



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST | JANUARY NEWSLETTER – 2021

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Thank you, parents, for participating in the homework survey. Although it showed support for increasing homework (55 percent of K-4 parents and 62 percent of 5-8 parents), we are going to take a slow approach to adding to the student workload. In the 3rd quarter, teachers may assign a moderate amount of homework that supports in-school learning and can be completed without the help of a parent. The net effect of this change should be small. Teachers may assign a small number of math practice problems. For the most part, teachers are planning to have their students work at their current pace and level. Parent survey feedback was an essential factor in our decision.



Yearbook Postings Due Feb 14!

Are you interested in congratulating a future graduate, promoting your business, or leaving behind a special message to appear in the yearbook? Full (\$50) and half page (\$25) ads can be purchased and designed online through Jostens and will appear in the back section of our 2020-2021 yearbook. Click here for the [catalog](#).

Questions? Contact Mrs. Leishear at Chrissy.Leishear@SJBSilverSpring.org



Upcoming Calendar Dates

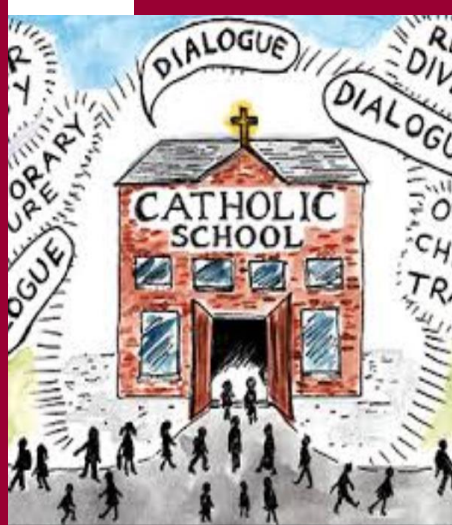
- Jan 31 - Feb 6: Catholic Schools Week
- Feb 1: SJB Open House
- Feb 1: Start of Black History Month
- Feb. 3: Catholic Schools Week Mass 11 am
- Feb 5: No School
- Feb 8: School Board Meeting 6 pm

Next School Board Meeting: Monday, February 8, 2021. Save the date! Here's the [invitation to attend](#). If you have questions, please submit them on [this form](#).



What does your Catholic school mean to you?

There are many reasons parents make a sacrifice to place their children in a Catholic School: academics, personal development, structure, environment, tradition, community, Gospel values.



Why do you attend Catholic school?

What brings you to SJB?

To celebrate Catholic Schools Week, we invite our school parents to share their thoughts on SJB. What does your Catholic school mean to you? What do you like about the school? What do you like about the community? Write and submit your thoughts or stories on this form, [Importance of Catholic School](#), by Jan. 30 and we'll compile and present your input in a celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Teachers are gathering student input in school this week. Thank you for your support!



- ▶ **School Pictures Flyer** You can still order pictures from the Fall Portraits. Check out the [flyer](#) for details.



- ▶ **School Director Accessible on Portal App:** Did you know that you can access the directory by staff, student or parent on the *Parent Plus* app on your phones? Look for the app to download!

Did You Know? Amazon Smile can be a way to support the school? You can designate SJB as the beneficiary of a small portion of your Amazon spending. The [Gold Folder](#) tells you how.

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