



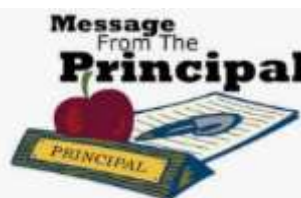
# SCHOOL NEWS

St. John the Baptist Catholic School Newsletter

## Mark Your Calendar



- 2 Online Auction Ends
- 4 Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner
- 5 -PTO Catholic Jewelry Sale Begins
- 5-6 -3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students read at Masses
- 8 -PTO Meeting at 4:15 pm
- 10 -Deadline to Order Original Artworks
- 11 -Market Day, 6:30-8 pm
- 12 -2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Retreat Day  
8:30 am-2 pm at School
- 15 -Spirit Night at Chipotle, 4-8pm
- 16 -No School, Professional Dev. Day
- 17-21 -No School, Easter Break
- 22 -2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Rehearsal for First Communion w/parent at 6 pm
- 24 -PTO Taco Day (preordered)
- 24-25 -Donuts with Dads  
8 am - 8:45 am (Sign-up required)
- 25 -ES Progress Reports Issued
- 26 -2<sup>nd</sup> Grade First Communion Mass
- 28 -Mission Day



Happy Spring!

Spring is a time of rebirth and reminds us that Easter gives us the promise of new life and hope. As our Lenten journey continues, I hope that everyone takes the time to repent and to remember the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for all of us. There are several Masses and services this Holy Week for us to strengthen and renew our Catholic faith with our children, as we come upon the Holiest season of the liturgical calendar.

Many fun activities are coming up in the school as the school year winds down. It is important to have your child arrive at school on time and to strive for daily attendance. If at all possible, please take family vacations when school is out as missing many days in a row makes it difficult for students to catch up. If your child is absent, a written note must be sent in the day your child returns to be an excused absence. As parents, we need you to continue your partnership with the teachers to finish the school year strong and to have your child present each day. This commitment will help to ensure they achieve their full potential.

I wish everyone a blessed and joyful Easter! I hope the break is a time for relaxation and time to enjoy your families. Happy Easter! Jesus is Risen!

## St. John's Annual Online Auction

There's still time...St. John's Online Auction is currently underway. Over 300 items are featured!

Don't miss your opportunity to bid on family activities, services, trips, entertainment, sports collectables, shopping, restaurants and more!

St. John's teachers and staff are offering water balloon battles, spa time, lunch, tie-dyeing, mosaic stepping stone, movie time, tea party, just to name a few! There are also dress down, "best seat in the house" and VIP Pick ups available for bids.

The Auction ends on Wed., April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 p.m.

[www.tinyurl.com/SJBAuction2025](http://www.tinyurl.com/SJBAuction2025)



St. John's 6<sup>th</sup> grader, Gabe Catherman, competed against students from other schools at the Diocese of Harrisburg on March 19<sup>th</sup> in the Geography Bee and 4th grader, Mary Claire Carleton, competed as well, in the Spelling Bee on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Mary Claire and Gabe for representing our school.



### Muffins with Moms

Preschool and Elementary School Moms are invited to Muffins with Moms on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> or Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8-8:40 am. Preschool students will go directly to their classrooms with their teachers after this event. Elementary students that ride the bus will not arrive in time, so please arrange other transportation if you plan to attend with your children. Sign-up at:

<https://tinyurl.com/Muffins25>

### Preschool End of the Year Events

May 19 & 20 are the last days of school for PK3. Please plan to join us for a sing-a-long with your child's class at 10 am. Please enter using the main entrance.

May 21 at 10 am, the PK4 Graduation Ceremony will take place in the Capitani Social Hall and should last for about 30 minutes. The students will perform a few songs and receive their diplomas! Please RSVP for PK4 Graduation via Sign-up Genius as this will help to providing enough seating for this precious event.

<https://tinyurl.com/PK4Grad25>



### St. John's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

This celebration will start with Mass at 9 am on Friday, May 30, 2025. The celebration will continue in the Capitani Social hall with brunch and awards.

