



Read Across America Day

In honor of Read Across America Day March 2nd, our 1st grade students read 267 books!

National Read Across America Day, is a day to celebrate reading. The day was established by the National Education Association (NEA) in 1998 to help get kids excited about reading. The day occurs each year on the birthday of children's book author Dr. Seuss.



*"The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you will go."*

- Dr. Seuss



Zulkoski to Join StJB as Our Next Principal

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Mark Zulkoski will be joining St. John the Baptist family as our new principal. His start date will be June 1, 2023.

Mark has extensive teaching and administrative experience working in both Catholic and public schools in urban, suburban, and rural areas. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Kearney with a bachelor of arts in education, a master of arts in education, with an emphasis in educational leadership and educational specialist. Mark also has a master of arts from Doane College in curriculum and instruction.

Mark and his wife Lisa of 23 years, have three children and a dog – a daughter Ana (age 20 and attends college in Chicago), Joe (age 16 and attends Papillion LaVista High School for their trades programming), and Sophie (age 13 and will attend Skutt next fall), and a little Shih Tzu named Zoey (age unknown, as she is a rescue of a rescue).

Mark has a deep love for his Catholic faith. He and his family are parishioners of Mary Our Queen Catholic Church in Omaha, where all of his children also attended elementary and middle school. Over the years, Mark and his wife have volunteered in various roles at Mary Our Queen including EMHC, youth sports coach, fish fries, creators of Mustang March (the schools main fundraiser), and building/grounds/gardens. In his spare time, Mark enjoys cooking, exercising, and spending time with his family.

Please join us in welcoming Mark and his family to our school!

23-24 ENROLLMENT FOR RETURNING FAMILIES

By now, families should have received 23-24 registration information in the mail.

! **All registration materials mailed to families can be found on the PARENTS PAGE of our website [HERE](#).**

To complete the enrollment process for the upcoming school year, please see the below instructions. No snap code is needed.

- ✓ A \$100 registration fee will be waived for all returning school families who register by June 1, 2023.
- ✓ To begin the registration process, parents will need to login into PowerSchool ACCOUNT. **Go to <http://cdolinc.net/enrollment/>**
- ✓ Under the "RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION" section to complete their child(ren)'s registration.
- ✓ Parents will be sent an invite to set up their online payments through FACTS Management when registration is completed.

Tuition Assistance & Scholarship Applications Due March 31st

All parents are strongly encouraged to apply for both the Good Shepherd Scholarship and the St. John the Baptist Tuition Assistance Fund. To be considered for both, you must apply online by March 31, 2023. Families must also submit 2021 or 2022 Tax Forms, including the 1040 and W-2. The application is one \$35 fee for both the GS scholarship and local STJB Tuition Assistance Fund.

The **Good Shepherd Scholarship** will continue to be \$1,600 for grades K-8 and will cover families of all faiths within 225% of the Federal Poverty Level. The Family Tuition Cap Scholarship is offered to families with more than three students enrolled in Lincoln Diocese Catholic Schools. To be eligible for the Family Tuition Cap Scholarship, families must pay tuition for the first three students and the rest will be tuition- free. Pre-school students are not eligible.

The **St. John the Baptist Tuition Assistance Fund** provides financial support to Parish families that are unable to cover K-8 tuition costs and do not qualify for the Diocesan Good Shepherd Scholarship (Pre-school students are not eligible). Eligible families must pay a minimum of 50% (\$1,250) per student.

To apply for the Good Shepherd Scholarship and STJB Tuition Assistance Fund, click here.

