



# CARDINAL NEWS

StJB Parents Newsletter

October 17, 2022

## OCTOBER 15

was the last day  
students could wear  
shorts to school.

## DRESS FOR WEATHER

Cold weather is upon us! Please  
send your student with coats,  
hats and gloves. Students can  
always opt to remove items if it  
gets too warm.

## SMILE!!!!



**Smile pretty and dress  
nice! School pictures are  
Friday, October 21st for  
students, faculty and  
staff!**

**Picture order forms will  
come home with  
students.**



*Our Kindergarten and eighth grade students love being buddies.  
The students will get together several times during the school year  
to enjoy activities and conversation.*

## KINDERGARTEN AND 8TH GRADE BUDDIES PROGRAM

Our Buddies Program started several years ago as a way to  
connect our Kindergarten and 8th grade students.

The Buddies Program continues to be a meaningful experience for  
both grade levels, especially during a transitional time for both  
grades. Our eighth graders are in their final year at STJB, and the  
program gives them a chance to reflect on their school years and  
an opportunity to demonstrate leadership.

Our kindergarteners are curious and have many questions for the  
older students. With an eighth grade buddy, our kinder students  
have a role model to look up to and a glimpse into their Cardinal  
future.

The program also builds community. When buddies see each other  
in the halls, they give a high five. When they see each other out in  
the community they say, "Hey. There's my buddy!"



# STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## Parent Volunteers Needed!



Items purchased from the cookie dough fundraiser will deliver Thursday, October 20th. Please make arrangements to pick-up your orders that day. Also, we need assistance with order pick-up. Please consider volunteering to help. Volunteer hours will count toward your required stewardship hours for the school year.

[Click on this link to sign-up to volunteer!](#)

## PARENT VOLUNTEERS IN THE CLASSROOM

WHEN PARENTS  
PITCH IN TO HELP  
TEACHERS, WHO WINS?  
OUR KIDS!



Room parents are needed for each classroom to organize upcoming class parties and assist teachers in other ways. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you can help!

## BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO STJB OCT. 24-27



# MORE STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## ATTENTION STJB PARENTS

Make plans to attend the

**SPRING DINNER AND AUCTION  
PLANNING MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9 | 7:00 PM  
PARISH COMMONS**

Parents are encouraged to give at least FIVE hours of their family's required stewardship hours to the Spring Dinner and Auction. This is the school's largest fundraising event of the year and we need all hands on deck. Please plan on attending the upcoming meeting!

## FAMILY STEWARDSHIP HOURS

St. John the Baptist School believes in the involvement of parents and families in their child's education and school community, and the benefits this involvement brings to all the school families.

In order to ensure that all families share in the commitment to support St. John the Baptist School, each family is required to contribute a minimum of 20 family service hours to assist with school and parish activities each year. Please be sure you are tracking your hours each quarter and turning your forms into the office so that they can be recorded.

[Download a stewardship tracking form here.](#)

The first parent to read this and email Deb-walton@cdolinc.net will win a sweet reward for your student.

## IMPORTANT DATES

October 21 - School Picture Day

October 21 – End 1st Quarter

October 27 – Parent/Teacher Conferences- 12-7 p.m. - No School

October 28 – No School

October 31 - Halloween Parties

November 1 - All Saints Day - No School

November 11 - Veterans Day

[To view or download the 2022-23 school calendar here.](#)

## 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, soul and spirit.



## 21-22 SCHOOL YEARBOOKS

For those who ordered 2021-22 yearbooks: We apologize for the delay in receiving your yearbook! Yearbooks are expected to arrive next month!!



# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

## Week of October 17th



*Congratulations  
Nettie Grundmayer!*



Congratulations to third grader Nettie Grundmayer! Nettie is our Student of the Week and was nominated by her 3rd grade teacher for being polite, kind and always trying her hardest!



### NOMINATED STUDENTS

#### Prek 4

Berkley Scherlie- improvement on class work and behavior!

#### Kindergarten

Kate Hillmer- She does a great job in class working her hardest and trying her best!

#### 1st Grade

Noelle Haller- She has been an amazing help to her classmates with their work!

#### 2nd grade

Henry Schuette- working hard this week on listening/following directions and raising his hand when he would like to say something!

#### 3rd grade

Nettie Grundmayer- She is polite, kind and always tries her hardest!

#### 4th grade

Lucy Schmidt- She works hard, is kind and is always willing to help, and is diligent in her work!

#### 5th grade

Charleigh DeWild- She is always following directions and working without complaining. She thinks about all of our discussions and participates in class!

#### 6th grade

Quinton Minahan- He has been working very hard and staying on task. He is helpful to his classmates!

#### 7th grade

Jack Laney- working hard and using his manners!

#### 8th grade

Brandon O'Shea- Always being positive and helping Mrs. Meisinger with the preschoolers in the mornings in the gym!



