



# St. John Brebeuf School

## Weekly Newsletter

### January 16, 2026

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

Dear St. John Brebeuf Families,

There is a special kind of excitement filling our halls right now. Our teachers and staff have been working with great care and enthusiasm as they plan for our Open House and the start of Catholic Schools Week. I truly hope you will join us for our 10:00 a.m. Family Mass on Sunday, the 25th. Immediately following Mass, our school will be open for you to walk through, visit classrooms, and spend time with our wonderful teachers, staff, and members of our P/SA and Athletic Department. From the moment you step inside, you will feel the sense of welcome and belonging that makes our community so special.

Catholic Schools Week will be full of joy and school spirit thanks to our Student Council, who has planned fun themes and activities for each day. The staff had a sneak peek, and I can honestly say the students are going to love what is coming. We will share the full schedule early next week.

Next week also brings our annual Science Fair. Our middle school students have been working on their projects since early in the school year, asking thoughtful questions, testing ideas, and carefully recording their results. I am so excited to see their creativity and hard work on display next Wednesday. A heartfelt thank you to Ms. McPartlin for guiding and supporting our students throughout this process.

We will also hold our school Spelling Bee next week. On Friday, the top spellers from grades 4 through 8 will compete for the opportunity to advance to the Regional Spelling Bee at St.

Emily's. Thank you to our classroom teachers and to Ms. Dohr for the time, patience, and encouragement they have given our students.

The very next day, we will gather for one of our most beloved traditions, the Daddy Daughter Dance. Our P/SA has worked tirelessly to create a magical winter evening for dads and their daughters. I still cherish the memories of attending these dances with my own daughter, and I am grateful to our P/SA for continuing to make this special night possible for our families. More information can be found later in this newsletter.

Finally, on Sunday, January 31st, our community is invited to attend a Chicago Wolves game together. It will be Star Wars Night at the Allstate Arena as the Wolves take on the Grand Rapids Griffins in this Central Division matchup. Thank you once again to our incredible P/SA for planning another fun and meaningful way for our families to connect. I hope to see many of you there.

As a reminder, there will be no school on Monday, January 19th, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

I wish you and your family a happy, healthy, and restful extended weekend.

Kind regards,  
Mr. Adam Taylor  
Principal

**Important Dates to remember:**

**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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## ***2026 Open House***



**ST. JOHN  
BREBEUF SCHOOL**

Sunday, January 25, 2026  
**Open House**  
10:00 am Family Mass  
11:00 am - 1:00 pm Open House

8301 N. Harlem Ave.  
Niles, IL 60714

**Contact Us :**  
☎ 847-966-3266  
✉ [office@sjbschool.org](mailto:office@sjbschool.org)

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

The poster features a central circular logo for St. John Brebeuf School, established in 1955, with a cross and a building silhouette. Surrounding the logo are four yellow-bordered photographs: top right shows students at a table; middle right shows a woman and students at a table; bottom right shows a group of students posing; bottom left shows students at a table with a plant.

# ***Daddy/Daughter Dance***



SJB P/SA presents...

*Daddy Daughter*

*Dance*

JANUARY

SATURDAY | **24** | AT 7PM

2026

Bring daddy, grandpa or someone special and Join us for a night to remember at the SJB Parish Ministry Center!

\$45 per couple

\$10 for each additional daughter

RSVP by January 22<sup>nd</sup>

cash or checks payable to SJB P/SA

Any questions please contact  
Shamiram: 847-507-2129  
Marie: 847-456-4704

SCAN QR CODE TO RSVP:



## *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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## *School Safety Patrol*



## **Navy**

Eva A  
Molly H  
Ace O  
Charlie S

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/sfb](http://www.kiddoscatering.com/sfb)  
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 follow 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.
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**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.

**Have questions? We're here to help!**

**Email:** [support@kiddoscatering.com](mailto:support@kiddoscatering.com)  
**Call:** 773-360-8081

## 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.

A school lunch is only nutritious if it's eaten.

### 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 path.*

Passport to the World was created to give kids a fun, engaging way to explore life in other countries, highlighting the similarities in our daily routines while sparking curiosity about new cultures, foods, and places. Follow along on Instagram or Facebook.

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

**Every day easier. Every lunch yummier. Everyone happier.**

## 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.

**Culver's**

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

**Panda's**

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-Hi" with every bite.

**Lu Malinetta**

Every Lou Malinetta's pizza is handmade from scratch with the freshest and freshest ingredients. Each year, the team hand-selects California vine-ripened tomatoes for the perfect sweet and tangy taste, and their fresh mozzarella comes from the same small dairy partner of over 40 years.

**Spinnery**

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

**Panera**

Panera brings cozy comfort with warm sandwiches, freshly made soups, crisp salads, and bakery favorites. Everything is crafted with clean ingredients and tender, responsibly raised chicken for food that's wholesome, flavorful, and feel good.

**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.

**California Pizza Kitchen**

California Pizza Kitchen is known for its creative, California-style pizzas along with bold salads and pastas. Every dish is made with premium toppings that are hand-cut and prepared fresh in-store each day.

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**EPIC**

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.

**Fajita Pete's**

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.

**Jet's**

Jet's Detroit-style pizza starts with fresh dough handmade daily from a proprietary flour blend, baked in custom steel pans for a light, airy center and crispy, caramelized crust. Their Jet Fuel sauce is made from high-quality vine-ripened tomatoes.

**Giordan's**

Giordan'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

Follow us on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#)



## ***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**

**Customize your 2 free pages**

- Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Google Drive and more
- Answer fun memory questions to help remember the year
- The 2 custom pages are free and are printed only in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages are just \$1.99.

Regular price: **\$14.72**  
\*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](https://treering.com/validate)
2. Enter your school's passcode:

**1014084732531224**



 **Treering Yearbooks**

**Order Now**

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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***

## **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

The poster is for St. John Brebeuf Youth Ministry. It has a light beige background. At the top left is a circular logo with a chalice and a host. To its right is the text "St. John Brebeuf" in a small font, followed by "Youth Ministry" in a large, stylized font. To the right of this is a logo of three stylized figures in blue, yellow, and red. Below the main title is the text "Every 3rd Sunday of the month". In the center, it says "MASS AT 6PM AND MEETING AFTERWARDS". To the left of this text is a small illustration of a church. To the right is a large, stylized red cross. Below the central text is a circular logo with a cross and the text "ST. JOHN BREBEUF PARISH" and "1865". At the bottom, it gives the address "8305 N Harlem Ave, Niles, IL 60714" and the website "www.sjbrebeuf.org". At the very bottom is a cartoon illustration of five diverse youth (three boys and two girls) smiling and standing together.



## St. John Brebeuf “my Parish” app

# Catholic Life Every Day

— with the St. John Brebeuf App —



### Messages

Easily connect all week



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Events, Locations, RSVP



### Readings

Daily Readings from USCCB



### Prayers

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### Bulletin

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**Google play**



## 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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