



# St. John Brebeuf School

## Weekly Newsletter

### January 02, 2026

#### ***A Letter from Mr Taylor***

Happy New Year to our St. John Brebeuf families, and welcome to 2026. I hope this message finds you well and that you enjoyed a blessed and joy-filled Christmas season with your loved ones.

As we begin the new year, I want to once again extend my sincere thanks to our families for their generosity. Our faculty and staff truly appreciated your thoughtful personal gifts and contributions to the Holiday Gift Fund. Your kindness and support are never unnoticed, and we are deeply grateful.

January is packed with exciting events here at St. John Brebeuf. Our School Science Fair is quickly approaching on January 21st, and I cannot wait to see the creativity, curiosity, and hard work our students have poured into their projects. A special thank you to Ms. McPartlin for the guidance and encouragement she continues to provide our young scientists.

Our School Spelling Bee will take place on January 23rd. The top three winners will advance to the regional Spelling Bee on January 31st at St. Emily's. Best of luck to our eloquent wordsmiths as they prepare to take the stage and spell with confidence.

Our annual Daddy and Daughter Dance will be held on Saturday, January 24th. I have many wonderful memories of attending this dance with my own daughter, and I know this year's event will be just as magical. Thank you to our P/SA for continuing this cherished tradition that creates memories to last a lifetime.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, January 25th, as we kick off Catholic Schools Week with our monthly Family Mass at 10:00 am, followed by our School Open House from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet our teachers, see the incredible work our students are doing, and experience firsthand what makes SJB so special. We will also have fun and meaningful activities planned throughout the week as we celebrate Catholic education.

We close out the month with the P/SA Chicago Wolves game on January 31st. The Wolves will take on the Grand Rapids Griffins in a competitive Central Division matchup, with first and second place on the line. It is also Star Wars Night at the Allstate Arena, so expect to see plenty of familiar characters from a galaxy far, far away. I hope to see many of you there, using the Force to help guide the Wolves to victory. Thank you to our incredible P/SA for organizing this exciting community-building event. More information is included below.

As we welcome in 2026, I look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday with renewed energy, fresh excitement, and great anticipation for all that the new year will bring.

