



SCHOOL NEWS

St. John the Baptist Catholic School Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar

JANUARY

- 2/3 -No School, Teacher In-Service
- 4/5 -2nd Grade Students read at weekend Masses
- 6 -School Resumes
- 12 -1st Grade Family Prayer Session after 11AM Mass
- 14 -PTO Meeting at 4:15 pm
-Spirit Night at Texas Roadhouse 3pm-10pm
- 17 -2025/2026 School Registration Opens for Current Families
-Progress Reports Issued
- 19 -PTO Hershey Bears Game
- 20 -No School - MLK Day
- 25 -Battle of the Buildings at YC
- 25 & 26 -6th Grade Students read at Weekend Masses
- 26 -School Open House 10:15 am - 12:30 pm
-School Registration Opens to the Public
-2nd Grade Family Prayer Service after 11AM Mass
-Catholic Schools Week Begins!
- 27 -Mission Day

Parent Visitation Dates

Pre-registration is required

PK3: Jan. 29 & Jan. 30

PK4 M-F: Jan. 29 & Jan. 30

PK4 MWF: Jan. 30 & Jan. 31

Elementary Students: Jan. 31



Happy New Year to you and your families. It is hard to believe that 2025 is upon us. May this be a time for all of us to reflect on what we hope to accomplish this year and also a time to give thanks for the many wonderful blessings

we all have. I hope the Christmas season was a time spent enjoying your families and friends with some relaxation too.

Each year, at the end of January we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. This year we will celebrate our wonderful school as well as all Catholic Schools from January 26th to February 1st. The theme for all Catholic Schools is "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community." Here at St. John the Baptist we strive to be united with our parish and the community around us. Several activities are planned for Catholic Schools Week so please watch for emails with this information. There are some events coming up to celebrate our wonderful Catholic School. On Saturday, Jan. 25th, there will be a Battle of the Buildings for the five deanery schools of York County at York Catholic. Mark your calendars and look for more information to follow.

Please spread the word about the Open House on Sunday, Jan. 26th to any families who are interested. Your testimonies are the most important way for our school to be recognized.

Registration will also be starting in a few weeks for the next school year. Current families will be able to register for the 2025/2026 elementary school year online. Know that there has been a lot of interest in our school and that there is an order of how students are admitted. Please see the handbook for the admission guidelines. The Elementary School Catholic tuition rate is for those that are registered, active parishioners at St. John's or a neighboring Catholic Church. We must have a baptismal certificate on hand to apply the Catholic tuition rate. If you have a preschooler who is not currently enrolled in our school, please contact the school office ASAP if you wish to enroll in the 2025/2026 kindergarten class. We want current families to have the option of enrollment prior to opening it to the public on January 26, 2025. Current families may register starting on January 17, 2025. A link will be sent.

My prayer for 2025 is that each and every family be blessed all year long with the many gifts of the Holy Spirit. Our families make St. John the Baptist a wonderful and successful school and I want each of you to return next year to keep our family growing. Many wishes that 2025 is a blessed year for you and your families.





St. John's PTO

Thank you to the dedication and generosity of our school families!

We appreciate all volunteers and donations for helping with Breakfast with Santa!

Volunteer Opportunities Available!

If you are badged there are Spring lunch monitor, pretzel Tuesday, Good Shepherd assistant, and Taco Thursday opportunities available. Please help and make a difference at our school to help our staff and our students! <https://sjbnfpto.org/volunteer>

Hershey Bears Family Spirit Night

Join us on Sunday, January 19th at 5 pm at the Giant Center in Hershey to watch the Hershey Bears ice hockey team play the Rochester Americans! \$20/ticket. Tickets must be purchased by January 5th. <https://sjbnfpto.org/spirit-nights>

Catholic Schools Week!

January 26th - February 1st is Celebrate Catholic Schools Week! Stay tuned! We will have volunteer opportunities and donation of items and meals needed each day this week to be made in order to show our appreciation for all that our teachers and staff do for our students! <https://sjbnfpto.org/volunteer>

Sweetheart Father Daughter Dance

The PTO is hosting another Father Daughter dance for our preschool and elementary school girls on Saturday, February 14th from 5:30-8:00 pm. There will be dinner, dancing, and photo opportunities to remember this special night. Tickets are available on our website. <https://sjbnfpto.org/spirit-nights>

SAVE THE DATE!

