

A Letter from Mr. Taylor

Dear SJB Families,

I am truly excited about the days ahead at St. John Brebeuf. Our school community is full of life, faith, and generosity, and this weekend and next week give us wonderful chances to celebrate that together.

Celebration of Cultures (Today)

Today we celebrate the many cultures that make our parish family so rich and beautiful. Our students and families from the parish are sharing foods from around the world, and it is a joy to see our community come together in this way. Please be sure to stop by the USA table for some fun foods and an out-of-uniform pass.

Red Ribbon Week (Next Week)

Next week, we honor and celebrate Red Ribbon Week, the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the nation. It began after the 1985 death of DEA Special Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, who gave his life in service while working to stop drug trafficking. Friends and neighbors in his California hometown began wearing red ribbons to honor his sacrifice and his commitment to protecting others. Parent groups soon joined in, and in 1988 the first National

Red Ribbon Week was observed. Today, millions of people across the country wear red each October as a promise to choose healthy, drug-free lives.

As Catholics, we believe each of our children is a precious gift from God, created with purpose and worthy of protection. This week is a meaningful opportunity to remind them of that, and to encourage them to make choices that honor the gift of their lives. Each day has a different theme:

Monday: *"Live Our Dreams Drug Free."* Staff and students may wear their pajamas.
Tuesday: *"Team Up Against Drugs."* Wear sports jerseys, spirit wear, or team apparel.
Wednesday: *"Be a Hero and Stay Drug Free."* Staff and students may wear school-appropriate superhero costumes or colors, or dress as their personal hero (mom, dad, firefighter, soldier, police officer, teacher, etc.).
Thursday: *"Dress Head to Toe in Red."*
Friday: *"Scare Away Drugs."* Students in PreK-5 may dress in their school-appropriate Halloween costume (no gore, no face masks, and no weapons). Students in grades 6-8 may dress in Halloween colors.

Sack Lunches for Uncle Pete's Ministry
As a reminder, we will be collecting sack lunches for Uncle Pete's Ministry on Monday morning. Lunches will be collected during morning drop-off. Please pack the following:

- Two sandwiches (meat only) on white or wheat bread, with no condiments or cheese
- Two hard-boiled eggs
- One small bag of chips
- One apple or orange
- Two to three cookies or one small candy bar
- One small bottle of water or juice box
- One napkin

Thank you for your generosity. Every lunch is a small act of love that reflects Christ's call to feed the hungry, and it is a beautiful way for our students to live out their faith through service.

I hope you all have a restful and wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr. Adam Taylor

Principal

Important Dates

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

RED RIBBON WEEK
2026
October 26th–30th

"Make a Difference. Be a Hero. Live Drug Free"™

Dear Students,
This year, Red Ribbon Week will be observed in the following ways:

Morning Prayers and Announcements
Student Council members will lead the morning prayers and announcements. Each day, they will share a fact about Red Ribbon Week and lead the school in reciting the Red Ribbon Week pledge.

Red Ribbon Week Pledge
"I pledge to make healthy choices, to be a positive role model for my friends, and to support the mission of Red Ribbon Week; "No use of illegal drugs, no illegal use of legal drugs."

Students are encouraged to celebrate Red Ribbon Week by participating in the following daily dress-down themes:

MONDAY — **"Live Your Dreams Drug Free"**
- **Pajama Day** (No slippers may be worn).

TUESDAY — **"Team Up Against Drugs"**
- Wear a sports jersey, spirit wear, or team apparel.

WEDNESDAY — **"Be a Hero, Stay Drug Free"**
- Wear a school-appropriate superhero costume or colors, or dress as your personal hero (mom, dad, firefighter, soldier, police, etc.).

THURSDAY — **"Dress Head to toe in Red"**
- Wear red to show our unified commitment to staying drug-free.

FRIDAY — **"Scare Away Drugs"**
- **Grades Pre-K–5:** Dress in school-appropriate Halloween costumes (no gore, no face masks, no weapons).
- **Grades 6–8:** Dress in Halloween colors.

Thank you for your support and participation in making Red Ribbon Week a meaningful experience for our students!

Safety Patrol



Week of 10/26 - 10/30

Brown

- Adi M
- Isabella D
- Jim M
- Miabelle T

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



Parish News

Please click here to visit our parish website



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
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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 3rº 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

Uncle Pete's Ministry

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Sack Meal for the less fortuante

A sack meal can make a real difference for someone facing hunger.

Thanks to the generosity of our parish and school community, we collected 550 sack meals last month! These meals were delivered to Franciscan House to help feed those in need.



Our Sack Meal Ministry continues the weekend of October 17-18.

Bags and instructions will be available as you exit the church.

Participating is easy. Please prepare two sack meals, each containing:

- 2 sandwiches (meat only) on white or wheat bread or a roll (Please no condiments or cheese)
- 2 hard-boiled eggs
- 1 small bag of chips
- 1 apple or orange
- 2-3 cookies or one small candy bar
- 1 small bottle of water or juice box
- 1 paper napkin

Sack Meal Drop-Off Times

Completed meals are dropped off at the front of the church:

Saturday, October 24	4:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Sunday, October 25	6:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Thanks be to God!

As we wrap up another year, thank you for your continued generosity and support of Uncle Pete's. What may seem like a small gesture to us can make a meaningful difference to someone who is hungry – Let us make this last collection of the year another great one!