Warm regards,  
Adam Taylor  
Principal

**Important Dates to remember:**

**December 22nd - January 4th** - Christmas Break

**January 5th** - School Resumes

**January 7th** - P/SA Meeting - 6:30 pm in Room 2

**January 12th** - Athletic Board Meeting - 6:30 pm in Room 2

**January 14th** - Midtrimester

**January 15th** - 8th Grade Graduation Photos

- Parent Sacramental Meeting

**January 19th** - No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**January 21st** - Middle School Science Fair

**January 22nd** - Progress Reports Go Home

**January 24th** - Daddy/Daughter Dance

**January 25th** - Catholic Schools Week Begins

- 10:00 am Family Mass
- School Open House - 11:00 - 1:00 pm

**January 25th - January 31st - Catholic Schools Week**

**January 31st** - P/SA Chicago Wolves game

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

**February 6th - No School - Staff Professional Development**

**February 7th** - Mom/Son Night

**February 9th** - Athletic Board Meeting in Room 2 at 6:30 pm

**February 12th** - Parent Sacramental Meeting for grades 2nd & 8th in the PMC

**February 16th - No School - President's Day**

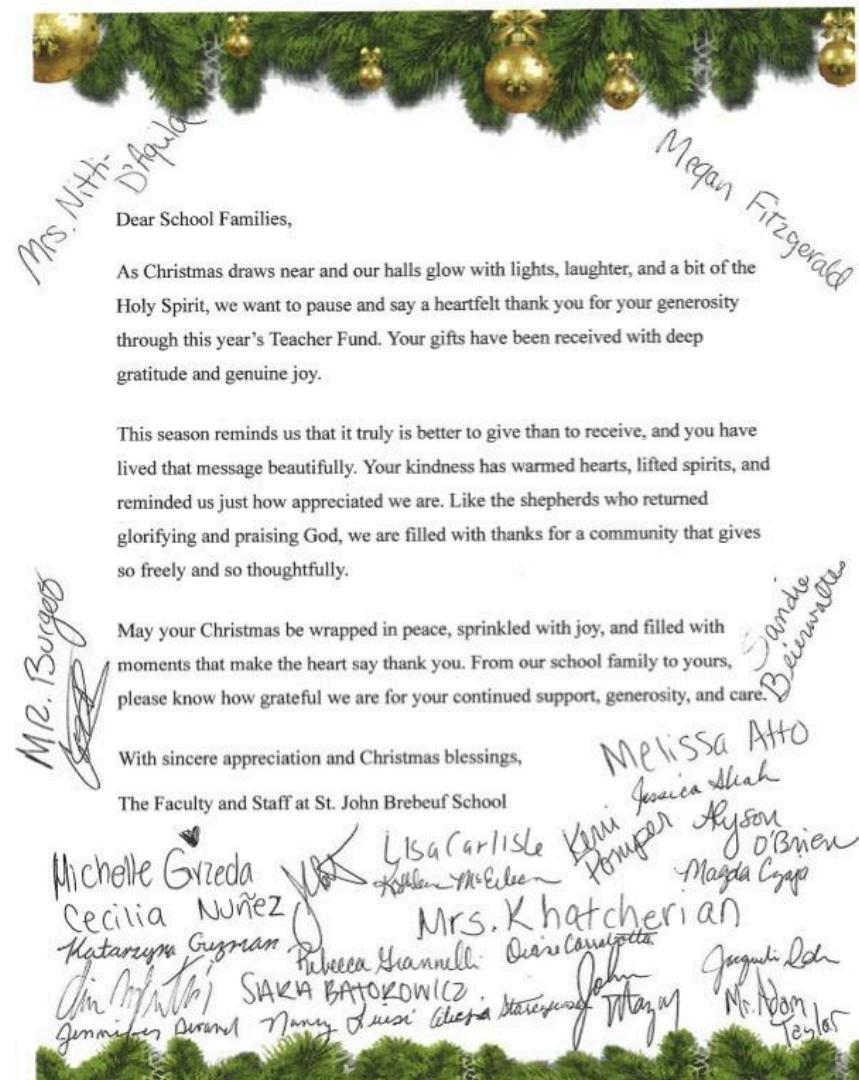
**February 18th** - Graduation Photo retakes

**February 20th - End of the 2nd Trimester**

**February 27th** - Fun Fair (5:00 pm - 8:00 pm)

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## Holiday Gift Fund - Thank You!



## Class of 2026 Lou Malnati's Pizza Coupon Fundraiser



Dear Families,

Thank you for your tremendous support of our 8th-grade class through the purchase of Lou Malnati's pizza coupons. Your generosity goes a long way, and the students are truly grateful for your encouragement as they work toward their final year at St. John Brebeuf.

Because of your support, this fundraiser has been a success. A limited number of pizza coupons are still available and can be purchased in the school office while supplies last. If pizza night is calling your name, we're ready for you.

Thank you for always showing up for our students and our school community. Your support makes a difference, one slice at a time.

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## ***Chicago Wolves***



### **ST. JOHN BREBEUF SCHOOL FAMILY NIGHT WITH THE CHICAGO WOLVES**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 AT 7PM  
VS. GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS**

**WOLVES KNIT HAT FOR ALL ATTENDEES  
STAR WARS NIGHT**

Join St. John Brebeuf families and friends for a night of fun at a Chicago Wolves hockey game! Everyone will receive a free Chicago Wolves hat and be seated together in the same section. Our group name will also be on the LED boards during the game.

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[Click here to download the flyer](#)

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## ***School Safety Patrol***



### ***Turquoise***

Kayla A  
Kamden A  
Sebastian M  
Dani R

Thank you for keeping us safe at arrival and dismissal

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## ***Kiddos Lunch Program***



We're excited to kick off another year of Kiddos Lunches!

