



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST | OCTOBER NEWSLETTER – 2020

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Thank you, families, for your flexibility as the school experienced its first reported positive COVID-19 test result last week. With the return of in-school students, we are back to our regular reopening-year routine. Distance-learning families, remember to go to this [link](#) to schedule a private photo appointment for your child on Picture Day this Friday. Reminder for all families: Monday, Oct. 26 is a professional development day for all teachers in Archdiocesan Catholic schools. There will be no school on Monday, Oct. 26, or on Friday, Oct. 30.

There's a new nature trail behind the SJB preschool, thanks to Thomas Hundley, 18, who recently completed the trail for his Eagle Scout project. Click [here](#) for a 1-minute virtual walk up the trail.

SJB has created a [virtual tour of the school](#) and [the preschool](#) for families interested in coming here for the 2020-21 school year. Feel free to pass along the online tour to your friends. Information can be found on the school website under [Open House](#). SJB will begin accepting applications on Nov. 30.



Picture Day is This Friday (Oct. 23)

Parents of distance learners should schedule individual photo sessions for their children through this [link](#).

Students may come to school dressed up and out of uniform. Students with Friday PE (K, 1, 5, & 8) should wear sneakers.

See the flyer on the [Gold Folder page](#).



Out of Uniform Day – October 29!

For safety reasons, the annual Halloween Parade has been cancelled. To celebrate Halloween, students may come out-of-uniform on **Thursday, October 29**. Please do not wear costumes, Halloween masks, or face paint. Keep a lookout for emails from your teacher or classroom parent for ways to support Halloween-themed activities!



Bingo Night! The H.S.A. is exploring a way to host an online Bingo Night for SJB families. Stay tuned for details!

School Advisory Board/ HSA

Meeting Highlights – October 20, 2020

The School Advisory Board/Home School Association held their monthly meeting at 6pm on Oct. 19. Here are the highlights of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 9, at 6 pm.

Fundraising Updates

- The Fall Mums Sale was a success!
- The Charleston Wrap Fundraiser has begun.
- Since SJB will not be able to host Family Flix night, the Knights of Columbus are planning a movie night that they hope SJB families will attend in the next couple weeks.
- The board mentioned other fundraising/community events, such as a wreath sale, virtual bingo (for November), and they brainstormed other ideas.

The board gave other brief updates about treasury, communications, faculty and parish updates.

Open Forum / Questions from Families

- Mr. Blomquist answered questions received by families.
- It would be difficult to add additional dates from which parents can change from remote to in-person, given the logistical planning and changes with each opt-in date.
- Chromebooks, which were expected to arrive this month, might not arrive until December, due to a shortage in supply. SJB will do what they can for families who need laptops.
- SJB is always and actively thinking about how to keep classes intact and safe for in-person learning. At some class divisions may occur.
- There are no plans to extend the Christmas holiday break, but SJB will of course consider this, based on everything going on with COVID.



- ▶ **Halloween Drive-In Movie Night!** The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a drive-in version of the traditional "Family Flix" in the SJB parking lot in the next couple weeks. Stay tuned for details!



- ▶ **Charleston Wrap Fundraiser:** The Charleston Wrap fundraiser will run until November 2. Spread the word! Proceeds go to school improvements, such as educational materials, playground equipment, IT technologies/upgrades, and student tuition aid. The [Gold Folder](#) has more info. Contact Jessica Fitzgerald (jessiefitz27@gmail.com) with questions. Start checking off your holiday gift list!

Did You Know? The SJB Parent-Student Handbook has information on almost everything about SJB: required forms, attendance, health, homework, security, technology, behavior, uniforms, and inclement weather. The [handbook](#) can be accessed on the SJB website.

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