PAL LEAGUE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS



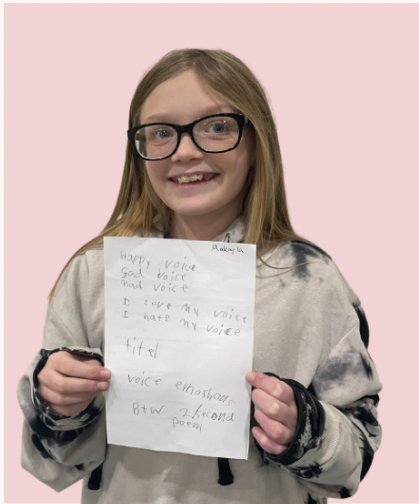
Our 7th/8th Grade Cardinals Boys Basketball Team are Parochial Athletic League (PAL) Tournament Champions! The Cardinals defeated St. Wenceslaus 36-30 in the final tournament game last weekend. Congratulations to all the players and coaches!

Owens Heads to State Free Throw Contest



Congratulations to Brayden Owens, 6th grade, who won the Regionals Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest in the boys 11-year old division this past weekend. Brayden will advance to the state contest on April 15th.

Klinefelter’s Poem Selected for Opera Omaha’s Poetry and Music Project



Voice Emotions

Happy voice
Sad voice
Mad voice
I love my voice
I hate my voice

By Makayla Klinefelter, 5th grade
St. John the Baptist

Fifth grader Makayla Klinefelter’s poem titled “Voice Emotions” was selected to be part of Opera Omaha’s 2022-23 Poetry & Music Project.

Because Makayla’s poem was selected for the project, it will be set to music by professional composers Gabrielle Herbst and J.E. Hernández. Makayla will have the opportunity to further develop her piece by participating in an upcoming music workshop with the composer. The original works will be performed by an Opera Omaha artist and students from University of Nebraska – Omaha School of Music, premiering at a free live concert on May 7 at the Benson Theatre.

Makayla’s poem was among 16 original poems, submitted by Nebraska students in grades 3 through 12. Opera Omaha received a total of 135 entries from 117 poets across 14 Nebraska counties.

To learn more about the project and upcoming concert, visit <https://operaomaha.org/community/engagement-programs/poetry-music-project>



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Kindergarten ROUND UP

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15TH 6:30 PM

Please join us and learn about how our safe, caring and nurturing kindergarten program benefits you and your child. Meet the teacher and faculty, see the classroom and discuss first-hand what it's like to be a part of our community.

**OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS WHO WILL BE
5 YEARS OF AGE ON OR BY JULY 31, 2023**

PLEASE BRING:

- **A COPY OF YOUR CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE**
- **CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORDS**

If you are unable to attend Kindergarten Round Up, please call the school at 402.296.6230.

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.






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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Week of March 6th



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

2022-23

Congratulations
MALLORY ROBBINS
8TH GRADE

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



*Congratulations
Mallory Robbins!*


Mallory Robbins, 8th Grade, worked in the computer lab helping Mrs. Meisinger. Mallory is always a good role model for other students!




SPRING CONCERTS

MAY 2 & 3

see calendar on next page





NOMINATED STUDENTS

Pre-K
Dax Radke – doing a great job on his work, being a good friend and knowing the rules in class and following them.

Kindergarten
Drew Hanneman- for being a good friend to everyone in his class and making sure everyone always has a friend.

1st Grade
Avery Powers- Avery is always doing his best on all of his classroom work.

2nd Grade
Loretta Kerns—Works hard, helpful in the classroom and kind to others. She always uses her good manners.

3rd Grade
Calvin Schultze- Calvin has joined right in with class since his arrival after Christmas break. He is working hard, asks questions and participates in class discussion.

4th Grade
Lucy Schmidt- Lucy is always so respectful, polite, honest and kind. She is very diligent with her schoolwork, is a great listener, and helps anyone who needs help! She is also very fun and plays well with others!

5th Grade
Isaiah Hajek-Jones- Isaiah participates in Mass by singing and participating in the prayers and paying attention.

6th Grade
Emma Ging- Emma is aware of the needs of others. She is helpful in the classroom and anticipates things that need to be done.

7th Grade
Ellie Slattery- She is always respectful and worked very hard on the standardized test!

8th Grade
Mallory Robbins- She worked in the computer lab to help Mrs. Meisinger. She is a good role model for the other students!







