



Dear SJB Families,

We are halfway through our first quarter of school. Students' midterm reports were sent home on Wednesday. Remember, midterms are a warning. There is time to bring up grades before the quarter ends. If you have questions about your student's grades, please get in touch with their teacher.

All teachers participated in Catholic Schools Mission Day on September 7th. The teachers from the Fort Wayne side of our diocese get together to have Mass with the Bishop, celebrate teaching milestones, and hear from a speaker. We celebrate Gail Welling (30 years), Pam Lepley (20 years), and Elizabeth Skordos (5 years) his year. We also celebrated Mary Keefer's second retirement from the diocese!

This year's speaker was compelling! Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR, is a national Eucharistic speaker and member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in the South Bronx. He spoke of the love God has for each of these children and how our Lord manifests that love, especially in the Eucharist. In this digital/virtual age, we have lost the "wonder and awe" of what happens on the altar at Mass. If our students only knew how much our Lord loves them! He loves them so much he was willing to die on the cross. He loves them so much he longs to be close to them in the Holy Eucharist! Not just spiritually close, but physically close. If they could know this, their lives would be forever changed. So friends, take your family to Mass! Show them your love for the Eucharist! I genuinely believe it is the only way forward in this crazy world!

Maggie Javins

Coliseum Mass

- This All-School Coliseum Mass will take place on October 16th. We would like to take all students in Grades 3-8.
- We need LOTS of parent drivers to make this possible. Please let us know ASAP if you can help drive! Anyone who drives needs to stay and attend Mass with us.

- The whole Fort Wayne side of the diocese attends, and our 4th graders get to dress as their Saints.
- A permission slip went home with your student and is also attached to this newsletter.

10/18 & 10/19 Parent Teacher Conferences

- We will have a 1PM Early Dismissal on Thursday 10/19 for Parent Teacher Conferences
- There will be no Aftercare on 10/19
- Look for more information next week.

Fall Sports Mass 9/23

- Wear your jersey to the 4:30 PM Mass on Saturday September 23rd.
- Father will give a blessing to all athletes after Mass.

St. John Fall Festival 9/30

- Kids Games 11am – 4PM
 - Face Painting, Balloon Animals, Bouncy Houses, 3-Point Shoot Out, Horse Wagon Rides
 - \$10 Punch Cards
 - \$10 bounce passes
- Food Trucks 4:30 – 9:30 PM
 - Brava's
 - Chau Time
 - Grade A Tacos
- Raffle Drawing 7:00 PM
- Ages 18+ after 7:30 PM
- Live Bank 8-10:30 PM - The Ragtag Bunch

We need many volunteers to make this event possible. Please see the attached form.

Middle School Winners!

Throughout the week teachers in middle school collect names of students going above and beyond, whether it is helping a classmate, participating in class, answering hard questions, volunteering at Mass, etc. Then once a week each middle school teacher draws out a name from their collection to get a small prize. All names eligible for the drawing are placed on a bulletin board in the middle school hallway for all to see.

This week's winners were:

- Julissa Nino -Mrs. VanFossen ELA
- Brady Krouse - Mrs. Sturm ELA
- Manny Caranza - Mrs. Henry MATH
- Sophia Bradley - Mrs. Zimmerman RELIGION
- Claire Gerardot - Mrs. Hayhurst SCIENCE
- Camilia Nino - Mrs. Welling SOCIAL STUDIES

August AR

Congratulations to all students who met their AR goal for August! What a great way to start the school year. These following students were chosen as our Lucky Duck prize winners. See Mrs. Klinger during Library for your prize.

Lyla Bradley

Izzy Cross

Dahlia Levan

Jose Avina

Anna Betata

Ben Oropeza

Auggie Steele

Tommy Berghoff

Jane Flaherty

Carlito Tatum

Ellie Waters-Guerrero

Hugo Cervantes

Kate Davis

Caroline Lepley

Brithany Chavez

Hank McGuire

Jordyn Morken

From the Library

We're doing an outdoor/survival unit in Library! Mrs. Klinger is challenging everyone, (herself included!), to get outside. When you do an activity, put your initials in the square you completed (see attachment). There are no prizes, but you'll be a winner when you have a great day outside!

Math Facts

Waiting in the car for brother to finish practice? Have a few minutes while sister is playing soccer? In the Kroger Pickup Lane ? Why not practice some math facts? Try [factbreaks](https://www.factbreaks.com/). No account needed and you can spend one minute practicing those basic math facts. The latest research suggests frequent, shorter sessions produce stronger gains in fact fluency. (Think 3 x per day, 3 min or less). Spend a few minutes practicing math facts and then put that phone away and read a book!

9/26 BLHS Volleyball Feeder School Night

- Wear your volleyball jersey and get in free!
- The first 100 feeder school students receive a school poster.
- Meet and greet players after the game including seniors and SJB alum Addie Shank and Sophie Stanski!
- Freshmen game starts at 5PM, JV at 6PM, and Varsity at 7PM.
- See attached flyer.

School Board Request

The school board is looking for a volunteer with a graphic design background. If you have some expertise in that area, please contact Mrs. Javins.

Substitute Teachers Needed

- We are in need to substitute teachers.
- You must apply with the diocese. Information located [here](#).
- Licensed or Retired Teachers - \$125 per Day/
\$75 Half Day
- High School Diploma and Valid Substitute Permit (see [here](#)) - \$100 per day/ \$60 Half Day

Upcoming Dates

- 9/22 Picture Retakes
- 9/23 Athlete Blessing at 4:30 PM Mass
- 9/27 2 Hour Delay (No Before School Care)
- 9/30 Parish Festival
- 10/5 Grandparents Day
- 10/16 All School Mass at Coliseum
- 10/18 & 10/19 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 10/19 1PM Early Dismissal (No Aftercare)
- 10/20 & 10/23 Fall Break