



ST. JOHN BREBEUF SCHOOL

SJB SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER 11.20.18



Dear SJB Families,

You are receiving this newsletter early due to the Thanksgiving holiday. School will be closed on Wednesday, November 21st and resume on Monday, November 26.

Our middle school students made a difference this week. They participated in packing nutritious food for *Feed My Starving Children*. Thank you to the parents who chaperoned the event!!

Students whose parents purchased **out of uniform passes during**

Gala will receive those passes next week. Students may redeem the passes on any Fridays they wish, and wear their SJB spirit wear.

Reminder- Students should not be in the PMC before school, as there is no supervision provided there. Starting on Monday, November 26, any students found in the PMC

before 8:00 will be sent to our Extended Day program to receive appropriate supervision. Please let me know if you have any questions about this.

It is cold outside! Students should wear winter coats, hats, gloves, and appropriate footwear. Pajama pants should be worn under skirts during transitions from outside to inside, as well as outdoor recess. We will go outside as often as we can before the weather turns bitter cold.

SJB Volleyball registration is now open! Please visit our website to register your child. Payment can be sent to your child's home room in an envelope labeled "volleyball". Deadline to register is Monday, November 26th. Please contact Heather Tarjan htarjan@gmail.com with any questions.

Our school **Family Mass** is Sunday, November 25 at 9:00. *Students who attend will receive a spirit wear pass AND will have dessert at lunch with Dr. Maloney during lunch next week!*

I am thankful for our wonderful sense of community and for the way we all come together to work for what is best for our students. I appreciate our shared mission of living and modeling Christ's message, and helping our students do the same. I am thankful for all of you!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

Blessings,

Dr. Maloney
Principal

Dear Parishioners,

Sometimes, even though we plan on life-long happy relationships, things can change. Divorce or separation is never part of anyone's life plan. Marriage is intended to last a lifetime, and when it begins to fall apart couples experience intense grief over the loss.

Our parish offers a program called “Retrouvaille,” a French word meaning "rediscovery" or "the finding again." It is specially created for couples with marital problems that want help. Those who are struggling in marriage, in the process of separation, and those who are already separated or divorced are encouraged to consider the Retrouvaille Program.

We are blessed to have a young couple from our parish who lead our Retrouvaille program. Cathy and Chris Van Treese are the parents of three young children, and Cathy is the 8th grade teacher at our parish school.

Retrouvaille is a peer-led ministry, meaning that Chris, Cathy, and others who help are volunteers who work shoulder to shoulder to help hurting couples work toward healing their marriages. Each volunteer couple dedicates their time to Retrouvaille because they have been that hurting couple at some point in their relationship.

Couples do not all arrive at Retrouvaille at the same point in their relationships. Some couples come during the first signs of a marriage problem. Others are in a state of despair and hopelessness. It is common for lawyers and judges send couples to Retrouvaille as a prerequisite for filing for divorce or rendering final decisions. Marriage counselors and family therapists also send their clients to the program, which teaches tools of communication that couples need.

Retrouvaille begins with a weekend program that teaches couples a new way to communicate with one another. At St. John Brebeuf, the weekend is followed by six weeks of post-sessions held in Flanagan Hall that delve deeper into specific topics.

The next Retrouvaille in Chicago weekend program is Friday, December 7th through Sunday, December 9th. For additional information, couples can log onto the Retrouvaille website at www.helpourmarriage.org or by calling Retrouvaille of Chicago at 224-534-9235. Parishioners can also see a flyer in this week's bulletin for information on how to contact Chris and Cathy Van Treese.

Please help spread the word about this program that offers so much to couples in our parish and community, and please pray for all the couples in our parish that their commitment to each other can remain strong despite the many difficulties they may face.

Peace,
Fr. Michael Meany

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

Events:

Wednesday, 11/21-Friday, 11/23 -- No School - Thanksgiving Break

Sunday, 11/25 -- 9:00 am Family Mass

Monday, 11/26-- School Resumes

Tuesday, 11/27-- Report Cards go home

Announcements

Join the Booster Club -- An email went out inviting all families to join the SJB Athletic Board Booster Club. Please consider joining!

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. Please share the news with your friends and neighbors!

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.

Loyola Academy Ramblerettes

The Loyola Academy Ramblerettes are hosting by popular demand -- Santa's Dance Workshop. Now is your chance for your daughter to dance with the Ramblerettes! 3rd - 8th grade area girls are invited for the fun, Tuesday, December 11, 2018! Check in begins at 4:00!

Questions about the event or Ramblerettes, please contact Cindy McLean at cmclean@loy.org or at 847-920-2454 for more information. Click [here](#) for the flyer.