Pre-School



Tea Party



DENIM AND *Diamonds*

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP!

OUR SPRING DINNER & AUCTION IS QUICKLY APPROACHING AND THE SILENT AUCTION IS IN NEED OF ITEMS. PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING AN ITEM OR BASKET. UNSURE WHAT TO DONATE? SEE OUR "WISH LIST" BOARD IN THE CHURCH COMMONS FOR A NEEDED ITEM AND WE WILL PUT TOGETHER THE BASKET! KINDLY DROP OFF DONATIONS BY APRIL 15 IN THE ST. JOSEPH'S ROOM. PLEASE REMEMBER TO FILL OUT THE DONATION FORM WHEN DROPPING OFF YOUR ITEM OR BASKET.

CALL OR EMAIL US WITH QUESTIONS

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DINNER & AUCTION

SATURDAY APRIL 29, 2023

DENIM AND *Diamonds*

Dear Parents of St. John the Baptist Students:

It is that time of year again!! Our annual Spring Dinner Fundraiser. Accompanying this letter, you will find a Raffle Ticket Order Form. Each Family is encouraged to buy or sell four (4) tickets. Each Raffle Ticket is \$50. Please collect the \$50 fee from the purchaser in either cash or check and turn it in along with the completed Raffle Ticket form for each respective purchaser. Please turn in the completed forms along with the money to the school office or your student's teacher and the ticket sales will be logged by Mrs. Mary Tilson. The ticket order forms will be filled, and the tickets will either be mailed out to you or sent home with your child pursuant to your request on the order form. **If you have any questions regarding raffle ticket sales, please call, text or email Kelley Steele at 402-297-5331 or kms_486@hotmail.com.**

NEW *There are several NEW incentives to sell these tickets!* **NEW**

First, this is how your child(ren) can earn a "Spirit Day" for all of the 1:00pm Early Dismissal dates during the entire year for the 2023-24 school year AND each of your students (Grades K-8 enrolled at StJB) will receive a FREE Spirit Day Shirt! The "Spirit Days" will be replacing the "Free Dress Clothes" on the last day of the school week. The Spirit Day Shirt, any StJB Shirt or StJB Sports Jersey may be worn on these days with Jeans, Khakis, or Uniform bottoms (sweatpants, gym shorts or leggings will not be permitted). In order for your child(ren) to receive the incentive, each family must buy or sell their four (4) raffle tickets. **The deadline will be Wednesday, April 26th at 4 pm.** Please have them turned into the school office by this time.

In addition to being able to earn the "Spirit Days", there will be a second special incentive. For each raffle ticket sold, your child's individual name will be put into a drawing for a gift card of their choice from the Script Gift Card List. The more raffle tickets you sell, the more chances you have to win the following prizes!

First Drawing \$200 Second Drawing \$100 Third Drawing \$50

Finally, what does the purchase of a raffle ticket get you? An opportunity to win cash, everyone loves a chance to put a little extra money in their pocket right!

First Prize \$ 5,000 Second Prize \$ 2,000 Third Prize \$ 1,000

Selling points...the odds are great! There are only 400 tickets sold! And you have 3 chances to win a cash prize! Let's round up our school spirit and get these tickets sold! We appreciate all you do for our school and church so that the children can learn and grow with love.

