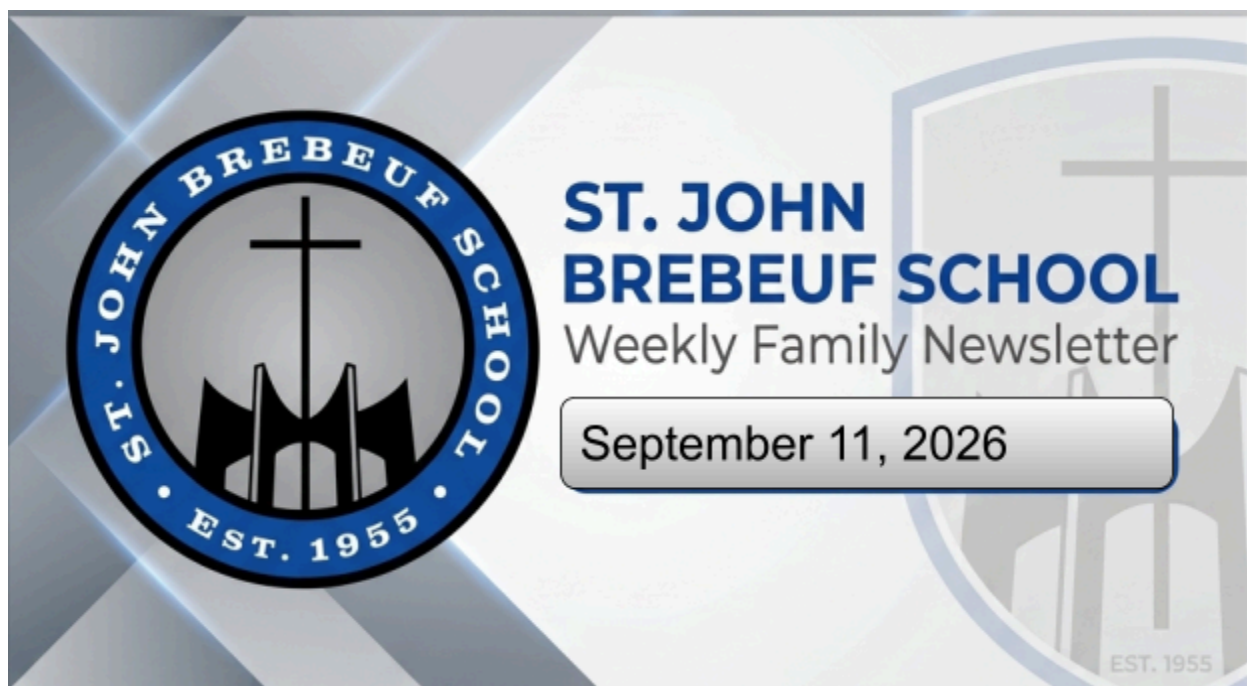




A Letter from Mr Taylor

Dear SJB Families,

Today, we pause to remember the men, women, and children whose lives were forever changed by the tragic events of September 11, 2001. We remember the innocent victims who lost their lives, as well as the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving and protecting others. During Mass today, Father Sebastian spoke beautifully about what it means to be a patriot and what it truly means to love our country. His message reminded us that patriotism is more than simply loving the place we call home. It is about caring for one another, serving others, standing together during difficult times, and being grateful for the freedoms and opportunities we have been given. As we remember the history of this day, may we continue to pray for our country and for all those who have sacrificed so much for it.

We also have a lot of excitement ahead at St. John Brebeuf! Picture Day is next Tuesday! This year, Color Portraits will contact each family after pictures have been taken. There will be no preorders. On Tuesday, every student will have his or her picture taken by a professional photographer, and once the photos are ready, Color Portraits will email you a link where you can view the images and order your favorites. It's that easy! I can't wait to see everyone dressed to

impress. Even our eighth graders will be taking their class picture, so make sure those smiles are ready!

Our first Family Mass of the school year will be Sunday, September 20, at 10:00 a.m. in the church. Please join us for this wonderful celebration as we come together as a school and parish family. All students in attendance will receive an out-of-uniform pass at the conclusion of Mass.

