



ENTER OUR DRAWING TO WIN!

We invite you to take a moment and leave your testimonial of how STJB has made a difference in your family's life.

Testimonials received from now until Nov. 19 will be entered into a raffle to win a free Cardinals t-shirt! The drawing will take place on Saturday, Nov. 19th and the winner will be announced in the next issue of Cardinal News!

Thank you for helping us tell the wonderful story of how a Catholic education at StJB is making a difference everyday!

[CLICK HERE TO SHARE YOUR TESTIMONIAL!](#)

DISCOVER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

The National Catholic Education Association has launched a new initiative to highlight Catholic schools. Discover Catholic Schools Week is Nov. 13-19 and is designed to heighten Catholic schools in the fall prior to admission activities after the first of the year.

Now, more than ever, the world needs what Catholic schools have to offer... and families in our community need St. John the Baptist School. What makes a STJB so special? Among the many reasons are high standards, moral foundation, and the positive/compassionate environment that our society needs right now.



Discover the Difference...

DISCOVER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. John's guided me to develop life long skills and prepared me, academically, for success in high school. I look forward to my own children gaining these same skills from some of the same educators as myself in a faith based setting.

-Kenneth Kerns '02



One easy way you can be a part of this effort is by telling your story. We invite you to take a moment and leave your testimonial of how STJB has made a difference in your family's life. Testimonials received from now until Nov. 19 will be entered into a raffle to win a free Cardinals tshirt!

[Discover the difference StJB makes in the lives of our families HERE.](#)

This is an opportune time for all of us to showcase to others in our community WHY a Catholic education is important and the many reasons why families in our community should consider sending their children to StJB!

LEAVE A TESTIMONIAL

Greetings from Dr. Beck



Dear Parents,

Very Special Greetings! One of the most impressive things I see and hear about every day is the emphasis all of you place on evangelizing at home!

Some of the wonderful things I hear about each day are:

*Attending Mass together as a family. Some of the students even visit about the homily they heard.

*Families pray together, especially the rosary. Our students know their prayers so well...both teachers and parents do such a spectacular job teaching prayers. Your children talk about seeing you pray at home...particularly during difficult times.

*The children talk about Christian heroes that are discussed at home. BRAVO for our Parents!!! Yesterday, a Little One suggested to me that we give time, talent or money to people in need. "Even if the person is not being very nice...we should give!" Be still my heart...This is wonderful.

*Our children see parents living their Catholic Faith daily through your words and actions with them and others. Believe me, your example will go so much farther than your words.

*Parents give our children an understanding of God's Divine Mercy by believing it and practicing it at home. Writing this down, gives me such incredible hope for our beautiful childrenand for their incredible parents. God Bless each of you.

Respectfully,
Dr. Nina Beck
Principal

DRESS FOR COLD 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.



FLU AND COLD SEASON

To protect the health of children and staff, students who are sick with any illness need to be kept home from school.

Students should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. Students who are sent home during the school day with a fever will not be allowed to return to school the next day as this would not allow for the 24 hour protection of the entire school community.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Week of November 14th



STUDENT OF THE WEEK
2022-23

Congratulations
HAYDEN GROSHANS
1ST GRADE

Celebrating the academic achievements and superior Catholic values of our STJB students.



*Congratulations
Hayden Groshans!*

Congratulations Hayden Groshans! He is our Student of the Week.

He was nominated by his teacher for being a great friend and a great example to his classmates on how to behave!



NOMINATED STUDENTS

Prek 4

Greyson McGraw- He has improved on his class work and he is a good friend to others!

Kindergarten

Kate Hillmer- She has been a great helper in the classroom and working so hard on her work!

1st grade

Hayden Groshans- He has been a great friend and a great example to his classmates on how to behave!

2nd grade

Olivia Sanchez- She works hard and turns her homework in on time. She does a great job of participating in Mass!

3rd grade

Finnegan Minahan- He has been working hard on his competitiveness on the playground and in P.E. class. HE is a hard worker and is task oriented in the classroom!

4th grade

Andrew Lorence- He listen well, is kind, and self-motivated with his school work!

5th grade

Aaron Scherlie- He has been participating well especially in math. He has also been very excited about serving at Mass!

