

SJB School Parent Newsletter 9.14.18

Dear SJB Families,

We are looking forward to our Grandparents/Special Persons Day on September 27th! Please look for the information in your child's folder for details.

Safety update: Thank you for remembering to follow our parking lot procedures! Please remember that if you need to pick up your child before dismissal, that parents must wait in the area by the office. Please do not wait by the safety doors.

Playground update: The Archdiocese is in the final phase of approving the contractor who will be installing the playground equipment. I will continue to keep you updated regarding this progress!

We have updated the parent handbook on pages 22 and 23. Please make sure to review uniform expectations with your child and check the clarifications regarding hair accessories and socks. I will conduct uniform checks next week.

I want to inform you that our music and art teacher, Ms. Castaldi, will be moving on. We are so very sorry to see her go! Thank you, Ms. Castaldi, for everything you have done for our students.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Blessings,
Dr. Maloney
Principal

Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to one and all! For more that 65 years we have strived to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Without your support, St. John Brebeuf Parish all of our wonderful ministries would not be possible!

The Church has always valued the importance of enlightened faith and a sound mind. The more we come to know our faith, the better it can resound within us and move us to put it into practice. Faith is a gift from God that needs nurturing. The aim of catechesis, prayer (private and communal), and service is to put people not only in touch but in communion, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ.

During this time of celebration, we recall the Acts of Apostles where we learn about Baptism in the early church. While even though the church was still at its infancy, just like today, some people were baptized because they had made a personal decision to become Christian and others because they were born into Christian families. Both cases show something fundamental about what it means to be baptized. Faith is both a gift and also something we must embrace in a free decision.

St. John Brebeuf Parish, its School, Religious Education Program, and all the wonderful ministries help each one of us recognize this gift of God's love and gives us the ability to embrace it freely. Our goal and mission is to lay the foundation or "tools for the trade" in order that the Catholic faith may grow whether we are five or fifty years old. The parish efforts to form disciples center across six tasks: knowledge of the faith; liturgical life; moral formation; prayer; communal life; and missionary spirit.

Discipleship requires discipline, prayer and good mentoring. We are thankful for our parents who recognize the gift of God's love in their own life and desire to share their conviction that we are all made for God's service.

Come celebrate this gift of faith next Saturday at the 5 pm mass! Gather with friends and family as we remember 65 years of blessings.

I'm grateful for all you do to make God present in the world. I'm grateful for all your prayers and personal support. You're good people! May God Bless you and yours!

Happy 65th Anniversary!

Peace,
Father Mike Meany
Pastor

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

Events:

Friday, 9/21 -- No School, Professional Development Day

Saturday, 9/22 -- SJB Parish 65th Anniversary Celebration, beginning with bilingual Mass at 5 pm followed by a dinner dance in the PMC. Tickets for the dinner dance are \$65 per person, available at the parish office through Monday, 9/17/18.

Sunday, 9/23 -- SJB School Family Mass, 9 am in church, followed by hospitality in Room C of PMC hosted by the Athletic Board. All students and parents are encouraged to attend.

Monday, 9/24 -- Catholic High School Fair, all 6th-8th grade parents and students encouraged to attend, Room A of PMC, 7-8 pm

Tuesday, 9/25 -- Turn in Uncle Pete's Ministry Sack Dinners at morning drop-off

Wednesday, 9/26 -- Regina Dominican High School Shadow Day for 8th grade girls

Thursday, 9/27 -- Grandparents' Day (see information below); All School Mass, 8:30 am

Monday, 10/1 -- School Advisory Board Meeting, 7 pm

Wednesday, 10/3 -- P/SA General Meeting, 7 pm

Thursday, 10/4 -- All School Mass, 8:30 am; Parent-Teacher Conferences, 3:30-6:30 pm

Friday, 10/5 -- Spirit Wear Day; 12 pm dismissal, Parent-Teacher Conferences, 1-4 pm

Save the Date: SJB Trunk-or-Treat, Saturday, October 13 -- Watch for details soon!

Announcements

Grandparents Day is Coming! -- The event will begin at 8:30 am mass, followed by a special reception on the Parish Ministry Center. Information was sent home this week, and the information slip is on the website here: www.sjbrebeuf.org/whatsnew

Gala -- Would your employer, or perhaps a business you love, like to donate to Gala? Letters to local businesses are hot off the press, and we would love to give you one. Also, Gala volunteers are still needed. If interested, please contact Alison Selivon at designsbyalison@yahoo.com.

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>

Hospitality after this Weekend's Masses, and Wrapped In God's Love Fleece Blanket Project -- The St. John Brebeuf Parish Council is launching the Wrapped in God's Love Fleece Blanket project. This will be a parish-wide project. The hope is that all parishioners from all ministries (including the school) will participate. The goal is to provide hope and kindness to many parishioners who are alone, homebound, grieving the loss of a loved one, dealing with illness, or struggling with life's difficulties by giving them a homemade Wrapped in God's Love fleece blanket. The blankets are easy to make and can be a fun family project. Please look for information in upcoming parish bulletins, as well as announcements at all masses and at the hospitality tents the weekend of September 15-16 to learn more.

Knights of Columbus is holding their 2018 Tootsie Roll Bars Campaign. \$8 per pack of 50, \$48 per case of 300. Tootsie Roll Banks are \$2 per bank, \$48 per case of 24. For information or purchase contact Sam Furlan at 773-744-2513.

From SJB Youth Ministry – ATTENTION 7th AND 8th 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.
- 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.
- 3) The next open room is

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