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

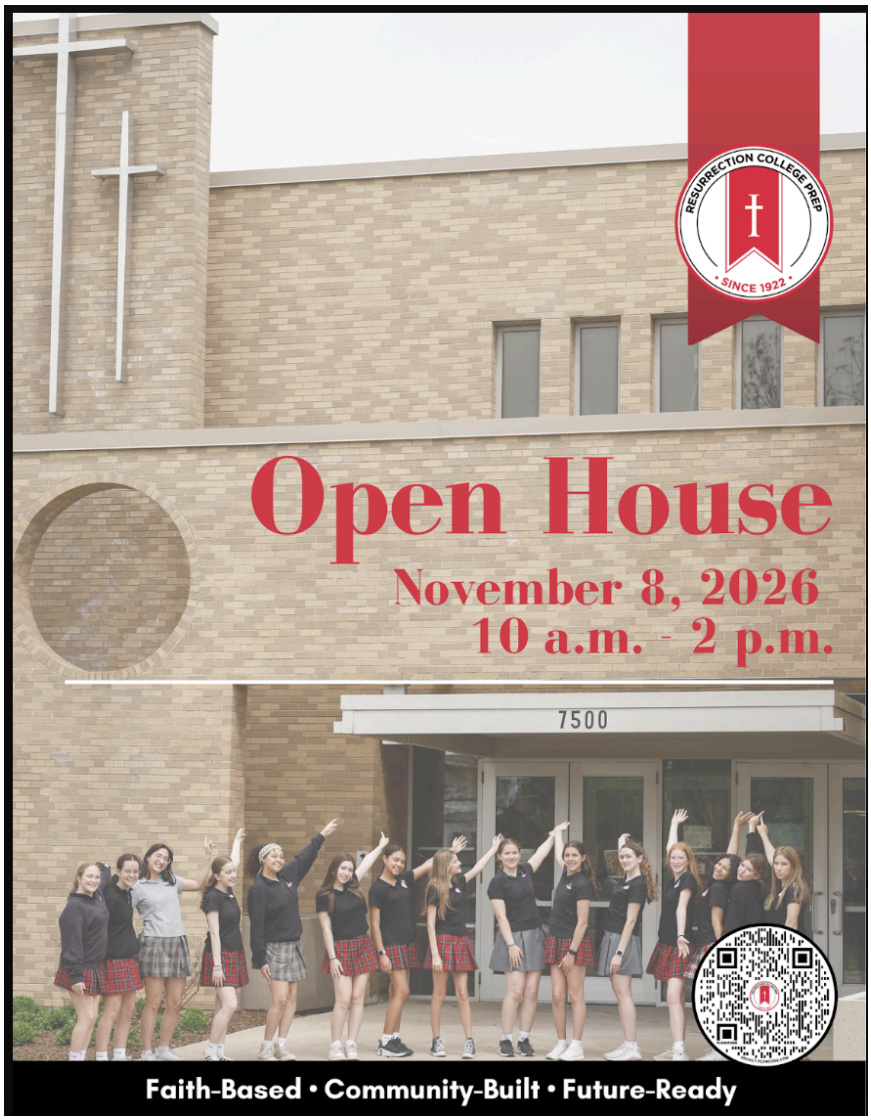
Future Shamrock Days are a great way for students to experience firsthand what it is like to be a Shamrock and get their first dose of our unique and unforgettable Shamrock Pride! Each year in the fall, we offer Future Shamrock Days for current 8th-grade boys only. 7th-grade boys are invited to shadow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


RESURRECTION COLLEGE PREP
SINCE 1922
Open House
November 8, 2026
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
7500
Faith-Based • Community-Built • Future-Ready



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

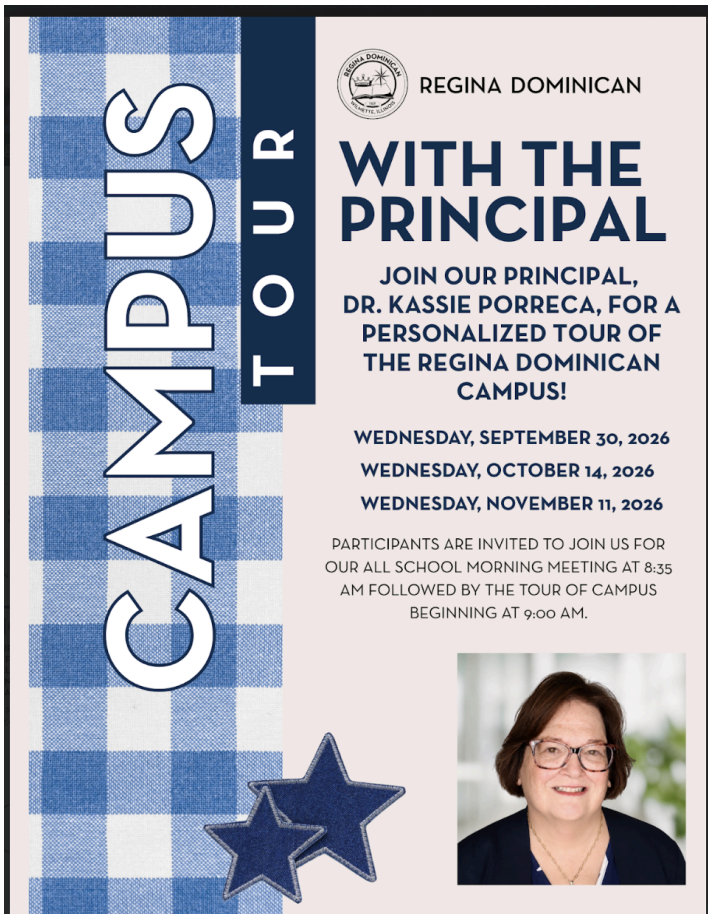
Spring Musical Production
Anything Goes
Music and Lyrics by **Cole Porter**
Original Book by **P.G. Wodehouse** & **Guy Bolton**
and **Howard Lindsay** & **Russel Crouse**
New Book by **Timothy Crouse** & **John Weidman**

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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