Laser Alleys Family Spirit Night — March 28th
Donuts with Dad — April 24th & 25th

January PTO Meeting

Thank you to the parents and staff that attended our November Meeting! Our participants from November's call will be eligible to win a small prize in our live raffle drawing next meeting! Our next virtual meeting will be Tuesday, January 14th at 4:15 pm where we will discuss the Father Daughter Dance as well as Catholic Schools Week.

Contact Us

Email: pto@sjbnf.org

Website: sjbnfpto.org

Facebook: @sjbnfpto



Virtue Award Winners

The following students exemplified to others the meaning of **Patience** through their actions, words and behavior during the month of November.

- K - Theresa Carleton
- 1st - Alice Russo
- 2nd - Morgan Riddle
- 3rd - Sadie Slattery
- 4th - Victoria Amedzake
- 5th - Thomas Ciotti
- 6th - Super Student

January Spirit Night Tues, Jan 14th 3pm-10pm



Join us for St. John the Baptist Catholic School's Spirit Night at Texas Roadhouse located at 1510 Mount Zion Road in York. Be sure you mention us when placing your order!

School Absences: Excused vs. Unexcused

All student absences should be communicated to the school office via email by 9:00 am. This communication should be sent to attendance@sjbnf.org

A note explaining your child's absence should be sent to school on the day he/she returns to school. This note should be signed and dated by the parent or guardian and outline the date(s) and reason(s) for the absence(s). If the excuse note is not submitted, the student's absence is considered unexcused.

Please refer to the Attendance Policy on page 10 of the Student/Parent Handbook. The handbook is available on St. John's school website:

<https://www.stjnschool.org>



The forthcoming jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire...

- Pope Francis



Catholic Schools Week 2025

Catholic Schools week is celebrated this year from January 26, 2025 to February 1, 2025. The students will enjoy extra activities during Catholic Schools Week and information will be sent home as we get closer to Catholic Schools Week. We will have a faith bee, spelling bee and geography bee for the students in grades 4th, 5th and 6th and a space assembly! Parent visitation for elementary school students will be on Friday, Jan. 31st. Please note that registration is required and a link will be sent shortly. Preschool parents will also have the opportunity to visit their student's classroom during Catholic Schools week. A Sign-up Genius will be available shortly outlining the preschool visitation opportunities.

ANNUAL ONLINE AUCTION

Mark Your Calendars for our Annual Online Auction! The online auction will be running from Wednesday, March 26th - Wednesday, April 2nd. The preview link will be coming soon.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. The online auction offers hundreds of items for bid such as services, garden items, events, collectables, sports memorabilia, family outings, class baskets, adventures, entertainment, trips, home décor and much, much more!

If you are interested in helping or donating please contact

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School Registration for 2025-2026

Elementary School - Registration will begin for current families on Friday, January 17, 2025. More information will be emailed in the coming weeks about how to register online. We are asking that all families apply for financial aid this year through Simple Tuition Solutions. Tax statements will need to be submitted with financial aid applications. There are two different scholarships for which you may apply. One is the Neumann Foundation through the Diocese and the other one is through our school. The financial applications will be available soon.

Preschool - Registration for Preschool classes for our current families will also begin on Friday, January 17, 2025.

Registration will open to the public on Sunday, January 26, 2025 at St. John's Open House.

Please be sure to register in a timely manner as our classes fill quickly. Please feel free to share this information with families who may be interested in our preschool program and elementary school.



St. John the Baptist Catholic School Open House

St. John's will have an Open House on Sunday, January 26, 2025 from 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for perspective families. Please invite interested families to tour our school and preschool classrooms and meet our teachers. We offer classes for PreK - 6th grade, as well as before and after school care. Help us get the word out about our wonderful school. A recommendation from a current parent may be all an interested family needs to hear to attend our Open House. Registration for preschool and elementary school will be open to the public starting on January 26, 2025.

Help us get the word out!