



# CARDINAL NEWS

StJB Parents Newsletter

August 21, 2022

## MEET OUR NEW STJB TEACHERS



**Mrs. Melinda Hagerbaumer**  
4th Grade Teacher



**Mr. Kegan Ehlers**  
6th Grade Homeroom Teacher/  
Middle School Teacher/  
Computer Technology Coordinator

## Home and School Welcomes New Cardinal Families!



*Photo credit: Nicolette Kerns*

Kindergarten families and those who are new to STJB found a surprise in their yard last week! The STJB Home and School Association, a volunteer organization made-up of STJB parents, welcomed new students and families to our school community with a fun "Cardinal Pride" yard sign.

Dear St. John the Baptist Families,

It is an honor to introduce myself as the new Principal of St. John the Baptist School and to join this extraordinary community. I hope this note finds you enjoying the memories of many rejuvenating days of summer and that you and your children are looking forward to a wonderful school year. I can assure you that I share in this school community's commitment to caring for your children each and every day while providing them a world-class Catholic learning environment.

I arrive at St. John the Baptist as a seasoned principal. In addition to my role as an educator, I am also a wife, mother and grandmother. My three grandchildren attend St. Joseph School in Lincoln.

Since graduating from the University of Nebraska, I have served the Lincoln Diocese as a specialist in reading, math and tests /measurements.

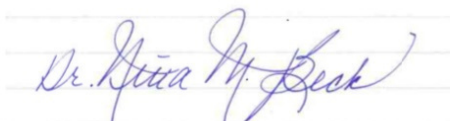
It is my position as an elementary school Principal that provided the opportunity to work collaboratively with teachers on a daily basis, while also remaining connected to young students learning and growing in the classroom. I firmly believe that every child can excel and that the partnership between home and school builds confidence in students to use their powers to shape their future of our Community, Church and Nation.

My conversations with faculty, staff and families over the last few weeks have brought many privileged insights into the core beliefs and values that underlie St. John's School. With one of my goals being to continue the tradition of excellence at St. John the Baptist School. ... I am committed to always exploring new ways to meet the needs of all students and to more effectively communicate with parents in our Catholic Community. It is going to be a fantastic school year. A specific hero of mine is St. John Paul II. I would like to share with you something I have quoted many times:

"Not only are the attitudes of teachers crucial for the success of Catholic education but also the attitudes of Catholic parents. Parents must set themselves very definite priorities, such as the determination to have schools in which their children's faith will be respected, fostered and enriched; schools in which their children learn the value and beauty of the Church's teaching. They must also see to it that their own homes are places in which these values are first fostered and lived. Parents' own practice of the faith, their love for Christ, is of course fundamental."

In closing, please know that my door is always open to you. I heartily welcome your conversation and positive input throughout this year. Let us always keep in close touch. I look forward to celebrating our collective successes during the 2022-2023 School Year.

May God Bless Each of You,



Dr. Nina Beck  
Principal



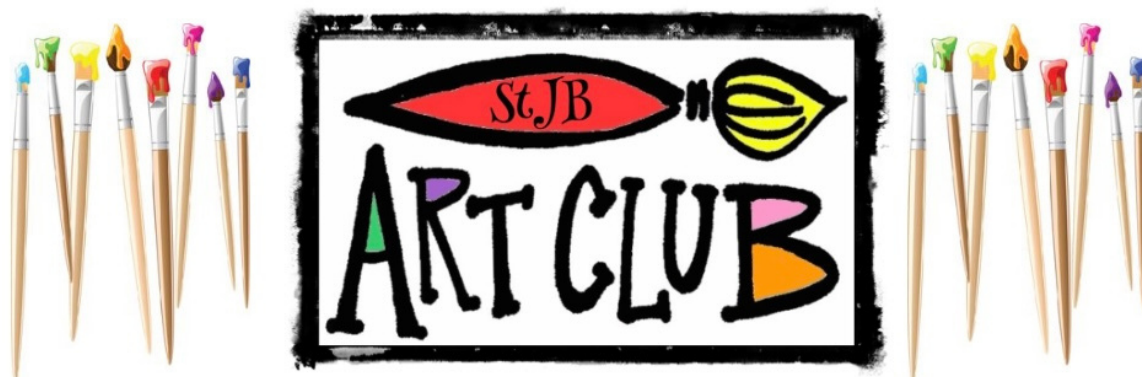
"A grateful heart sees many blessings."



# IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK!!

Three girls are sitting on the large red 'O's of the word 'GOOD'. The girl on the left is wearing a striped shirt and shorts, holding a bowl of ice cream. The girl in the middle is wearing a grey Adidas shirt and colorful leggings, also holding a bowl of ice cream. The girl on the right is wearing a purple and white shirt and shorts, holding a bowl of ice cream. They are all smiling and looking at the camera.

# REGISTRATION NOW UNDERWAY



Calling all Saint John the Baptist art lovers in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade . . . we are excited to offer after school Art Club. Students will be grouped by grade level and will meet weekly for one month (a total of four art classes) each semester. Please see details below.

## First Semester (Tuesdays 3:15-4:00 p.m.)

September - K, 1st, 2nd (primary)  
October - 3rd, 4th, 5th (intermediate)  
November - 6th, 7th, 8th (junior high)

## Second Semester (Tuesdays 3:15-4:00 p.m.)

February - K, 1st, 2nd (primary)  
March - 3rd, 4th, 5th (intermediate)  
April - 6th, 7th, 8th (junior high)

- \* Class size will be limited to 21 students in each age group.
- \* Snacks are welcome; clear drinks, non-messy foods.
- \* \$20 fee will be collected each semester to cover the cost of art supplies.
- \* Students will receive a confirmation letter regarding specific class dates.
- \* Art Club will dismiss promptly at 4:00 p.m.
- \* Enthusiastic, creative, self-disciplined students are welcome.
- \* Preferred communication with parents will be through email.
- \* Art Club participation will be affected by academic probation.



## [Download a registration form here.](#)



# THANK YOU!



Thank you to all the families who attended Back To School Night last Tuesday! A special thanks to the Strategic Planning Student Enrichment Pillar Team, Knights of Columbus and all the volunteers who organized and worked the Ice Cream Social! It was such a fun treat for families!

## STJB GOLF CLASSIC



For the first time in event history, the STJB Golf Classic raised the most funds ever — more than \$16,000 to support our school. This would not have been possible without our 105 golfers, 50 hole sponsors, dinner attendees, raffle supporters, donors and the amazing group of volunteers. A BIG THANK YOU TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WHO ORGANIZE THIS EVENT EVERY YEAR!

## UPCOMING DATES:

**September 5-** Labor Day – No School

**September 6** — First Art Club Meeting (for registered K-2 students)

**September 9** – Harvest Festival – No School (attend the Kiddie Parade at Noon to support our 8th graders and see their amazing float!)

[To view more upcoming dates on the school calendar, click here.](#)

## Parish Bulletin

[Download the August 21st Church Bulletin](#)



Parents: Please be sure to read and return the iPad Acceptable Use Policy Form. Signed forms should be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

## Our Mission

Rooted in our Catholic values and committed to academic excellence, St.

John the Baptist Catholic School is dedicated to forming the whole child — mind, heart and soul.

# IMMEDIATELY **HIRING!**

FULL-TIME PARA PROFESSIONAL  
(1ST GRADE)

**APPLY ONLINE OR CALL  
THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT 402-296-6230**

[www.stjbcatholic.com/join-our-team/](http://www.stjbcatholic.com/join-our-team/)



**Help Inspire Our Future Leaders.**

*"Take a hand, open a mind, touch a heart."*



# INTRODUCING OUR 2022-23 K-8 STJB CLASSES



**8th**

**7th**



**6th**



**5th**







**4th**

**3rd**



**2nd**



**1st**



**Ks**





PLEASE JOIN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

# FALL ROAST BEEF DINNER

ALL ARE WELCOMED!

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND**

**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM | ST. JOHN'S GYM**

500 S. 18th St., Plattsmouth

**Adult Meal - \$12 | Child Meal - \$7**  
(10 years and younger)

ROAST BEEF, MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY,  
CORN, GREEN BEANS, DINNER ROLL &  
APPLE CRISP AND COBBLER

coffee • tea • water

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