



## Junior High Honor Roll - Q2

### 6th Grade "A" Honor Roll

Harper Gillen  
Emma Ging

### 6th Grade "B" Honor Roll

Ashton Carpenter  
Quinton Minahan  
Brayden Owens  
Genevieve Bourret  
Lucas Daly  
Matthew Lorence

### 7th Grade "A" Honor Roll

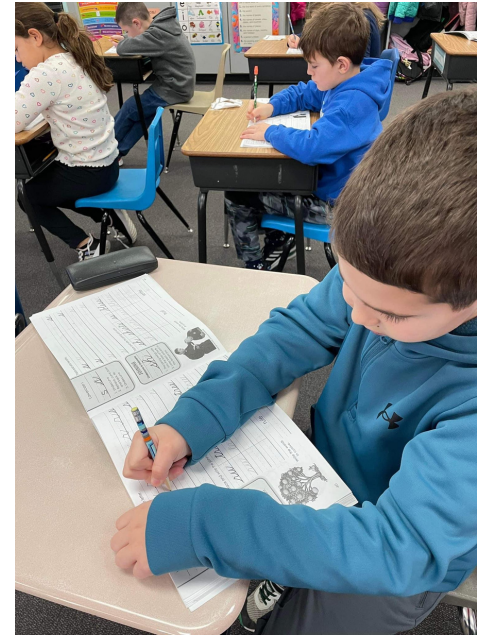
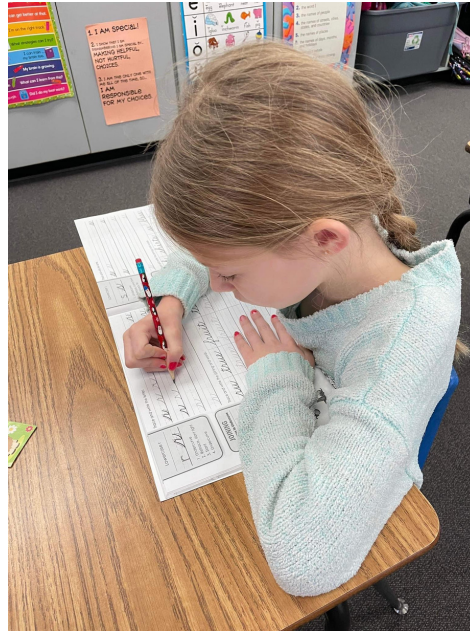
Jack Laney  
Brady Thomas  
Luke Jensen  
Landon VanErdewyk

### 7th Grade "B" Honor Roll

Deegan Milczski  
Ryder Milczski  
Isaac Bourret  
Deacon Finn  
Bodie Bronson

### 8th Grade "B" Honor Roll

Jaxon Sharp  
Justin Barnes



## STJB TEACHES 2ND GRADERS IMPORTANT LIFE SKILL

While cursive handwriting is no longer a part of the curriculum for many schools, it still plays an important role at our Catholic school! In fact, students in 2nd grade are still learning to write the entire alphabet in cursive ... and are now working on writing the letter R

At STJB, we see the value in cursive handwriting and believe it's an important life skill needed for reading, writing and language. We also believe it's more critical today because of the influence that digital devices are having on our children. Cursive handwriting requires students to slow down and engage in a deliberate process. Research has shown that children who know how to do basic handwriting have an expanded vocabulary and even spell better (no device to spell check for you). It's also an important component of brain development because it activates both hemispheres of the brain.

# TASTE OF GREECE



Last week our 6th graders celebrated Ancient Greek and Roman civilizations by enjoying a Greek and Roman Festival!

They had Greek food that included gyros, pastichio, hummus, and baklava. The festival was a conclusion of their studies of the two cultures. The class also performed Aesop's Fables and shared information about characters from Greek and Roman mythology.

## Catholic students in Lincoln fared well during pandemic, according to analysis of test scores

Recent news about how much learning U.S. students missed during COVID Pandemic has re-ignited a national conversation about education. Learn how the Diocese of Lincoln Catholic Schools, and St. John the Baptist School are bucking this national trend.

**[Click here to read the Lincoln Journal Star article from Dec. 20, 2022.](#)**

# ROCK YOUR SOCKS OFF



From now until January 31st, you can take part in our Rock Your Socks Off Fundraiser! Each pack of 3 socks is \$32. Plus, when you purchase a pack of 3 socks, you can select a STJB student to give an extra pair of socks to!

Funds raised from socks sales will help us purchase a xylophone and a few tubano drums for the STJB Music Program.

When purchasing socks on the website, you will also see a student leaderboard where you can choose a student to support when you order.

**To purchase socks, click on this link or scan the QR code.**



Monetary donations are also accepted. Make checks payable to St. John the Baptist and in the memo please write, "donation to music program." Checks can be dropped off at the school office.