6th grade

Genevieve Bourret- Genevieve's welcoming way sets a great example to others. She is kind, charitable, and honest. She is always willing to take on extra tasks!

7th grade

Pierson Benedict- He has been a great helper and leader, while participating in StJB fit club!

8th grade

Colin Wuelling- He has been a great role model and helper, while participating in StJB fit club!





This week the parish kicked off its annual “stewardship of treasure.” Fr. Timmerman asks all parish school families to prayerfully fill out and return their pledge to the parish office.

To read more about Stewardship of Treasure, and to download a copy of the pledge card and automatic deposit form, click on the link below

[Learn more about Stewardship of Treasure here.](#)

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



[CLICK HERE
TO READ THE
NOVEMBER 13th
PARISH BULLETIN](#)

[VIEW LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS
FOR NOVEMBER HERE](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

November 13-16 - Discover Catholic Schools Week (national awareness week)

November 14 - 5th-8th Grade at Lourdes One Act Matinee in morning

November 17 - Lourdes Central Catholic visits 5th-8th Grade in the morning to talk about “Life as Knight in High School”

November 18 - Early Dismissal at 1:00 PM (Staff Meeting)

November 18 - Mid quarter

November 23 – 27 – Thanksgiving Break

December 1 — Picture Re-Take Day

December 8 — Immaculate Conception– Holy Day- No School

December 13 — PreK-2nd Grade Christmas Concert at 7 pm

December 14 — 3rd-8th Grade Christmas Concert at 7 pm

December 16— Early Dismissal at 1:00 PM (Staff Meeting)

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

**EARLY DISMISSAL
THIS FRIDAY @
1 PM!**



STJB FAMILY NIGHT OUT



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH
3:00-9:00 PM

✓ DINE IN OR CARRY OUT

✓ MENTION STJB WHEN YOU ORDER

✓ A PORTION OF ALL SALES WILL BE DONATED TO STJB!





SPIRIT STORE



JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS
STORE CLOSES NOV. 24th

CLICK HERE TO SHOP SPIRIT WEAR



STUDENT COUNCIL **SERVICE PROJECT**

**DONATE NEW OR GENTLY USED ITEMS TO HELP
THE HOMELESS STAY WARM THIS WINTER!**

SUGGESTED ITEMS:

**SOCKS | HOODIES | HATS | GLOVES AND MITTENS
LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRTS | BLANKETS**

**ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN
STJB CLASSROOMS FROM
NOW UNTIL DECEMBER 2ND.**



COMING SOON



RAISE DAYS

Formerly ThankScriping Day

NOV 17 - 18

Our biggest eGift card bonus event of the year!

Mark your calendar—Raise Days is back with 150+ bonuses. Participants can stockup for all their holiday shopping and earn even more.

THINGS TO KNOW:

- Bonuses apply exclusively to eGift cards and reloaded gift cards
- Participants must have an online account to participate

**Participants can plan ahead with a sneak peek of all brands
on bonus-available Wednesday, Nov 16.**

EARN MONEY FOR THE STJB!

For every gift card purchased, the school and parish receive earnings up to 20% from the gift card brand you are purchasing. To order gift cards, complete an order form (see forms page of school website for order form) with your payment to the school office by Monday at 10:00am. Cards are ready the following Thursday afternoon and sent home in your student's backpack.

Questions? Contact Noni Thiesen at the rectory, Noni-Thiesen@cdolinc.net.

2023

T-BALL, BASEBALL, AND SOFTBALL REGISTRATION!

[TO REGISTER, CLICK HERE](#)

REGISTRATION CHECKS CAN BE
SUBMITTED TO MRS. TILSON IN
THE ST. JOHN'S FRONT OFFICE OR
MAILED TO THE ADDRESS LISTED
ON THE FORM



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. Debi Baumert
Art Teacher

Debi has been teaching art at StJB for 13 years. Prior to STJB she taught for 10 years at St. Wenceslaus Elementary in Omaha (1st grade and 3rd grade). She and her family have been parishioners at CHS for 17 years. All four of her children graduated from StJB; Sam '14; Libby '16; Max '17 and Henry '21.