God Bless,

Alicia Garbers, Kelley & Troy Steele, Sara & Jacob Schuette

Spring Dinner Chairs

STUDENT COUNCIL

Lenten Project



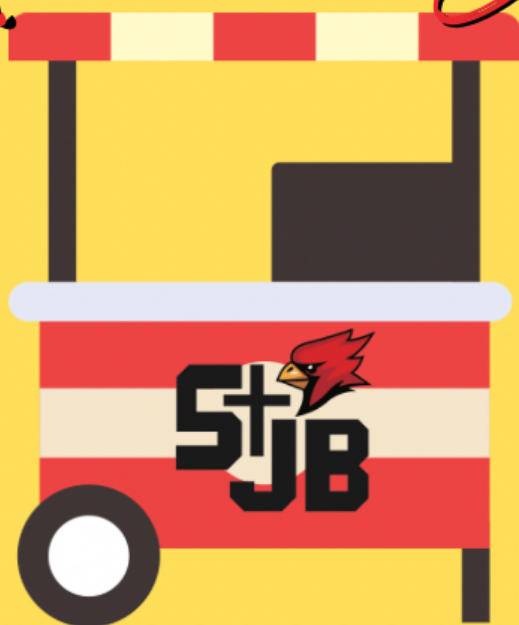
MARCH 7-17

BRING DONATIONS TO SUPPORT
HAPPY PAWS PLATTSMOUTH

CAT AND DOG TOYS • DOG TREATS
FLEECE BLANKETS • COLLARS • HARNESSSES • LEASHES
PAPER TOWELS • TIDY CAT CLUMPING LITTER
SCIENCE DIET KITTEN FOOD
PUPPY PADS • INFLATABLE COLLARS



Venten Project



STUDENT COUNCIL **BREAKFAST CART** March 20-31

Students can purchase items from the breakfast cart each morning. Items will range from \$.50 to \$1.00.

Proceeds will benefit the Franciscan Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother in Nebraska City.



St. John the Baptist NOW ENROLLING!

PRE-SCHOOL CLASSES

Pre-K3 Half Days

3 Half Days • M-W-F • 8:00am-12:00pm

Child must be 3 years of age on or before July 31, 2023 and be potty trained

Pre-4k Half Days

5 Half Days • 8:00am-12:00 pm

Child must be 3 years of age on or before July 31, 2023 and be potty trained

Pre-4K Full Days

5 Full Days • 8:00am-3:00pm

Child must be 4 years of age on or before July 31, 2023

LIMITED SPACES! ENROLL TODAY!

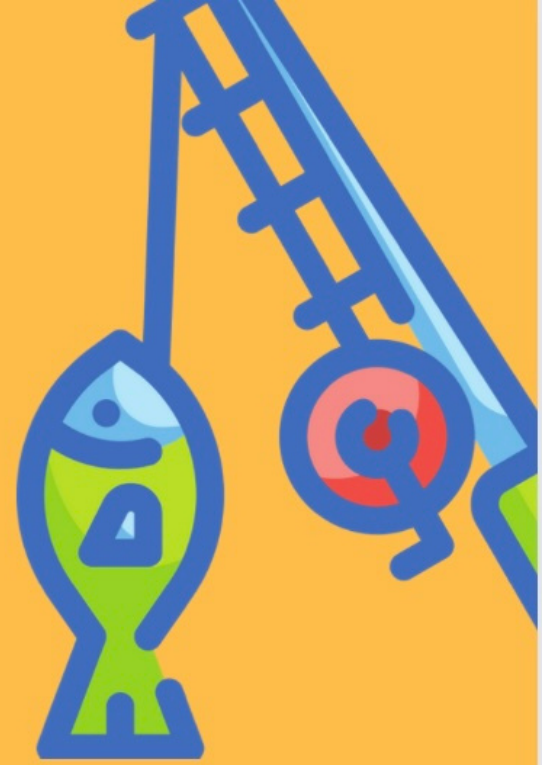
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MIND • HEART • SOUL

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OUR FRIDAY
FISH FRY'S ARE
**REEL-Y
GOOD!**



LENTEN FISH FRY

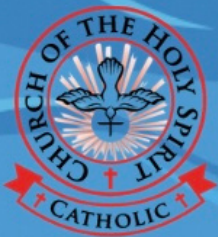
FEATURING:

**Fried Alaskan Pollock | Baked Salmon
Fried Shrimp**

**Feb. 24 - March 31
Every Friday | 4:30-7:00 PM**

Live Entertainment 5:00-7:00 PM

Dine In or Carry Out | Serving until 7:00 PM



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