In case the lunch info from school hasn't made its way to you yet, we didn't want you to miss out:

**Lunch ordering is now open, but you only have until Wednesday of next week at midnight to place your lunch orders**

## Returning Kiddos Customer?

Remember to **create a new account** at the start of each school year, so we have the most up-to-date information, including grades, teachers, etc.

The attached **Kiddos Ordering Flyer for 2025** has all the details you'll need to order, along with the **Restaurant Info Flyer**, with the fresh and scratch-made scoop on the restaurants serving your school.

If we can help with anything at all, please let us know at [support@kiddoscatering.com](mailto:support@kiddoscatering.com)

**Order Now**

**Ready For a Break?**  
Here's How to Order Lunches!

First things first... Order, Change or Cancel By Wednesdays at Midnight, for the next week's lunches.

- 1 Head to Your School's Lunch Page  
Click here: [www.kiddoscatering.com/gb](http://www.kiddoscatering.com/gb)  
Tip: Bookmark this on your computer or save to your phone's home screen.
- 2 Create A New Account  
Everyone starts fresh each school year so we have the most up-to-date info about your family, like your child's grade and your contact information.
- 3 Let Us Email You  
Be sure to allow emails from Kiddos, we only send what matters: reminders, lunch service notices, and updates.
- 4 Place Your Lunch Order  
For the easiest ordering view, click on the Student Calendar tab located on the top left of the order form.
- 5 Export Your Order to Your Device Calendar  
Go to the History tab  
Select Download Calendar

**Quick Tips**

**Menus & Pricing:** Click the name of a menu item (not the checkbox) to see its description and price.  
**Included Sides:** Want to see what sides are included? Click the 'Sides' link under the restaurant name.

**Lunch service you'll love, every day.**

**A Fresh & Modern Approach**  
We bring school lunch service out of the dark ages with tons of fresh and scratch-made menu choices **every day**, including healthy options, from the neighborhood restaurants you already love and trust.

**Real Relief—When You Need It**  
With so many daily food choices, you can always find something your kids will eat and love, so you can use the service any time you need.

**Enjoyment Guarantee:** If lunch isn't loved, it's credited—really!  
**Flexible Online Ordering:** Order, change, or cancel week to week.  
**One Easy Ordering Screen:** Order for all kids and all dates, on one screen.  
**Calendar Integration:** Sync your lunch orders to your calendar with one click.  
**All-Inclusive Meals:** All available sides included with every lunch.  
**Affordable:** Costs less than if you ordered from a lunch delivery service.

**Passport to the World**  
Same journey, different paths.

**Let's Collab!** We'd love the menu to reflect what your family enjoys, so let us know your restaurant and entree preferences.

Have questions? We're here to help!  
Email: [support@kiddoscatering.com](mailto:support@kiddoscatering.com)  
Call: 773-360-8081

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Every day easier.  
Every lunch yummier.  
Everyone happier.

**KIDDOS**  
we get lunch

## Inside Kiddos Lunches

The fresh and scratch-made scoop on the restaurants serving your school.



**Buona**  
Buona's menu features scratch-made recipes crafted from premium ingredients, including all-natural chicken with no antibiotics, fresh pastas (not dried) with house-made sauces, and pizzas made from hand-rolled dough and premium cheeses.

**Panda**  
Panda's chefs wok-cook every meal in small batches using fresh-cut veggies and real ingredients, no high-fructose corn syrup, ever. Their scratch-made approach captures bold flavor, aroma, and signature "Wok Her" with every bite.

**Potbelly**  
Potbelly crafts every sandwich to order, starting with fresh-baked Turano bread. Premium meats, cheeses, crisp veggies, and house-made sauces are prepared fresh, while cookies are baked in shop daily for that irresistible taste.

**ZUPAS**  
Cafe Zupas preps fresh, premium ingredients every morning for their scratch-made soups and sandwiches, pairing them into wholesome combos kids love to eat.

