


## *A Letter from Mr. Taylor*

Dear St. John Brebeuf Families,

What a wonderful Oktoberfest! I would like to begin by thanking everyone who came out to support this year's event. Oktoberfest would not have been the success it was without the incredible generosity, hard work, and dedication of our parish and school community. We are truly blessed to be part of a community that comes together to support one another.

A special thank-you goes to our parish organizations and volunteers who helped with the cooking, especially the Polish Group, the Holy Name Men's Club, the Filipino Organization, Mr. Grzeda, and Ms. Czaja. I am also grateful to our parents and staff who assisted with sales and set-up, as well as Mr. Mazur for his tremendous help with set-up, tear-down, and maintenance throughout the event. Last but certainly not least, I want to recognize Ms. McErlean for her outstanding work planning, organizing, and working throughout the entire event. Oktoberfest requires a tremendous amount of time and effort, and we sincerely appreciate everyone who contributed to its success.

I would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our Oktoberfest sponsors. Your generosity and continued support make a meaningful difference in the life of our school. Thank you for investing in our students and our community!

Today, our students participated in the annual Athletics Walkathon! Each grade took to the neighborhood streets to walk in support of our athletics program. Thank you to all of the parents who helped plan this event and volunteered their time to ensure that everything ran smoothly. We appreciate your enthusiasm and commitment to providing our students with wonderful opportunities both in and out of the classroom.

With the fall season upon us, you know what that means—our Spooky Spectacular is just around the corner! Join us on October 17 in the gym and Flanagan Hall for an evening filled with costumes, decorated tables, and all sorts of surprises. Dress up, get creative with your table decorations, and come ready for a fun-filled night with our school community! Please see the information below for additional details. A big thank-you to Ms. Usdrowski and our amazing P/SA for planning this exciting event. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

As we head into the long weekend, I hope all of our families enjoy some well-deserved rest and quality time together. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of St. John Brebeuf. I look forward to seeing our building come alive again on Tuesday!

Have a wonderful and restful long weekend!

Kind regards,
Mr. Adam Taylor
Principal

## *Important Dates*

**October 12th - No School - Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day**

**October 14th -** School Photo retakes

**October 15th** - Progress Reports go home

**October 17th** - P/SA Spooky Spectacular Halloween Event

**October 19th -** The Feast of St. John Brebeuf

**October 23rd - No School - Staff Professional Development**

**October 26th - 30th -** Red Ribbon Week

**November 1st -** Daylight Saving Time ends

**November 4th -** P/SA meeting at 6:30 pm in Room 2

**November 6th - No School - Faculty Professional Development**

**November 9th -** Athletic Board meeting at 6:30 in Room 2

**November 12th -** End of the 1st Trimester

**November 19th -** Report Cards will go home

**November 23rd - Early Dismissal at 11:30 am**

- Parent-Teacher Conferences - 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm by appointment

**November 24th - No School - Parent-Teacher Conferences (9:00 am - 11:00 am)**

- Staff Professional Development

**November 25th-27th - No School - Thanksgiving Break**

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## *School News*

## *FACTS Reminder*

Dear SJB Families,

This is a friendly reminder to please check your FACTS account and make sure your Registration Fee and Technology Fee have been paid, if applicable. Please note that late fees may be assessed by FACTS for overdue payments.

We also kindly encourage families to review their accounts and make sure all payments, including tuition, are up to date. We kindly ask that you take care of any outstanding fees or balances as soon as possible.

If you have already made these payments, please disregard this message. If you are unsure whether your fees or tuition payments have been made, you can log in to your FACTS account to check your payment status, or contact the school office for assistance.

Sincerely,
SJB School

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## *SJB Spooky Spectacular*



The SJB P/SA is presenting its Spooky Spectacular on Saturday, October 17! Dress up for the costume parade and contest! Go trick-or-treating! Enter the Haunted Hallway if you dare!

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## *Safety Patrol*




Week of 10/13 - 10/16

### Purple Team

- James A
- Keiko F
- Sadie D
- Joey P

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## *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-transferable):
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.

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## *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.

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## *Children's Choir*

**Laudate Children's Choir Recruitment!**

Any non-choir members currently in 5th grade who have a passion for singing, zcz kswlilno mlhb our Laudate Children's Choir work, and would love to ***sing for Pope Leo XIV need to contact Ewa Kowcz-Fair*** (halka7@yahoo.com) to vvfcfoia a vocal audition. Please prepare one song with a couple of lines to sing at the audition.

