and cookie decorating on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Donations are needed:

[St. John's PTO: Student Council Spirit Day](#)

## St. John's PTO Upcoming Events

### Thank You!

Thank you to the dedication and generosity of our family volunteers! We appreciate all volunteers and donations for helping with Grandparent's Day, the Fall Teacher Conference Luncheon, and more!

### Breakfast With Santa

Saturday 12/14/24: Tickets are still available for all seatings. Volunteers and donations are needed.

<https://sjbnfpto.org/breakfast-with-santa>

### Volunteer Opportunities Available!

If you are badged, there are lunch monitor, pretzel Tuesday, Good Shepherd assistant and library helper available. Please help and make a difference at our school for our staff and students!

<https://sjbnfpto.org/volunteer>

### Gingerbread House Family Spirit Night

Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4-6pm. Registration for this event is now closed. Gingerbread houses will be displayed at Breakfast with Santa!

### PTO Service Day: Christmas Caroling at Local Retirement Home

Wed., December 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:45pm: If any students are interested in singing Christmas songs to local seniors at SpiriTrust Lutheran, please sign-up! The residents love to hear our students sing!

<https://sjbnfpto.org/service-days>

### Totally Catholic Jewelry Fundraiser

Catholic jewelry will be available to purchase after Masses 12/7 & 12/8, 12/14 & 12/15 at Breakfast With Santa. St. John the Baptist School and Church Christmas ornaments will also be available! Cash, check, and now credit cards are accepted for payment.

### PTO Meeting

Thank you to the parents and staff that attended the November Meeting! Our next virtual meeting will be Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 pm. Join us! There is no December meeting.

### Save the Dates!

January 19 : Hershey Bears Hockey Game Spirit Night  
February 15: Daddy Daughter Sweetheart Dance

### Contact Us

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Website: [sjbnfpto.org](http://sjbnfpto.org)

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## Virtue Award Winners Humility

The following students exemplified to others the meaning of humility through their actions, words and behavior.

- K - Mila Nomikos
- 1<sup>st</sup> - Sadie Zimmermann
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Emma Grieshaber
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Paul Campbell
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Zachary Fields
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Warren Bailey
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Eddie Campbell



## All Saints' Day

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students portrayed saints on November 1<sup>st</sup>. At the end of Mass the students gave a brief history of their lives and accomplishments St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Cabrini, St. Sebastian, St. Michael the Archangel, St. Peter the Apostle, St. Dymphna, St. Francis of Assisi and many others.

**School Registration Info. for 2025-2026**

**Elementary School** - Registration for current families will begin on January 20, 2025. More information will be emailed in the coming weeks about how to register. It will open to the public on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Preschool** - Registration for Preschool classes will also begin on January 20, 2025 and open to the public on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>.

**More information to come.**



## Save the Dates PK4 & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduations!



**St. John's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Friday, May 30, 2025  
The celebration will start with Mass at 9 am and then continue in the Capitani Social Hall with brunch and awards.

**St. John's PK4** - Wednesday, May 21, 2025  
The celebration will take place at 10 am in the Capitani Social Hall and last for about an hour.