Please also remember that there will be no school on Friday, September 25, due to an Archdiocese-wide Professional Development Day. We will send additional reminders as the date approaches.

And finally, Oktoberfest is almost here! Mark your calendars and join us for one of our favorite SJB traditions. On Thursday, October 1, the carnival opens its doors in the front parking lot, bringing amazing rides, games, and plenty of fun for everyone. Beginning Friday, October 2, Oktoberfest kicks off in full swing, with bratwurst, potato pancakes, hot dogs, and so much more! We are also currently looking for families and businesses interested in becoming sponsors. If you know someone who may be interested, please download a sponsorship form or contact the school office. And remember, if we reach 60 sponsors, there will be no school on Monday, October 5! That would certainly be a wonderful way to celebrate a successful Oktoberfest!

As we reflect on the history of today and look toward the future, I hope we can all take a moment to recognize how many blessings surround us. May we remain thankful for our families, our school, our faith, our community, and the many gifts God has entrusted to us. Thank you for all that you do to make St. John Brebeuf such a special place.

Have a wonderful and restful weekend,

Mr. Adam Taylor
Principal

Important Dates

September 7th - No School - Labor Day

September 14th - Athletic Board Meeting (6:30 pm -7:30 pm in Room 2)

September 15th - School Photos

September 21st - 7th Grade Field Trip to Camp Duncan

September 23rd - 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Field Trip to MSI

September 25th - No School - SJB Staff Professional Development

October 1st - October 4th - SJB Oktoberfest & Carnival

October 6th - Midtrimester

October 7th - P/SA Meeting (6:30-7:30 in Room 2)

October 9th - Walkathon

October 12th - No School - Columbus Day

October 14th - School Photo retakes

October 15th - Progress Reports go home

October 17th - P/SA Halloween Event

October 19th - The Feast of St. John Brebeuf

October 23rd - No School - Staff Professional Development

October 26th - 30th - Red Ribbon Week

School News





Help Us Make This Year's Oktoberfest a Success! We are asking our wonderful SJB families and local businesses to consider becoming a sponsor for this year's Oktoberfest. Sponsorship is a great way to support our school, promote your business or family, and help spread the good news about St. John Brebeuf! And this year, there is an extra incentive for everyone: **If we reach 60 sponsorships, there will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, October 5th!** That's right! After a successful Oktoberfest, we will all sit back, relax, and enjoy a well-deserved day off. Please encourage your family, friends, neighbors, and local businesses to become sponsors and help us reach our goal. Let's get to 60 and earn our day off!

[Click here to download the sponsorship form](#)

Picture Day

SAY CHEESE!

PICTURE DAY **IS COMING!**

PICTURE DAY DATE:
September 15, 2026
Don't miss it!

GET PICTURE READY:

Look Sharp!

Big Smile!

Strike a Pose!

Color Portraits, Inc.
OrderCP.com

Safety Patrol



Week of 09/14 - 09/18

Red Team

Eva A.

Christian C.

Charlie S.

Drop-Off Procedures

Please see the diagrams below for drop-off and pick-up procedures. **During morning drop-off, students should wait until the vehicle has reached the front of the line to exit.**

With three lanes of traffic, we are responsible for the safety of all students. Also, please be courteous to our fellow school families. Students should exit the car as quickly as possible once the vehicle has reached the front of the line. Also, if you need to assist your child during drop-off, please use the first two lanes. We would like a lane

3 (closest to Harlem Avenue) to move quickly. If you would like to walk with your child or have more time to wish him/her well before school, please park in the church parking lot.

After school, all students will be dismissed through the front entrances of the building.

Preschool through second grade will continue to leave through the main doors.

Students in grades three through eight will leave from the garden doors near the PMC.

Our front parking lot will remain open, and cars can now enter and exit at any time.

Please use caution when walking through this parking lot.

The patrol will no longer be stationed in the front parking lot after school; instead, they will be stationed near the church driveway. Also, please pass this information to

any family or friend who may pick up your child.

Please note that our safety patrol is only present to guide students and families while crossing the driveway outside the church. They are dismissed around 3:05 pm. It is the families' responsibility to supervise their child(ren) once their classes are dismissed for the day.