# Bye, Bye, Beautiful Butterflies!

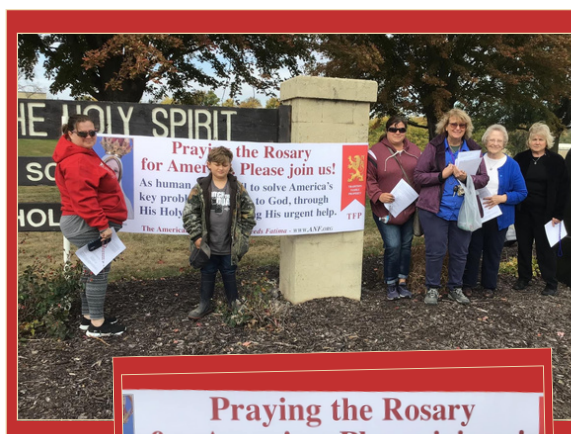


Our 2nd grade class learned about the life cycle of a butterfly! As a science project, the class observed their caterpillars transform into butterflies ... hatching out of their pupas. Last week the students let their butterflies go by releasing them into the garden!

[Watch the video here!](#)



Last week our Kindergarten and 1st grade classes wrote prayers and sent them to heaven.



## Praying the Rosary for America. Please join us!

As human efforts fail to solve America's key problems, we turn to God, through His Holy Mother, asking His urgent help.

The American TFP - America Needs Fatima - [www.ANF.ORG](http://www.ANF.ORG)

Thank you to our Legion of Mary group for praying the rosary for our country. Special thanks to Mrs. Teresa Rolfson for organizing the rosary.



# STJB FAMILY NIGHT OUT!



DELI • PIZZA • ITALIAN  
CHINESE

OR



wahlburgers

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH**  
**3:00-8:00 PM | PLATTSMOUTH LOCATION**

- Must say you are with STJB!
- A portion of all sales will be donated back to the school.

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



**CLICK HERE**  
**TO READ THE**  
**OCT. 17TH**  
**PARISH BULLETIN**

**VIEW LITURGY**  
**ASSIGNMENTS**  
**FOR OCTOBER**  
**HERE**





# CLASSROOM HALL WEEN PARTIES

## OCTOBER 31, 2022

### CLASSROOM PARTY TIMES:

Pre-school parties are in the  
morning (teachers will  
communicate details)

K-5th Grade - 2:00-3:00 PM

Junior High - Appx. 1:00-3:00 PM

Non-Uniform Day

K-5 students will bring costumes.

No face paint, hair color, witches, devils  
or weapons. No masks that cover the  
entire face.



# Grandparents Day 2022







WATCH  
GRANDPARENTS DAY  
PERFORMANCES  
CLICK HERE





# Spotlight on Our Teachers

Teacher Tuesday is a new series that spotlights the teachers at St. John the Baptist. This special feature gives you an opportunity to know each of our teachers a little better and also allows us to recognize them for the amazing people that they are ... and the important work they do everyday developing students by teaching to their minds, their hearts and their soul.

**CLICK HERE - TEACHER SPOTLIGHT SERIES**

## Teacher Tuesday

### SPOTLIGHT Mrs. Sandy Rhoades

7/8th Grade/Junior High Teacher  
Sandy has been a teacher at StJB for 20 years and has been the sponsor of the StJB prayer life for 20 years. Sandy and her husband have been parishioners for 32 years and have three children who graduated from StJB - Kelsey and Olivia.



#### Why are you a teacher at STJB?

Sandy is honored to be able to educate the students in the faith and to help them deepen their relationship with Christ. She wants to bring the faith into all subject areas and to assist the students in their prayer life.

#### Favorite Hobbies:

Sandy loves the outdoors, especially gardening, traveling and hiking the many mountain ranges to her soul as she witnesses the glory of God's creation. She also enjoys watching college and professional football and looks forward to her annual family summer vacation to the country's national parks and hiking.

#### Favorite Saint:

Mother Teresa of Calcutta was one of the saints Sandy admires her spirit of simplicity, sacrifice and provide support to those in need. Sandy's favorite is "The fruit of love is service." This inspires Sandy as she helps the students with numerous school service projects.

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## Teacher Tuesday

### Mrs. Jennifer Ludwig 3rd Grade Teacher

Jennifer has been a teacher at StJB for 10 years. Prior to that, she was a para educator for 14 years and also a substitute teacher. She has four children who graduated from STJB - Matthew, Meredie, MacKenzie and Kennedy. Two of her children are currently students at STJB - Joshua and Kensley Mae.



#### Why are you a teacher at STJB?

STJB is like a second family. Working with children and families has always been a passion of mine since she was very young. Why pick a Catholic school some might ask and her answer to that is because of the quality education we are able to instill in the children not only academically but also in faith. She teaches here for these reasons and many more. The support from the families is amazing, the students want to be there, and the staff genuinely care.

#### Favorite Hobbies:

Jennifer enjoys spending time with her family - they are her world. She enjoys watching activities they participate in, swimming, going to the zoo, and just being together.

#### Favorite Saint:

Saint Joseph is her favorite saint. He is such a role model for how all children are important and need to be cared for. He shows and guides her in the way of caring not only for the children who are placed in her home to be cared for but also the students who are entrusted to her everyday. He is a hard worker, compassionate, and loving all traits which she hopes to emulate to the best of her ability with his guidance and direction.



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