

## **SJB School Parent Newsletter 10.5.18**

Dear SJB Families,

Thank you for a successful round of conferences! Your participation in your child's education helps your child learn and achieve at a higher rate. Please know that you can schedule a conference at any time during the year with your child's teacher.

We will begin the ACT interim testing next week in grades 3-8. The purpose of this interim test is to ascertain what your child knows and to give us a starting point to monitor growth. We will have one more interim test in the winter. Our ACT summative test will be in the spring, closer to the end of the school year.

We received the final necessary signature from the Archdiocese for our playground! The Arch is currently working with the playground company to set the date for beginning installation.

We love parent volunteers and chaperones! Please make sure that you are VIRTUS trained and have completed the appropriate paperwork. All volunteers and chaperones MUST be VIRTUS trained before we can accept your participation. Let us know if you have any questions.

Blessings,  
Dr. Maloney  
Principal

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Dear Parishioners,

You are good people. You are people of faith who are once again facing the news of more abuse and the unconscionable manner in which the abuse was handled. Undoubtedly, the revelations of past misconduct will continued to be brought into the light over the future months and perhaps years.

The Catholic Church carries a heavy burden of guilt and betrayal due to the failures of individuals and the systematic cover ups by its leaders. Many of you are filled with feelings of shame and horror as each week we learn of more horrible acts by priests and their superiors.

In times like these we must be careful not to over spiritualize or compartmentalize these

despicable events. Even well-intentioned spirituality cannot remove us from heart-wrenching tragedy that is before us.

However, even with this in mind, we need to remain hopeful. It is only with hope that we can bring about renewal and systematic transformation. Hope breaks through the darkness and leads us to discover the presence of Christ in a broken world.

In this context, I present to you this past year's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. These continuing unfolding events in the church, coupled with the uncertainty that we face in the present political and cultural climate, weigh us down to new lows. We can't escape these realities which make people pause or outright reject the parish and its mission. When people turn away from the church and their faith, which is very understandable, the parish as a body becomes stagnant and even falls behind our desired goals.

At St. John Brebeuf Parish we are not trying to minimize or run from these realities. Instead, we try each day to deepen our belief that the mystery of God's love is active and alive in so many ways in this local community. Sin and evil are real but so, too, are love and mercy which many of you exemplify each day as you go about your ministry here in the parish and in your daily lives.

Please review the annual report. The time, talents, and treasures that you continue to provide bring hope and new life to so many. You are each messengers of God's risen life.

Let's continue to journey together, building community, serving and praying for one another, transforming our broken world and church.

May God Bless you and all your loved ones.

Father Mike Meany  
Pastor

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

To read the parish "Weekender" email, please click here:

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## **Events:**

**Monday, 10/8 -- Columbus Day, No School**

**Tuesday, 10/9** -- ACT Interim Test window begins; Coffee with the Principal, 8:15 am - 9:00 am; Shadow Day for 8th Grade students at Notre Dame & Resurrection; last session of Junior Jaguars soccer 4:30-5:45

**Thursday, 10/11** -- All School Mass, 8:30 am; Picture Day

**Friday, 10/12** -- Walkathon with Pizza Day

**Saturday, 10/13** -- Trunk-or-Treat

**Sunday, 10/14** -- Scout Mass, 9 am

**Monday, 10/15** -- Confirmation Meeting for 8th grade Parents and Students, 6:00 pm, PMC

**Wednesday, 10/17** -- Dress in Orange, Purple, and Black for \$1

**Thursday, 10/18** -- Hot Dog Day (note, orders must be turned in by Tuesday, 10/16); All-School Mass, 8:30 am

**Friday, 10/19** -- ACT Interim Test window ends; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade field trip to Marriott Theater

**Sunday, 10/21** -- Presentation of Confirmation Candidates, 10:45 am Mass

**Monday, 10/22-Friday, 10/26** -- Red Ribbon Week

## **Announcements**

**Trunk-or-Treat is coming!** See the flyer and details here: [www.sjbrebeuf.org/psa](http://www.sjbrebeuf.org/psa)

**Walkathon** -- All the forms for Walkathon can be found here: [www.sjbrebeuf.org/athletics](http://www.sjbrebeuf.org/athletics). Our goal is 100% participation, so please sign up today!

**Gala** -- Would your employer, or perhaps a business you love, like to donate to Gala? Letters to local businesses are ready, and we would love to give you one. Gala volunteers are still needed. If interested, please contact Alison Selivon at

[designsbyalison@yahoo.com](mailto:designsbyalison@yahoo.com). And, Gala invitations have gone out! Please be sure to make your reservations right away -- and purchase your raffle tickets!! The link is here: [www.sjbschool.org/gala](http://www.sjbschool.org/gala).

**Choir has begun, and you can still sign up!** Please see the updated information on the website. This year there is a new choir for Polish-speaking children as well! Forms are available from Mrs. Fair, the choir director. <http://www.sjbschool.org/music>

**Do you have a child who is 2 or 3 years old?** Our Jumping Jaguars program for young children will begin soon. This year the program will be on Thursdays from 8:30-9:30 am in the school. Look for information soon, and be sure to share it with your friends and neighbors!

**From SJB Youth Ministry – ATTENTION 7<sup>th</sup> AND 8<sup>th</sup> GRADERS:**

- 1) The next LifeTeen Mass/Life Night is coming up on Sunday, Oct. 7. All 7th and 8th graders are invited to attend the LifeTeen Mass at 6:00 pm in church, followed by Life Night fun from 7-9 pm in the Youth Ministry Office. Please contact our Parish Office or Fr. Przemek if you have questions, [przemyslaw.tomczyk88@gmail.com](mailto:przemyslaw.tomczyk88@gmail.com).
- 2) SJB YOUTH MINISTRY is changing leadership. Mrs. Perez retired at the end of August. There will be a transition team, and Mrs. Perez will be involved with a smooth transition. Please contact our Parish Office at 847-966-8145 if you have any questions.

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