Annual Asbestos Update



Re: Notification Letter Concerning Asbestos Content and Management Plan
2026/2027 School Year

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). This law requires all schools, K-12th grade, to inspect and identify all asbestos-containing building materials. The law requires the development of a Management Plan, based upon the inspection findings, which outlines our intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in schools.

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building built before the 1970s contains at least some asbestos in pipe insulation and structural fireproofing. We, too, have buildings that contain asbestos material. The primary concerns arise when these materials begin to deteriorate or become damaged.

Our school has been inspected, and some asbestos-containing materials have been identified in our building. The materials are distributed in various locations, including floor tile, pipe insulation, and mechanical areas not readily accessible to occupants or students.

Our school's Inspection Report and Management Plan outline in detail the methods used to maintain the materials safely. In addition, as required by law, appropriate school staff members have been trained to administer this program.

A copy of the inspection report and the management plan is on file in the school office for review if you so desire.

Kind regards,

Mr Adam Taylor
Principal

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(847) 966-3266



Get ready to lace up your sneakers and show your Jaguar spirit! Our annual Walkathon is just around the corner, bringing the entire St. John Brebeuf community together for a fun-filled day of friendship, school spirit, and support for our Athletic Department. This is always a favorite SJB tradition, and we need our families to help make it a success! Parent volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated. We hope you'll join us, cheer on our students, and help make this year's Walkathon our best one yet! More information can be found below.

2026 WALKATHON

Friday, October 9, 2026

St. John Brebeuf School

Event hosted by SJB Athletics

OPEN STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM

Basketball



Please fill out the registration form below in its entirety. There are six (6) sections that you must fill out. To complete the registration and ensure participation, please provide the following after filling out this registration form:

1. Payment (cash or check made out to "**SJB Athletics**") for required fees as listed below by October 16, 2026.
2. Payment (cash or check made out to "**SJB Athletics**") for a one-time \$30 family fee (one fee per family per school year)

Please send the two (2) items above to your child's homeroom in an envelope marked "**Basketball**".

Fee (Non-refundable, Non-transferrable):
4th - 8th = \$125

Schedule:

Practice Starts: Tentatively October 5, 2026 after soccer season is completed. Coaches will contact teams.

Season Starts:

Girls: November 2, 2026 - December 19, 2026

Boys: December 1, 2026 - January 30, 2027

Girls Playoff Starts: January 4, 2027

Boys Playoff Starts: February 4, 2027



School Uniforms



Our school partners with Schoolbelles for all St. John Brebeuf school uniforms. The Schoolbelles store is conveniently located in the Harlem-Foster Shopping Center at 7320 West Foster Avenue in Chicago, where families can shop for uniforms in person. Uniforms may also be purchased online at www.schoolbelles.com. When ordering online, please use our school code **S1333** to ensure you are shopping from the correct school uniform selection.

Kiddos Lunch



We're excited to offer Kiddos school lunch service to our families. Get ready for an easy, flexible lunch option featuring lots of freshly prepared, restaurant-quality lunches every day.

To reach your school's ordering page and access all the lunch program information you need, **use the direct school page link below.**

www.kiddoscatering.com/sjb

Have lunch questions?

Kiddos is happy to help at support@kiddoscatering.com.

Children's Choir

Calling All Singers! Join the Children's Choir!

Do you love to sing? Come share your talent and your joy with others by joining our Children's Choir! Students in 3rd-5th grade meet on Tuesdays from 2:00-3:00 PM at school, while our older students meet on Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00 PM in the church's music room. Choir is a wonderful opportunity to grow in confidence, make new friends, and use your voice to praise God through music.

There are also limited spots remaining for the upcoming Rome trip! Any student interested in learning more about the trip should contact Mrs. Ewa Fair, the choir director, directly as soon as possible. She can be reached at

halka7@yahoo.com. We would love to have you join us and let your voice be heard!

Click [here](#) to download the Choir registration form

Niles Fire Department



NILES FD OPEN HOUSE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us for a family-friendly morning filled
with activities, raffles, breakfast, and more!



