



## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST | FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER – 2021

FEBRUARY 17, 2021

### PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

We continue to follow the snow-day guidance of the Catholic Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Washington. If there's a snow day on Thursday, there will be no school. If there's a second snow day on Friday, there will be distance learning on Friday. Students went home Wednesday with materials in preparation. We will notify you by text and email of delay or closure. The [Gold Folder page](#) has the virtual school-day schedule for Friday as well as news from *Ash Wednesday* and the *Diversity Panel*. Also, SJB has a [pandemic policy page](#) with information on travel, quarantine, and more.

**Reminder:** Please complete 2021-22 registration on TADS this week. Classes are filling. Kindergarten is full.



#### Mabel's Labels Fundraiser

Need **personalized labels** for your kids?

See [the flyer](#) for **Mabel's Labels**.

Shop at <http://campaigns.mabelslabels.com>

Remember to add your school – St. John the Baptist Silver Spring – and 20 percent of proceeds will go to school needs.

Questions? Contact [info@mabelslabels.com](mailto:info@mabelslabels.com).



#### Upcoming Calendar Dates

- Wed, Feb. 17 – Ash Wednesday
- Fri, Feb. 19 – Re-register for SJB deadline
- Tues, Feb 23 – Start [parish verification forms](#)
- Mon, Mar 8 – [School Advisory Board](#) 6 pm
  - Tuition plans sent to families
  - Finish parish verification forms
- Fri, Mar 12 – No School
- Wed, Mar 17 – Opt-in date in-school learning
- Fri, Mar 19 – No School



Next School Board Meeting: 6 pm Monday, March 8 – [Invitation Link](#)

Submit questions in advance on [this form](#).

# Congratulations to Our SJB Handwriting Winners!

Handwriting is an essential skill stressed at SJB beginning in Kindergarten. Students learn cursive in 3rd grade and continue to practice it throughout the upper grades. Research points to cursive's positive benefits including brain development, fine motor skills, and greater retention. We are proud to recognize our SJB grade-level winners in the Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest for this year.



## Zaner Bloser Handwriting Contest

### SJB Grade Level Winners of 2021

Kindergarten: Benedict Bianchetti Fifth Grade: Farrah Caslani

First Grade: Lily Sanders Sixth Grade: Sofia Audrey Castillo

Second Grade: Sophia Pham Seventh Grade: Sophia McElwee

Third Grade: Helina Anteneh Eigth Grade: Abby Nene

Fourth Grade: Hoa Ngo



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



▶ **Summer Babysitting** Need babysitting this summer? Join Ms. Diana for some summer fun! For ages 1-7, from June-August (Flexible hours). Cost is \$300 per week per child (prorated for part-time options and sibling discount). Contact Ms. Diana at [dliddi@umd.edu](mailto:dliddi@umd.edu).



▶ **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?** That SJB posted six videos during Catholic Schools Week which shared reflections of the students having a Catholic education? You can check the videos out [here](#).

*Ideas, thoughts, feedback about communications?*  
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