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**Culver's**  
Culver's menu features fresh beef and all-natural meat hand-breaded chicken tenders. They're committed to sourcing the best ingredients to prepare meals that are not only delicious, but also fresh.

**Epic Burger**  
Epic Burger focuses on a "more mindful burger," serving all-natural and halal beef and chicken options made without processed ingredients, a fresh, flavorful take on a classic.

**Jet's**  
Jet's Detroit-style pizza starts with fresh dough hand-made daily from a proprietary flour blend, baked in custom steel pans for a light, airy center and crispy, caramelized crust.

Fajita Pete's serves fresh, flame-grilled fajitas with homemade tortillas and sides like rice, beans, and queso, all scratch-made for bold Tex-Mex flavor.

**Giordano's**  
Giordano's signature mozzarella is made exclusively for them by Wisconsin cheesemakers, aged to perfection and shredded fresh daily. Their pizza sauce is prepared in-house each day from hand-picked tomatoes.



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Kind regards,

Kiddos Lunch Team

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## School Uniforms



We are partnering with Schoolbelles for our school and PE uniforms. The items can be ordered online or in person by visiting the Schoolbelles store, located at 7246 West Foster Avenue in the Harlem-Foster Shopping Centre. PE uniforms are now required for all students in Kindergarten through eighth grade. The uniforms should be worn all day on PE days. If you have not received your PE uniform at the beginning of the school year, students may wear black or navy blue shorts (or sweatpants), with a black or navy blue t-shirt (or crew neck sweatshirt). Hoodies are not allowed. All students

are expected to be in full uniform as soon as possible. Please visit our website [here](#) for more information.

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## ***Treering Yearbook***



**Capture your memories in this year's**

**ST. JOHN BREBEUF SCHOOL**

**yearbook**

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\*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

Deadline: **Apr 17**

To purchase your yearbook, use the QR code below or:  
Must be a parent or student 13 years or older

1. Go to: [treering.com/validate](http://treering.com/validate)
2. Enter your school's passcode:  
**1014084732531224**



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## Parish News



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

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### *Become an Altar Server*



**BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER.** We invite all children who have received the First Holy Communion to join our Altar Servers! Please, go to our website [sjbrebeuf.org](http://sjbrebeuf.org), download the registration form, fill it out, and send it to Fr. Sebastian - [szebrowski@sjbrebeuf.org](mailto:szebrowski@sjbrebeuf.org)

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### ***St. John Brebeuf Children's Choir***

Just a friendly reminder that choir rehearsals take place every Tuesday:

- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM at school for Grades 3-4,
- 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM at the church (music room) for Grades 5-8.

If your child is interested in joining, please contact the choir director, Mrs. Ewa Kowcz-Fair, at 773-551-0284.

Let your children grow in faith and music! This is a wonderful opportunity to develop musical skills, build friendships, and enjoy meaningful time together.

## 2025 Children's Choir Form

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Dear Parents,

My name is Ewa Kowcz-Fair, and I am the SJB Laudate Children's Choir Director. I'd like to share with you some information about scholarships and benefits that your child may be eligible for simply by being part of the choir.

As we all know, students can receive scholarships in high school or college for sports, but they can also earn them by participating in choir or music programs that demonstrate growth in their skills. I have many choir alumni who have already graduated from college and still reach out to me with fond memories of their time in choir.

Some students have told me it all started in 3rd grade, when they learned how to properly communicate with audiences, use correct diction while speaking, and sing both in groups and as soloists. I also hear stories of them landing solos in high school, traveling across the U.S., and winning awards in modern musical productions. The key is consistency - being involved in choir throughout grade school and high school can build lifelong skills that stay with them and may even open doors in the future.

If your child is in 3rd grade or above and enjoys singing, please consider giving them the gift of music - it's an investment that will bear fruit in their future. We are here at SJB.