Where: NFD Station 3, 6611 W Jarvis

When: Saturday, October 3, 2026

Time: 9:00 am until 11:00 am



All proceeds benefit the
Shield 23 Foundation

NILES FIRE
DEPARTMENT



847-588-6800



@NilesFireDepartment

Parish News



Please click [here](#) to visit our parish website

An illustration showing five children in white robes and red skirts, standing in a line and holding various liturgical items: a processional cross, a candle, a book, and a small object. To their right stands a priest in a white robe with a red stole and a red cross on his chest, holding a blue book.

Become an ALTAR SERVER

We invite all children who received the First Holy Communion to join our Altar Servers! Please, go to our website sjbrebeuf.org, download the registration form, fill it, and send it to Fr. Sebastian - szebrowski@sjbrebeuf.org

SAVE THE DATE!

★
ST. JOHN BREBEUF
PARISH



.....
**SEPTEMBER 27,
2026**

★
\$15.00
for 15 games

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Ministry Center
Doors Open @ 2:30...
Games Begin @ 3:00

We hope to see you there!



DAILY MASSES

DAILY MASSES

**8:30 am Mon - Sat
(English)**

**7:00 pm Mon, Wed, Fri
(Polish)**

**7:00 pm Tue & Thu
(English)**

WEEKEND MASSES

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

**5:00 pm (English)
6:30 pm (Polish)**

Sunday

**7:00 am (Polish)
8:30 am or 10:00 am (English)
11:30 am (Polish)
6:00 pm (English)**

**Family mass
Every 3rd Sunday at 10:00
am and 11:30am**

**Filipino-American Mass
Every 4th Sunday at 10:00 am**

**Youth mass
Every 4th Sunday at 6:00 pm**

**Lednica 2000 Association
invites you to**

**Lednica Young People Celebration XXI
Saturday, September 19, 2026
5:30pm – 9:30pm**

"Genesis"

**Most Reverend Robert M. Fedek
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago
will preside**

**Fr. Sebastian Żebrowski
Associate Pastor of St. John Brebeuf in Niles
Leadership**

**St. John Brebeuf Parish
8305 N. Harlem Ave. Niles, IL 60714**

**More information:
jolawasko@aol.com
773.573.5430**



Dear Friends,

Lednica 2000 Association would like to invite you to Lednica Youth Celebration XXI at St. John Brebeuf Parish at 8305 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, IL 60714 from 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM on Saturday, September 19, 2026. Lednica 2000 Association in Chicago is a part of the Lednica Movement in Poland, inspired by Saint John Paul II and founded by Fr. Jan Wojciech Góra, a Dominican friar.

The Lednica Movement proposes the choice of Christ as a fundamental life decision. The Gospel and letters of Saint John Paul II became the base for the formation program of the development of an integrated personality of a young person. Our invitation is open to young people, who value the development of an integral human and Christian personality, who would like to live with dignity and achieve the heights of modern subjectivity, following the principles of the Gospel and the teaching of Saint John Paul II.

The theme of Lednica Youth Celebration XXI is "Genesis". The Eucharist, the Choice of Christ Pledge, and making a personal connection with Jesus in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be the essential parts of the Celebration. At the end, all participants will go through the gate in the shape of fish, symbolically crossing the threshold of the Third Millennium, choosing Christ with the commitment of bringing faith into our daily life.

5:30 PM Part I – Genesis

Part II – Encounter with Christ, spiritual nourishment for the journey

8:00 PM Eucharist

Adoration

Please, bring your own folding chair or a blanket to sit on.

Come and join us in the Celebration of our Catholic faith through prayer, singing and dancing.

Suggested donation of \$5.00

For More Information
jolawasko@aol.com or 773 573 5430



Looking Ahead to High School



BE A SHAMROCK FOR A DAY

FUTURE SHAMROCK DAYS

REGISTER HERE

Future Shamrock Days are a great way for students to experience firsthand what it is like to be a Shamrock and get their first dose of our unique and unforgettable Shamrock Pride! Each year in the fall, we offer Future Shamrock Days for current 8th-grade boys only. 7th-grade boys are invited to shadow in the spring and are encouraged to return in the fall as 8th graders for a more in-depth day.