# **FRIENDS & FAMILY DINNER NIGHT OUT**

## **@DJ's DUGOUT**

**2405 OAK HILL ROAD, PLATTSMOUTH**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17TH  
4:00-9:00PM**

**Tell them you are with STJB!**



**A PORTION OF ALL SALES WILL BE  
DONATED TO STJB.**

*Thank you for supporting our school!*

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

## Week of December 16th



**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**  
2022-23

*Congratulations*  
**LANDON VANERDEWYK**  
**7TH GRADE**

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

**STJB**  
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

*Congratulations  
Landon VanErdewyk!*



Landon was nominated by her teacher because he has been studying hard for a science test and working hard in the classroom too!



### NOMINATED STUDENTS

#### Kindergarten

Ryker O'Neill- He has been working hard and trying his best

#### 1st Grade

Liam Kumm- He has had a great week being a good classmate and working hard.

#### 2nd Grade

Henry Schuette- He has made good choices this week and has been able to get along well with others.

#### 3rd Grade

Addyson Hanneman- She hard worker who takes her school work seriously. She is kind to everyone in the class and always participates in class discussion. Addyson in addition to being a hard worker and kind is also compassionate and truly cares about others.

#### 4th Grade

Owen Benson- He is a good friend to other students and always has a great attitude.

#### 5th Grade

Charleigh DeWild- She has been really helpful this week. She is great at helping others in a positive, encouraging way.

#### 6th Grade

Brayden Owens- He is very reverent at Mass and respectful to others. He is willing to help others and is considerate of their feelings.

#### 7th Grade

Landon VanErdewyk- studying hard for the science test and working hard in the classroom.

#### 8th Grade

Mallory Robbins- she is always works hard in the classroom.





Catholic Schools  
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

# Mark Your Calendars

## JAN 29 - FEBRUARY 4

St. John's will celebrate national Catholic Schools Week  
January 29 - February 4 with activities and celebrations throughout the week.  
A schedule and more details will follow!

In the meantime, we wanted to share the dress up themes we have selected so that our families have time to get creative! Days/dates for each dress theme to come!

We are looking forward to an amazing week! #CSW2023

### **DRESS UP THEMES:**

**Animal/Animal Print**  
**Crazy Day**  
**Charlie Brown/Peanuts**  
**Decades**  
**Extreme Red and White**

Dear Parishioners,

Last week we began a new semester of school. In a few weeks, we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week at St. John the Baptist. This is always a good time for us to reflect on how blessed we are to have our Catholic grade school. It is a fact that in many parts around the country, they don't have the option to choose a Catholic based education for their children. Our people, thanks be to God, do have that choice, but it is not by luck. It is because of your faith. And your parent's faith. And your grandparent's faith! It is because the people of our Church of the Holy Spirit see that the mission of the Catholic Church is to "teach the nations" (Matt. 28:19), and that mission is achieved at St. John the Baptist. We cannot transform our country's culture of death, materialism, and apathy all at once. But we can do the work of Catholic education where God finds us now, in our local area. We are very blessed to have the teachers and staff that we do, as they work tirelessly to form our children into godly young men and women, so that they will be the beacons of light in an ever-increasing dark world.

Despite some of the evil things happening in our country today, I am very hopeful for our future when I see our students daily here at school. While they are not perfect, and none of us are, they all have good hearts. They have pride in being a student at St. John the Baptist. They know internally that we are "different" at a Catholic school, and different in a good way. Different in that we pray regularly throughout the school day. Different in that we have high expectations for every one of them; in the church and in the classroom. A well-rounded Catholic education of religious formation, academic strength, competitive sports, and appreciation of the fine arts all contribute to helping our students along their journey to heaven.

Thank you for the support you have given and continue to give to Church of the Holy Spirit and St. John the Baptist Catholic School. While your financial support is vital for our ongoing mission, your spiritual support of prayer and stewardship of time and talent to the schools is invaluable, because it makes visible your faith in Christ and His Catholic Church. We would not be where we are today without you and your strong faith commitment to our Catholic schools. Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Fr. Sean M. Timmerman*  
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## IMPORTANT DATES

**January 16** — M.L. King Day – No School

**January 27** — Early Dismissal @ 1:00 PM  
(Teacher Staff Meeting)

**January 29 - Feb. 4** — Catholic Schools Week

**January 31** — Mid-quarter

**February 6** – No School

**February 12** - First Penance (2nd Grade)

**February 14** – Valentines parties

**February 16** – Parent/teacher conferences-  
No School

**February 17** – No School

**February 20** - Presidents' Day-No School

**February 24** - Early Dismissal @ 1:00 PM  
(Teacher Staff Meeting)

**To view or download  
the 2022-23 school  
calendar here.**

## STEWARDSHIP FORMS DUE FOR 2ND QUARTER

Please turn in your family's stewardship tracking form with your family's service hours/volunteer hours for the second quarter of school.

**Click here to download a  
2022-23 Stewardship  
Tracking Form**

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



**CLICK HERE  
TO READ THE  
JANUARY 15TH  
PARISH BULLETIN**

**VIEW LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS  
FOR JANUARY HERE**





Junior High  
**Ice Skating** 





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