- Grades 3 - 4 meet on Tuesdays at 2:00 PM at school.
- Grades 5 and up meet on Tuesdays at 5:00 PM in the Music Rehearsal Room at the church.
- Children from our Parish Families (Grades 5 and up) meet on Thursdays at 5:00 PM in the Music Rehearsal Room at the church.

We sing at School Masses, Family Masses, annually downtown at the Pueri Cantores Festival, and occasionally out of town.

Please feel free to call me with any questions about the choir.

Thank you,

Ewa Kowcz-Fair  
Laudate Children's Choir Director  
773-551-0284

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## ***Holy Name Men's Club Bingo***

# St. John Brebeuf



# ***BINGO!***

Sunday, January 4, 2026

St. John Brebeuf

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

\$15.00 for 15 Games

***Pay-Out's determined by Attendance***

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

Doors Open at 2:30pm – Games Begin at 3:00pm

***Refreshments Available***

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

# College Football National Championship Game Monday, January 19, 2026



**Viewing Party At:**  
St. John Brebeuf  
Rev. Thomas P. May Parish Ministry Center  
8305 N. Harlem Avenue, Niles - Doors open at 6:00pm & Kick off at 6:30pm  
*(Hosted by the St. John Brebeuf Holy Name Men's Club)*

**New or Renew 2026 Membership @ \$15.00**

***Refreshments Will Be Served***  
*(Beverages and snacks)*

**For Further Information Call**  
**Dennis O'Donovan @ 847-744-2927 or John Jekot @ 847-651-7624**

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## Super Sunday Football Party Sunday, February 8, 2026

**VIEWING PARTY AT:**  
St. John Brebeuf  
Rev. Thomas P. May Parish Ministry Center  
8305 N. Harlem Avenue – Niles



**Doors Open at 2:00pm - Kick Off at 5:30pm**  
Only \$30.00 to Purchase a Wrist Band (*Children age 14 & under \$10.00*)  
***MENU ITEMS TO BE ANNOUNCED***

**Bring Your Friends and Family!!!**

**For Additional Information and Reservations Call**  
Dennis O'Donovan @ 847-744-2927  
Andy Beierwaltes @ 847-966-6961  
John Jekot @ 847-651-7624

**Please R.S.V.P.!! This helps with meals planning!!!**  
*(Hosted by the St. John Brebeuf Holy Name Men's Club)*

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## Youth Ministry



# St. John Brebeuf youth Ministry



Every 3rd Sunday of the month

MASS AT 6PM  
AND MEETING  
AFTERWARDS



8305 N Harlem Ave, Niles, IL 60714

[www.sjbrebeuf.org](http://www.sjbrebeuf.org)



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## ***Church Schedule***

### **ST. JOHN BREBEUF CHURCH**

#### **Holy Masses:**

##### **Sunday:**

**In English: 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass), 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 6:00 pm**

**In Polish: 6:30 pm (Vigil Mass) 7:00 am, 11:30 am**

##### **During the week**

**Monday-Saturday: In English - 8:30 am, 7 pm (Tuesday, Thursday)**

**In Polish - 7:00 pm (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)**

#### **Other devotions and services:**

**Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament: 24/7 (access with the key tag)**

**Rosary: weekdays after the 8:30 am Mass**

**First Friday of the month: Confession at 8:00 am, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Confessions: Monday-Friday 6:30 pm; Saturday 4 pm**

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Wednesdays after  
8:30 am (English) and 7 pm (Polish)**

**First Saturday of the Month Devotion - after 8:30 am mass (English)  
and 6:30 pm (Polish)**

**Family Mass - third Sunday of the month at 10 am (English)  
and 11:30 am (Polish)**

**Fillipino Mass - Fourth Sunday of the month at 10 am**

**REP program - every Thursday from 6 pm to 7:30 pm**

**Youth Mass - Every 3rd Sunday of the month at 6 pm**

**Spirituality Group - second Thursday of the Month (after 7 pm Mass)  
& fourth Thursday of the month (after 8:30 am Mass)**

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