### Faith, Fun, Fitness Day

On Friday, May 23, St. John's students will participate in Faith, Fun, Fitness Day. As in previous years, the students will do a faith walk/run and fitness exercises. The winning auction bidders will soak the staff and throw pies during this event.

Volunteers with clearance badges are needed to assist with elementary student activities from 8:45 am - 3pm to make this event successful. More information to come.

Preschool families, you are invited to return to school for this event. However, preschool students must be accompanied by an adult to participate in Faith, Fun, Fitness Day on May 23<sup>th</sup>. The preschool activities will start at 10 am on the front lawn of the church. Please plan to arrive at 10 am with your preschool student and guide them through the activities of the day. Bring your lunch to enjoy at noon and plan to stay for the afternoon of fun!

### Come and See Our Good Shepherd Program!

In response many inquiries about faith formation, the Good Shepherd Staff extends an invitation to come and see the beauty of the Atriums on Sat., May 10th beginning at 8:30 am. Questions? [reled@sjbnf.org](mailto:reled@sjbnf.org) or 717-235-2156, option #1

St. John the Baptist Catholic School will perform it's first musical this Spring! All elementary students will be a part of this show. It will feature the music inspired by Peter Pan on Friday, May 16th at 6:30 pm in the Capitani Social Hall!



You can memorialize the art masterpieces your child has created on mugs, mousepads, pillowcases, notecards, hot pads, and much more! An order packet has been sent home along with a magnet. The magnet is yours to keep for \$6.95 or you may return it by April 10<sup>th</sup> which is the deadline to order items for this fundraiser.



### Spirit Night

Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 4 pm to 8 pm at Chipotle Mexican Grille located at 98 Sofia Drive, Shrewsbury, PA. Dine-in or pick-up. Be sure to show a paper or digital copy of the flyer so St. John's receives credit for your order!

## Market Day

Students in grades 4, 5 and 6 will showcase and sell their products on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm in the Capitani Social Hall.

This event is in conjunction with what the students have been learning over the years in Junior Achievement. These young entrepreneurs have been planning for this opportunity by figuring out costs, projecting profits and preparing their products for sale. Come...see...shop!



### Volunteer Opportunities Available!

If you are badged there are spring lunch monitor, library helper, pretzel Tuesday, Good Shepherd assistant, Taco Thursday, Catholic Jewelry and Donuts with Dads volunteer opportunities available. Please help and make a difference at our school for our staff and students!

<https://sjbnfpto.org/volunteer>

### PTO Presents: Donuts With Dad, Apr 24 & 25

Dad and your SJB students can sign up on Thursday 4/24 or Friday 4/25 for donuts and light refreshments from 8-8:40am. Students that take the bus would miss the event, so please plan accordingly. Please only sign up for one day! Volunteers are also needed to help set up and help serve!

<https://sjbnfpto.org/donuts-with-dad>

### Totally Catholic Jewelry

After masses on April 5th & 6th bracelets, rosaries, necklaces, and more will be available for purchase. Perfect for gifts for upcoming first communions, confirmations, and baptisms. Volunteers are needed to help sell jewelry after masses.

<https://sjbnfpto.org/volunteer>

### Spirit Wear Sale

From March 31st to April 16th gym uniforms, apparel, & accessories for children and adults will be available on our online Spirit Wear shop. Items will be delivered to school in the middle of May.

<https://sjbnfpto.org/spirit-wear>

### April PTO Virtual Meeting - Tues. Apr. 8<sup>th</sup> 4:15 pm

Thank you to the parents and staff that attended our March Meeting! Our participants from March's call will be eligible to win a small prize in our live raffle drawing next meeting! Our next virtual meeting will be Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:15pm where we will discuss upcoming events and anyone that is interested in being a PTO officer next school year! Officer elections will be held at our last virtual PTO meeting of the school year on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:15pm.

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