**Rehearsal times**

*Tuesdays:*

Grades 3-4 SJB students only at school 2:00-3-00PM

Grades 5-8 SJB students at the Music Rehearsal Room Church) 5:00-6:00 PM

*Thursdays:*

Grades 5-12: any children from our Parish at the Music Rehearsal Room (Church), 5:00-6:00 PM

*Click here to download the Choir registration form*

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St. John Brebeuf Church 8305 N. Harlem Ave, Niles
November 15th at 12:30 PM
After Polish Mass
AUTUM WITH POLISH COMPOSERS
Chopin, Moniuszko, Karłowicz, Wieniawski
Agnieszka Schulz-Brzyska- fortepian
(Lublin)
Ewa Kowcz-Fair - sopran
(Chicago)
Free concert
Suggested donation $20
ST. JOHN BREBEUF PARISH
EST. 1953

## *Parish News*

Please click here to visit our parish website






## Team St. John Brebeuf is once again participating in the Niles-Park Ridge CROP Hunger Walk

(**CROP** = Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty)

## Sunday, October 18 at 2:00 PM

We will join a dozen other Christian churches this year. **Everyone is invited. Please arrive by 1:45 PM at Park Ridge Community Church, 100 Courtland Ave, Park Ridge,** for a three-mile Hunger Walk. The Walk begins and ends at **Park Ridge Community Church**. Participating seventh & eighth graders will earn **3 service hours** for Confirmation Preparation. Invite your families and friends. Canned Goods and Dry Food donations and cash donations are appreciated!

All participants must register at:

https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/st-john-brebeuf-2

For additional information, please contact Deacon Andy Beierwaltes at ajbeierwal@aol.com or (847) 966-6961

# St. John Brebeuf

# Mega




**Sunday, October 25, 2026**

St. John Brebeuf
Rev. Thomas P. May Parish Ministry Center
8305 N. Harlem Avenue – Niles

FREE Admission (Must be 18 & over to play)
***(Hosted by Holy Name Men's Club)***

## $15.00 for 15 Games

***All Pay-Outs at $50.00***

*** * *FINAL GAME JACK-POT AT $500.00* ***

**Additional Chance to Win**
**PULL TABS AVAILABLE!!!!**

Doors Open at 2:30pm – Games Begin at 3:00pm
Refreshments Will Be Available

For Further Information Contact
Dennis O'Donovan at 847-744-2927
John Jekot at 847-651-7624


DAILY MASSES
WEEKEND MASSES
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8:30 am Mon - Sat (English)
7:00 pm Mon, Wed, Fri (Polish)
7:00 pm Tue & Thu (English)
WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday
5:00 pm (English)
6:30 pm (Polish)
Sunday
7:00 am (Polish)
8:30 am ęŢ 10:00 am (English)
11:30 am (Polish)
6:00 pm (English)
Family mass
Every 3r° 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

## *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.


FUTURE SHAMROCK DAYS
SAINT PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL
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!
LEARN MORE & START YOUR JOURNEY
STPATRICK.ORG/ADMISSIONS


OPEN HOUSE
SAINT PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL
MAKE PLANS TO VISIT US
Thursday, October 8 | 6-8 PM
Thursday, November 5 | 6-8 PM
COLLEGE PREP. CAREER READY.
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


WHERE AFFORDABILITY MEETS EXCELLENCE
SAINT PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL
COLLEGE PREP. CAREER READY.
EXPLORE NEXT STEPS!
STPATRICK.ORG
40+ AP & DUAL CREDIT COURSES
6 CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION PATHWAYS
14 VARSITY SPORTS

# SAINT PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

# ART CONTEST

Calling all inspired artists! Saint Patrick High School is having an art contest! Give it your all for a chance to show us your creative side and win some amazing prizes!

**All entries must be submitted and/or postmarked by October 22, 2026**
**Contest winners will be declared by November 13, 2026.**

## *7th and 8th graders*

Students are invited to create 9" x 12" works that celebrate community with a Shamrock Twist.

**Drawing prompt:**
At St. Pat's, we believe service means stepping up, helping others, and making the world a better place — starting with our school and community.

Artworks should go along with this year's theme:
**Small Things, Big Impact**:
Show how something small, like a person, action, object, or idea, can create a big change.

**Prizes:**
1st: $100.00 Amazon gift card
2nd: Drawing Kit ($50.00 value)
3rd: St. Pat's gear (Hoodie)

## *5th and 6th graders*

Print your image. Cut the image in half and paste one half onto your drawing paper. Draw the missing half using pencil or colored pencil.

**Prizes:**
1st: $75.00 Amazon gift card
2nd: Drawing Kit ($50.00 value)
3rd: St. Pat's gear (Hoodie)





Shading must be included in order to qualify. 9 x 12 works maximum, nothing larger please. Must use one of the attached images.

## *Submission*

All submissions must have a filled out form affixed to the back of their work. Submissions of original artwork only (no digital submissions) may be dropped off to the main office or mailed to 5900 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, IL 60634. Teachers may call to schedule a pick up appointment with Mrs. Wood at (773) 282-8844, ext. 238.

