



ST. JOHN BREBEUF SCHOOL

**Celebrate
Catholic
Schools
Week 2019**

January 27 - February 2 #CSW19



SJB SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER 01/25/19

Dear SJB Families,

Open House has arrived! Please join us to celebrate 9:00 a.m. mass on Sunday as a community. Immediately following mass, you are invited to our Open House at our school. At 11:00, we will have a “shoot the puck’ contest with Skates from the Chicago Wolves.

This event is for students and families. ***Students need to stay with their parents for the Open House.*** Students should all **wear their uniforms** on Sunday, as we want to showcase our students and our school.

We have engaging activities planned for the entire week. Please refer to the calendar of events we sent home. We listed the special **outfits** the students can wear each day on

our website's school calendar. Students may wear jeans, khakis or their uniform pants during this week. *(No leggings, jeggings or sweat pants are allowed.)* P/SA is sponsoring our annual Daddy/Daughter Dance and Mom/Son Night in the beginning of February to cap off our week!

**The SJB School Science Fair was held Thursday, January 24th.
Congratulations to the winners of the SJB Science Fair.
The 7th and 8th graders will compete in the Regional Science Fair on
Saturday, March 9th at Niles North High School.**

8th Grade

Best in Class

1. Matthew Christian
2. Rose Chevlin-Brenna Early
3. Dylan Duran-Mia Kotke

7th Grade

Best in Class

1. Joseph Gurdak-Mary Minatiskan
2. Kathleen Tran and Alexa Zapolsky
3. Olivia Komosa and Redi Rajski

6th Grade

Best in Class

1. Kaitlyn Ankum and Aleena George
2. Isabella Allison and Nuna Turk
3. Christopher England and Raphael Martin
And Kate Quintero

INCLEMENT WEATHER: In the event that we need to close school due to the weather, we will notify families via email, our website and our Facebook page.

Please be sure to read the Calendar of Events that follow Fr. Meany's letter. There are many dates and helpful reminders.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at Open House!

Blessings,

Dr. Maloney
Principal

Dear Parishioners,

Niles is a wonderful community that values family life, as the street banners announce, “The #1 Place to raise Kids!” The Parish of St. John Brebeuf has been blessed by the many good people who decided to raise their children here and make this faith community their home, more often than not, staying here their entire life!

As we celebrate Catholic Schools week, I wish to recognize the many sacrifices that are made each day to sustain parish life, especially as it relates to our school and the formation of our children. The parish more often than not works together for the common good, doing what it can to be supportive of young families, and our young families add life to the parish community.

While there is much cooperation at St. John Brebeuf, we must recognize that we, too, follow our culture’s tendency think only in terms of our own self-interest. Seeking your “self-interests” can be good if it’s about righting a wrong, fighting an injustice such as the “Me Too Movement,” or fighting for your rightly deserved government services or the safety your children. However, pursuing a self-interest that discriminates or exclude others is not in keeping with the Gospel.

In “Habits of the Heart,” Robert Bellah and his co-researchers note a strain of individualism that is widespread in U.S. culture. We tend to believe that we are autonomous individuals who only become related when we choose to. As believers, we know that this is fiction, although this notion is still popular in the U.S. despite the lessons we should have learned from the downturn in the global economy.

What is our self-interest? Our self-interest is to look outward to the young, the poor, and the needy not only from a faith perspective but also from point of the view of a village with a vibrant future. As Christ's disciples we must work together and not look at the parish as several groups, each competing and seeking its own agenda.

Our annual Gala is a wonderful example of the partnership that exists here. Of course, there is always room for improvement. I encourage everyone to move out of their comfort zone and cross over to another segment of parish life. I think you'll be surprised to discover people very much like yourself.

Finally, during these challenging times, please remember the old adage, "The family that prays together, stays together." It's true. Take time to pray as a family and make an effort to attend Sunday Mass as a family.

Sincerely,
Father Mike Meany

To view this week's parish bulletin, which contains the annual report, please click here:
<http://www.sjbrebeuf.org/bulletins>

Events:

Sunday, 01/27 -- 9:00 am Family Mass

- SJB Open House (10:00 am-12:00 pm)
- "Shoot the Puck Contest" with Skates
- Students should wear their uniforms

Monday, 01/28 -- "Learn"

"Student Appreciation Day"

Students may wear their favorite sports wear with jeans, khakis, or school pants

Tuesday, 01/29 -- "Succeed"

"National Appreciation Day"

Wear SJB spirit wear, with jeans, khakis, or school pants, for school appreciation.

Wednesday, 01/30 -- “Serve”

‘Community Volunteer Day’-

Dress to represent your future vocation/career or the college of your choice.

Thursday, 01/31 -- “Lead”

“Teacher and Faculty Appreciation Day”

Students wear their teacher’s favorite color with jeans, khakis, or school pants.

Friday, 02/01 -- “Faith”

“Vocations Day”

Students wear read clothing, with jeans, khakis, or school pants, for an all-school photo that will be sent to Cardinal Cupich to show our appreciation.

Announcements:



Join the Booster Club -- An email went out inviting all families to join the SJB Athletic Board Booster Club. Please consider joining! Click [here](#) to download the form.



Daddy- Daughter Dance -- The St. John Brebeuf P/SA will be hosting this unforgettable night on Saturday, February 2, 2019 in the Parish Ministry Center. The dance will be from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm. Please RSVP by January 28, 2019 via SJB or the Parish Office. Click [here](#) for more information.



Mommy and Son Night -- Moms, grab your boys for a night of basketball excitement! Watch the Notre Dame Dons play Benet Academy on Saturday, February 2nd. Mom/Son Night T-Shirt and Admission is included in the cost. Click [here](#) for more information.

From SJB Youth Ministry -- ATTENTION 7th AND 8th GRADERS:

Any 7th or 8th graders interested in joining the SJB Youth Ministry, please contact our Youth Ministry Office at (847) 966-9815.