During Future Shamrock Days, potential students are paired up with a current Shamrock involved in classes and activities similar to the prospective student's interests. Sometimes, requests are made regarding a specific shadow partner, and we do try to honor those requests. To ensure every future Shamrock has the best possible experience, we limit the number of shadow visits each day. Please reserve your son's shadow day at least 48 hours in advance.

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LEARN MORE & START YOUR JOURNEY

[STPATRICK.ORG/ADMISSIONS](https://stpatrick.org/admissions)



OPEN HOUSE

MAKE PLANS TO VISIT US

Thursday, October 8 | 6-8 PM

Thursday, November 5 | 6-8 PM



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FAMILIES WHO JOIN US

will hear from our leadership team, take a guided tour of campus, explore our new and updated facilities, and learn about all things Saint Patrick



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6 CAREER &
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14 VARSITY
SPORTS





Shadow Days give 7th- and 8th-grade girls the chance to experience life as a Bandit by attending classes, meeting teachers and students, and exploring campus to see what makes RES feel like home. Registration is now open, so take this opportunity to spend a day at Resurrection and discover why your journey begins here. Please reach out to our Admissions Team at cdolatowski@reshs.org with any questions.

Click Here to Register

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OPEN HOUSE
Thursday, October 29, 2026

DISCOVER ND SEMINAR
Tuesday, November 10, 2026

EIGHTH GRADE ENTRANCE EXAM
Saturday, December 5, 2026

Private Tour



Shadow



Virtual Tour



Request Info



admissions@niddons.org | 847-779-8615 | 7655 W. Dempster Street, Niles, Illinois 60714 | www.niddons.org

Our shadow days are the best way to explore Notre Dame College Prep as a prospective student. Your son will have the opportunity to spend a full day with a current Notre Dame Don. He will sit in on our classes, experience the school day schedule, try the lunch food, and get a feel for what being a Notre Dame Don is all about. Our goal for the shadow day program is to give your son a real glimpse of what a day at Notre Dame College Prep looks like.

This year, we are excited to offer a few additional opportunities during our shadow days. On Tuesday shadow days, please mark the box below if you would like to take a tour of our campus after dropping your son off to shadow. We would ask you to please be at ND by 8:30 a.m. for your school tour, and it should last around 30 minutes. While you take a tour with one of our enrollment team members, your son will be prepped for his shadow day.

On three of our Friday shadow dates (September 18, September 25, October 16), we will have "Coffee with the President and Principal." Families are invited to arrive at 8:15 a.m. and join our team in the cafeteria for coffee and donuts. Our admissions team will get the boys ready for their shadow day, and parents will be welcome to stay and hear from our leadership team.

[Schedule your Shadow Day here](#)



Shadow Program

At Loyola Academy, the best way to understand who we are is to experience it for yourself. Our Shadow Program invites prospective students to walk alongside current Ramblers, engage in

classroom activities, and immerse themselves in the rhythm of a typical school day—gaining authentic insight into life at Loyola.

The shadow day begins at 7:30 a.m. and concludes at 2:15 p.m. Students should enter through the main entrance and proceed to the Marillac Room (Room 250). Pickup will take place at 2:15 p.m. in the visitors' pickup line.

To register for a Shadow Day, log in to your My Loyola account. If you do not yet have a My Loyola account, please begin by submitting an Inquiry Form.

Some elementary schools coordinate group shadow days at Loyola for eighth-grade students. If your school has a designated date, please register for that date. If the date is full, you are welcome to select another OPEN date at least five days in advance.

[Click here to learn more](#)





Shadow Days

This upcoming Fall, we invite prospective students in the 8th grade to join us for a Shadow Day! Prospective students will be paired with a current student and have the opportunity to experience our all-girls, Catholic college preparatory environment and what it means to be a Panther.

[Register for a Shadow Day!](#)



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ABOUT
JOINING
THE
PACK?

JOIN US ON CAMPUS AND DISCOVER YOUR
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Join the Pack for a day and experience life as a Saint Ignatius student!

Our Shadow Program is an opportunity for prospective students to experience firsthand why Saint Ignatius College Prep is a truly special place. Students attend daily classes, lunch, and other activities that their student-host has for the day. The Shadow Program is open to 8th-grade students only and runs from early September through mid-November.

Please click [here](#) to register for a Shadow Day!

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