*Questions? Email Mrs. Wood at cwood@stpatrick.org or Ms. Reyes at ereyes@stpatrick.org*

*Please contact Mr. Taylor (ataylor@sjbschool.org) for more information.*




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***


Upcoming Admissions Events
Shadow Days and Private Family Tours Available Year-Round!
VOLLEYBALL FUTURE BANDIT NIGHT
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
GIRLS IN 4TH-8TH GRADE ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR PIZZA AT 6 P.M. AND THEN WATCH THE VARSITY GAME AT 7 P.M.
RES VS VON STEUBEN
COME CHEER ON THE BANDITS AND MEET THE TEAM!
FUTURE BANDIT STREAM WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 6, 2026
4-6 p.m.
Discover, innovate, and create with STREAM.
The possibilities are endless!
Open to all 6th, 7th, & 8th grade girls.
RESURRECTION COLLEGE PREP'S
Future Bandit ART WORKSHOP
6TH-8TH GRADERS
OCTOBER 21, 2026
4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
FUTURE BANDIT BASKETBALL CAMP
OCTOBER 18, 2026
4-6 P.M.
GIRLS IN 4-8 GRADE
$20 CAMP FEE
HIT THE COURT WITH THE BANDITS! COME PLAY, LEARN AND LEVEL UP YOUR GAME ALONGSIDE OUR RES BASKETBALL PLAYERS!
SCAN HERE TO REGISTER




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

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## 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

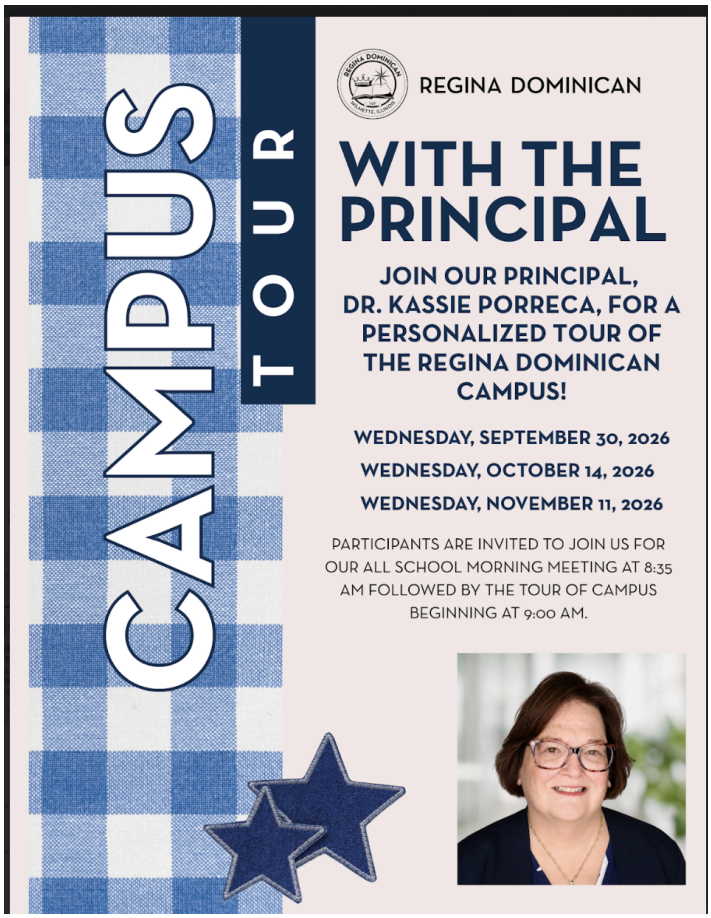

LA
BAND
Junior High
PEP BAND DAY
SAT OCT 3
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Open to All 6th - 8th Grade Band Students!
Event Cost - $30 (students receive lunch and t-shirt)
Rehearse and Perform with the LA Band!
Flute / Clarinet / Saxophone / Trumpet / Horn /
Trombone / Baritone / Tuba / Drums
Register NOW
goramblers.org/experience-la


LOYOLA ACADEMY
Theatre Performances and Music Festivals
2026 - 2027
FRI | OCT 2
8:45 AM - 10:30 AM
Grades: K - 6
Theatre for Young Audiences Production
You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown
Based on the Comic Strip "PEANUTS" by Charles M. Schulz
Book, Music and Lyrics by Clark Gesner
Additional Dialogue by Michael Mayer
Additional Music and Lyrics by Andrew Lippa
WED | OCT 28
9:00 AM - 1:30 PM
Middle School Choir Festival
FRI | NOV 13
8:45 AM - 10:45 AM
Grades: 5 - 8
Fall Theatre Production
A Wrinkle in Time
Adapted by James Sie
from the novel by Madeleine L'Engle
WED | JAN 20
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Middle School Band Festival
FRI | MAR 19
8:45 AM - 11:15 AM
Grades: 5 - 8
Spring Musical Production
Anything Goes
Music and Lyrics by Cole Porter
Original Book by P.G. Wodehouse & Guy Bolton
and Howard Lindsay & Russel Crouse
New Book by Timothy Crouse & John Weidman
For more information and to register to attend one of our events,
reach out to Deb Ganz, Fine Arts Administrative Assistant at (847) 920-2775 or dganz@loy.org

## 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!]



REGINA DOMINICAN

6th - 8th Grade

# Girls Night In Wellness Night



Breathe, relax, and recharge! Join us for an evening of yoga, mindfulness, self-care, and fun designed to help you find your inner peace and start the school year feeling your best.

Friday, October 16, 2026
5:30 - 7:00 PM

Visit www.rdpanthers.org to register!




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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