

A Letter from Mr. Taylor

Dear SJB Families,

I am so excited that we are finally enjoying some beautiful fall weather! There is something special about this time of year, and we have a wonderful weekend of activities ahead of us at St. John Brebeuf.

Tonight is our Spooky Spectacular! Bring the family out to our gym and Flanagan Hall for an evening of spooky fun. The children will have the opportunity to trick-or-treat at creatively decorated tables, enjoy food available for purchase in Flanagan Hall, and even venture through a haunted hallway! A huge thank-you goes out to our amazing P/SA for planning this spooktacular event and creating such a fun experience for our students and families. We hope to see you there!

Tomorrow, we will celebrate our October Family Mass at 10:00 a.m. I invite everyone to join us as we come together in prayer and worship as a school and parish community. Any student who attends Mass will receive an out-of-uniform pass. Just find me after Mass, and I will be happy to give you one!

Tomorrow will also be a special day for our 8th-grade girls as they celebrate their Volleyball Rose Ceremony. We are incredibly proud of these young women and the dedication, perseverance, and hard work they have demonstrated throughout their volleyball careers at SJB. Please come out to show your support and help us celebrate all they have accomplished!

On Monday, we will celebrate the Feast of St. John de Brébeuf, our school's namesake. Throughout the day, students will learn some interesting facts about his life and the important role he played in our Catholic faith. In honor of our school's namesake, staff and students may wear SJB spirit wear, PE uniforms, or other school clothing that proudly displays their Jaguar spirit. It will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the faith and traditions that make our school community so special.

As a reminder, there will be no school on Friday, October 23, as our staff will participate in a day of professional development. This time allows our teachers and staff to continue learning, collaborating, and finding ways to best support our students.

Finally, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in and supported our annual Oktoberfest. From our volunteers and sponsors to the families, parishioners, and community members who came out to celebrate, your generosity and enthusiasm made this year's event a tremendous success. Events like these remind me of what makes the SJB community so special. We truly come together as one family, and I am grateful for each and every one of you. More details and highlights from the event will be shared soon!

I hope you all have a wonderful, restful weekend filled with family, faith, and a little fall fun. Thank you for everything you do to make St. John Brebeuf such a special place for our children to learn, grow, and thrive.

Kind regards,
Mr. Adam Taylor
Principal

Important Dates

October 17th - P/SA Spooky Spectacular Halloween Event

October 18th - 10:00 am Family Mass

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

School News

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!

The Feast of St. John Brebeuf



Safety Patrol



Week of 10/19 - 10/22

Pink Team

- Onita A
- Patrick D
- Lilian B
- Anthony (AJ) P

Volleyball


SJB
VOLLEYBALL
8TH GRADE GIRLS
Rose Ceremony
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
4:00 PM
Game to Follow at SJB Gym

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



SJB Spirit Squad

LAST CALL FOR SPIRIT SQUAD REGISTRATION!



Please register for our SJB spirit squad by **Friday, October 23**. We will not be able to take any other registrations after that date. Thank you!

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

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


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

Catholic Saints Week



Uncle Pete's Ministry



Celebration of Cultures



Join us for a fun-filled event with cultural food and entertainment. Presale Tickets - 25 tickets for $20 will be sold after all Masses on today and October 17-18. Presale Tickets may also be purchased at the Parish Office. Tickets at the door will be $1 each
Come and celebrate all the cultures that make up our parish community!

Bilety w przedsprzedaży będą dostępne po Mszach św. dzisiaj oraz 17 i 18 października, a także w biurze parafialnym. Pakiet 25 biletów kosztuje $20. W dniu wydarzenia bilety będzie można zakupić przy wejściu w cenie $1 za bilet.
Serdecznie zapraszamy do wspólnego świętowania!

