



## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST | OCTOBER NEWSLETTER – 2020

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### PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

[Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance](#) is available for Catholic school students in grades PreK-12. There are five weeks left to apply. Go [here](#) to apply for Archdiocesan assistance, or go to the Financial Aid tab in your TADS account.

Awards are announced in March and based on financial need, which must be demonstrated in annual applications. The application deadline for next school year (2021-22) is Dec. 4.

Families must apply for Archdiocesan tuition assistance *to be eligible for financial aid through the school and parish*. The Archdiocesan application allows the pastor and principal to determine need. And it is Archdiocesan policy.

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 send the link to the online tour to friends. Information can be found on the school website under [Open House](#). SJB will begin accepting applications on Nov. 30.



#### Eighth Grade Wreath Sale Begins

To buy wreaths, go to [Giftitforward.com](http://Giftitforward.com) and use code **STJOHNMD005**. Referral names: Colleen Ionata or Kristine Ribas. Order deadline is Nov. 13. Proceeds go toward graduation activities. For more information, go to [Gold Folder](#).

**Movie Night Cancelled** Due to inclement weather forecast for this week, the Knights of Columbus will not be hosting a movie night for Halloween.



#### Out of Uniform Day - October 29!

Classes will have afternoon activities, and students may come to school **out of uniform on Thursday** for our Halloween celebration. Halloween costumes aren't permitted this year. Please look for guidance from your child's classroom teacher about what students may wear and bring to school.



**Prayers for Father Eliot** We are praying for Father Eliot Nitz, who passed away yesterday. Father Eliot often came to SJB to hear student confessions. Visitation is Thursday at SJB: 10 am to noon, 2 to 5 pm, 7 to 9 pm. The funeral will be Friday at 11 am at the SJB church.

# SJB Alumni – Where Are They Now?

St. John the Baptist is proud of Cheyenne Degross (Class of 2018) and congratulates her on winning the Jennie Finch Empowerment Award for her service and spirit away from the softball field. Check out this link to the Major League Baseball award announcement by hall of fame softball player Jennie Finch. The award includes a \$10,000 scholarship for Cheyenne, a junior at the Academy of the Holy Cross. We are especially proud that Cheyenne, reporter and editor for her school newspaper, continues to write and serve her community as she did when she was a student at SJB. Along with the voices of other young writers, Cheyenne's writing is featured in this [Baltimore Sun story](#).



## Congratulations, Cheyenne!

You can view the Jennie Finch Empowerment Award video [here](#):

[https://www.mlb.com/video/finch-honors-cheyenne-degross?fbclid=IwAR1nf2air9eWRFSil3rHSxra2kT8bkSfwM7x9Ffe6uDcO5RoE-CQqK\\_Et9c](https://www.mlb.com/video/finch-honors-cheyenne-degross?fbclid=IwAR1nf2air9eWRFSil3rHSxra2kT8bkSfwM7x9Ffe6uDcO5RoE-CQqK_Et9c)



- ▶ **Virtual Bingo Night:** Given that SJB cannot host large group gatherings, but there's interest in continuing community events, School Board / HSA fundraising co-chair Roberta Gambale is planning a virtual bingo night for mid-November. If you are interested in assisting/helping coordinate, please contact Mrs. Gambale at [gambalergbird@aol.com](mailto:gambalergbird@aol.com).



- ▶ **Charleston Wrap Fundraiser:** The Charleston Wrap fundraiser will run until November 2, 2020. [Here's the flyer](#). Proceeds go to school improvements, such as educational materials, playground equipment, IT technologies/upgrades, and student tuition aid. Contact Jessica Fitzgerald ([jessiefiz27@gmail.com](mailto:jessiefiz27@gmail.com)) if you have any questions. This fundraiser is a great way to start checking off your holiday gift list!

**Did You Know?** That SJB does not have any school reviews on Niche (a school website for prospective families)? Share your experiences about the SJB community! <https://www.niche.com/k12/st-john-the-baptist-school-silver-spring-md/>.

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