Why are you a teacher at STJB?

I teach at StJB for many reasons! I love being Catholic and being part of the formation of children's love for their faith. I love sharing art with children . . . lots of wonderful moments of discovery happen during our art time.

Favorite Hobbies:

I have several activities and hobbies that fill my spare time; spending time with friends and family, traveling, hiking, gardening, creating art, entertaining guests and most things water- sports related.

Favorite Saint:

My favorite Saint is Saint Teresa of Calcutta. Her quote, "You are a pencil in the hand of God" is not only a favorite but guides me as I lead, inspire, teach and model for children as I share my love of art with them in the classroom.

 "You are a pencil in the hand of God."
-St. Teresa

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Teacher Tuesday

SPOTLIGHT



Mr. Grayson McGregor
Music and Band Teacher

Following graduation from the University of Nebraska Lincoln, Grayson joined STJB. He has been the Music and Band Teacher for two years.

Why are you a teacher at STJB?

I enjoy getting to make a joyful noise with our students each day. Seeing them create music and discover new sounds brightens my day- I love to see their "aha!" moments. The St. John's students are so kind and thoughtful, and I feel lucky to get to spend my day making music with them. My colleagues are so supportive and offer great advice, as well!

Favorite Hobbies:

In my free time I enjoy trivia nights with my friends, going on walks, exploring local coffee shops, and making music of course! I recently started learning to play the bagpipes after inheriting them from my grandfather. It is always fun to learn something new!

Favorite Saint:

My favorite Saint is Saint Hildegard von Bingen. She was committed to exploring God's natural creations and would frequently write about nature and medicine. She also was a composer and composed around 40 sacred works. I admire her dedication to serving the Lord through the arts, as well as the sciences. I learned about her in a Music History class in college and it fascinates me how her words are still impactful and inspiring centuries later. There is even a musical written about her life called "In the Green!" 

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St. John's School
500 18th St
Plattsmouth, Ne

7th Annual craft/vendor fair

Nov 19
10-2



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WHO WE ARE

- Only elementary Catholic school in Cass County
- Open to students of all faiths from Pre-K to 8th grade
- High-value education with lower tuition cost than surrounding Catholic schools
- Tuition assistance and scholarships programs are available for all families
- Parents, alumni, parishioners and the community invest in our school
- Extended child care services available after school
- Established in 1884



FAITH LIFE

- Focus on individual spiritual growth
- Emphasis on prayer and the teachings of Christ
- Participation in the Sacraments through daily Mass and monthly confessions
- Numerous community service projects and servant leadership opportunities for students
- Religious teachers include two priests and visiting sisters
- "Christian Attitude" annual recognition and awards for students



OUR MISSION & VISION

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.

Vision: We develop life-long learners, who upon graduation, are academically prepared for high school education, grounded in their faith, balanced physically, spiritually, emotionally and socially, and actively engaged as servant leaders who use their gifts to help others know God.



ENRICHMENT/ACTIVITIES

- Vibrant student life with many activities for students
- After school clubs include Art Club, Fit Club, Children's Choir, Legion of Mary, Ukulele Club
- Cardinal Athletics program - girls volleyball, boys and girls basketball (grades 3-8)
- Cooperative sports with Plattsmouth Middle School - football, wrestling and track
- Student Council organization for students in 5-8th grade
- Numerous volunteer and stewardship opportunities for families and students



ACADEMICS

- Rich tradition of academic excellence
- Curriculum follows the guidelines of the Nebraska Department of Education and Lincoln Diocese
- Student/Teacher Ratio 16:1
- Students' test scores consistently outperform the national average in all subjects
- More than 200+ years of combined teacher experience
- Students earn recognition for academic achievements in local and state contests - National History Day, Science Fair, Geography Bee and contests in speech, poetry and art



ADMISSION

We are happy to have the privilege of helping your student grow in academics, character, responsibility, friendship and faith. We offer a nurturing and safe learning environment for all students. The best way to experience St. John the Baptist is to visit our school.

SCHEDULE A VISIT TODAY!

To learn more about our school, or to schedule a tour, contact us at stjbcatholic.com or 402.296.6230.

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY!