St. Vincent de Paul



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

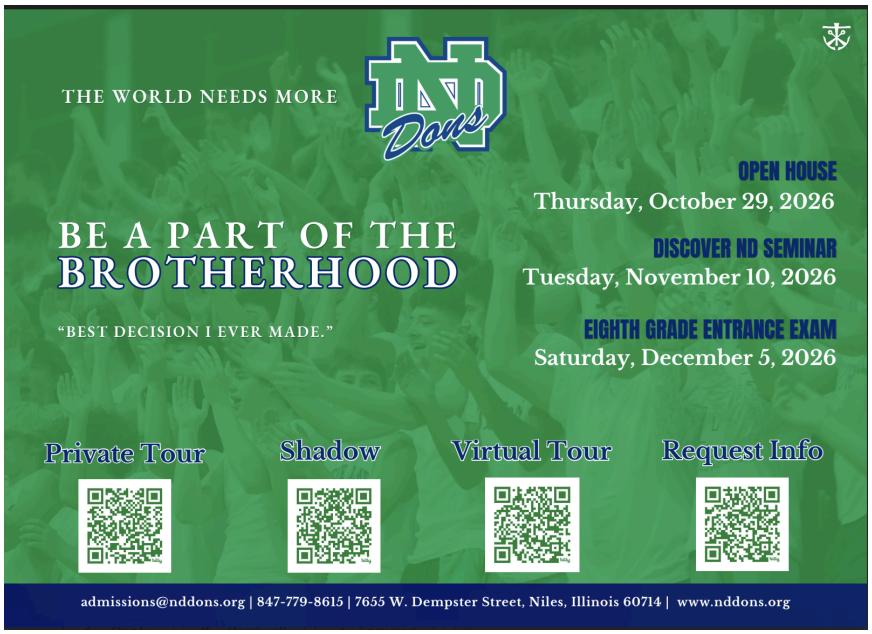
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Please contact Mr. Taylor (ataylor@sjbschool.org) for more information.



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



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.

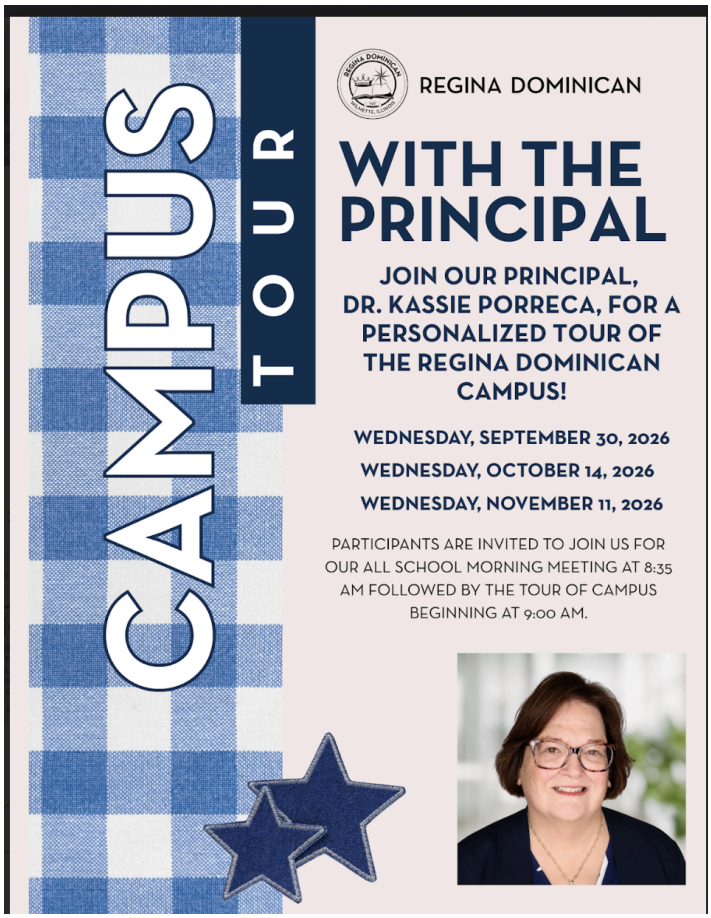
Click here to learn more


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!]





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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