



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST | NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER – 2020

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Thank you, SJB families, for your kindness, support, patience, and cooperation this school year.

We pray that you and your family have a safe and Merry Christmas.

For the safety of the school community, here is a reminder about out-of-state travel. The school asks families to refrain from nonessential travel. If a student travels to a state with a covid-19 test positivity rate **above 10%** or a [7-day new-case rate](#) **above 20** per 100,000, the school asks that the student get a covid-19 test promptly upon returning to Maryland. The student may return to school after receiving a negative PCR lab test result or after a 14-day quarantine. During a quarantine, a student may learn by livestream.

Before a Trip - Parents should notify the school office (301-622-3076) and the classroom teacher.

After a Trip - Parents should send the student's test results to the school.

Exempt - Travel to DC, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware

Letter ([English](#), [Spanish](#)) - From the Catholic Schools Secretary of the Archdiocese of Washington



Christmas Presents To Mary House Friday

If you are able to make a donation, please send a giftwrapped present with your child to school on Thursday, Dec. 17. If you have a distance learner, drop off your present on the porch. See the grade gift guide on the [Gold Folder page](#). [Mary House](#) provides housing and support for low-income immigrant and refugee families.



Upcoming Dates

- Fri, Dec 18, 11:30 Caroling, 12:30 Gift Delivery
- Mon-Tues, Dec. 21-22: Distance Learning
- Tues, Dec. 22, 9 am: [Online Mass](#), 10 am Dismissal
- Dec. 23 to Jan. 3: Christmas Vacation
- Monday, Jan 4: School Resumes

Please take a moment to read the [Parent Letter](#) from the Parent Christmas Committee.

School Board Meeting: 6 pm Monday, January 11. [Online Form](#) for Questions



Registration Starts January 11

- Registration and enrollment of returning students will begin on January 11.
- SJB asks returning families to complete registration each year so that the school can determine enrollment, staffing, and a school budget for the following school year.
- Registration, enrollment, and submission of tuition agreement are done on TADS.

REGISTRATION/ENROLLMENT TIMELINE

Registration	January 11 to February 19	Complete registration/enrollment for each child including \$200 registration fee
Parish Verification	February 19 to March 8	Complete and submit parish verification form so SJB can determine tuition rate
Tuition Agreement	March 15 to April 19	Email with payment options sent by TADS In TADS select and submit payment plan Fee is charged for late agreement

*Timeline applies to returning students and new students accepted before February 5.
For later admissions -- 2 weeks to register and 2 weeks to submit payment plan.*



Caroling on Friday -- On Friday, Dec. 18, at 11:30 am, in-school and distance learners will be invited to sing Christmas carols together. In-school students will be spaced apart on the SJB parking lot, just as they were for the outdoor Rosary in October. [Link to the Words](#) to the Songs: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel; Silent Night; Here Comes Santa Claus.*



What if it snows? The school will send a text message and an email to all families announcing the decision to close or delay school for snow, ice, or extreme weather. SJB goes by the decision of Montgomery County Public Schools, but when MCPS isn't in school, the Archdiocese of Washington decides, and we communicate to you. There will be *no virtual or in-person* classes if school is closed. SJB will inform families of any change to this plan.

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