



St. John Brebeuf School

Weekly Newsletter

February 27, 2026

A Letter from Mr. Taylor

Dear Families,

Our second trimester has officially come to a close. It always feels like we just hit our stride, and suddenly we are turning the page to a new chapter. Report cards are currently being finalized and will be sent home next week. While teachers complete this important work, PowerSchool access will remain closed. The system will reopen on Thursday once report cards have been distributed.

It is hard to believe that March begins on Sunday. The school year moves quickly, and we are already planning for the next one. When PowerSchool reopens, please take a moment to complete your re-registration if you have not already done so. Securing your child's spot early helps us prepare thoughtfully for staffing and programming.

Next Saturday, six of our student projects will advance to the Regional Science Fair. We are proud of these young scientists for their dedication and curiosity. Best of luck as they represent our school. A sincere thank you to Ms. McPartlin for guiding them to this moment.

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 8. Please remember to set your clocks forward one hour early Sunday morning. Yes, we lose an hour of sleep, but we gain a little more light at the end of the day, and that is a fair trade.

Looking ahead, our Invention Convention will take place on Wednesday, March 11. Students in grades 3 through 5 will showcase their creativity and scientific understanding in impressive

ways. This event holds a special place in my heart. When I began teaching here in 2006, organizing the Invention Convention was my first major responsibility. I still remember the imaginative designs my fifth grade students proudly presented. Seeing that tradition continue is both humbling and inspiring. Thank you to Ms. Atto, Mrs. Starczewski, and Mrs. Pomper for preparing our students so well.

That same evening, I encourage you to save your appetite. Our P/SA Bite Club will take place on March 11 at Raising Cane's. It is a simple and delicious way to support our school community.

On March 13, we will dismiss students at 11:30 a.m. to allow time for teacher-requested parent-teacher conferences.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. I hope you have a restful and joyful weekend.

Kind regards,
Mr. Adam Taylor
Principal

Important Dates to remember:

March 4th - P/SA Meeting @ 6:30 pm in Room 2

March 5th - Report Cards sent home

March 9th - Athletic Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm in Room 2

March 11th - 3rd - 5th grade Invention Convention

March 13th - Early Dismissal @ 11:30 am

- Teacher-requested Conferences

March 21st - Daddy Daughter Dance

March 22nd - SJB Easter Egg Hunt

March 26th - Confirmation Rehearsal

March 27th - Living Stations of the Cross (1:00 pm & 3:15 pm)

- Stations of the Cross through the streets of Niles @ 6:00 pm

March 29th - 10:00 am Family Mass

March 31st - Talent Show Try Outs @ 2:15

April 1st - P/SA Meeting at 6:30 pm in Room 2

April 2nd- 12th - Easter Break

April 13th - Athletic Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm in Room 2

April 15th - Spring Musical & Art Show

April 24th - Talent Show @ 1:00 pm

April 25th - 8th-grade Confirmation

April 29th - 8th-grade field trip to Springfield

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date!

PIZZA LUNCH

Friday, March 20th

Organized by
Student Council

Proceeds to benefit
Divine Mercy School
in Kenya

Daddy/Daughter Dance



SJB P/SA PRESENTS

Daddy Daughter Dance

**21 MARCH 2026
AT 6:30 PM**

Bring daddy, grandpa or someone special and join us for a night to remember at a new location!

9131 NILES CENTER RD SKOKIE
60076

**\$45 Per Couple
\$10 for each additional daughter**

Cash or checks payable to SJB P/SA

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

RSVP by March 19th



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 very limited number of pizza coupons are still available for purchase 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.

School Safety Patrol



Red

- Gisele N
- Marylen N
- Tommy G
- Andrew T

Thank you for keeping us safe at arrival and dismissal

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

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.



YOU'RE IN FOR A TREAT!

- 1 Head to Your School's Lunch Page**
Click here: www.kiddosscatering.com/sfb
The 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. Be 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.

Have questions? We're here to help!

Email: support@kiddosscatering.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.



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.

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 entree preferences.

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Every day easier.
Every lunch yummiier.
Everyone happier.



Inside Kiddos Lunches

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



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



Every Lou Malinelli'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.



Potbelly crafts every sandwich to order, starting with fresh-baked Tuscany 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 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.



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 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.



Every day easier. Every lunch yummiier. Everyone happier.



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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 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 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.



Giordanos 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.

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
2. Enter your school's passcode:
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Parish News



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

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, download the registration form, fill it out, and send it to Fr. Sebastian - szebrowski@sjbrebeuf.org

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*](#)

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

Holy Name Men's Club



ST. JOHN BREBEUF PARISH
FISH FRY DINNER

FEBRUARY 27 / MARCH 6
MARCH 13 and MARCH 20
4:30pm - 6:30pm

HOSTED BY: Holy Name Men's Club - Catholic Women's Club - Parish School Association (P/SA) - Boy Scouts — Girl Scouts - Filipino Americans - Polish Hospitality Group

MENU
*Fish prepared by Lone Tree Manor
(beer, wine, bottled water and soda will be available for purchase)*

 <p>FISH PLATTER - \$15.00 PRE-SOLD \$17 AT DOOR / LIMITED SERVINGS</p> <p>(side of Tartar sauce) mixed vegetables potato pancake and soup coffee, lemonade, water</p> <p>2/27 Cod fish 3/6 White fish 3/13 Cod fish 3/20 White fish</p>	 <p>PIEROGI PLATTER - \$15.00 PRE-SOLD \$17 AT DOOR / LIMITED SERVINGS</p> <p>Sauerkraut and Mushroom Pierogi with mixed vegetables and potato pancake, soup coffee, lemonade, water</p>
	 <p>KID'S PLATTER- \$5.00 Cheese Pizza lemonade, water</p>

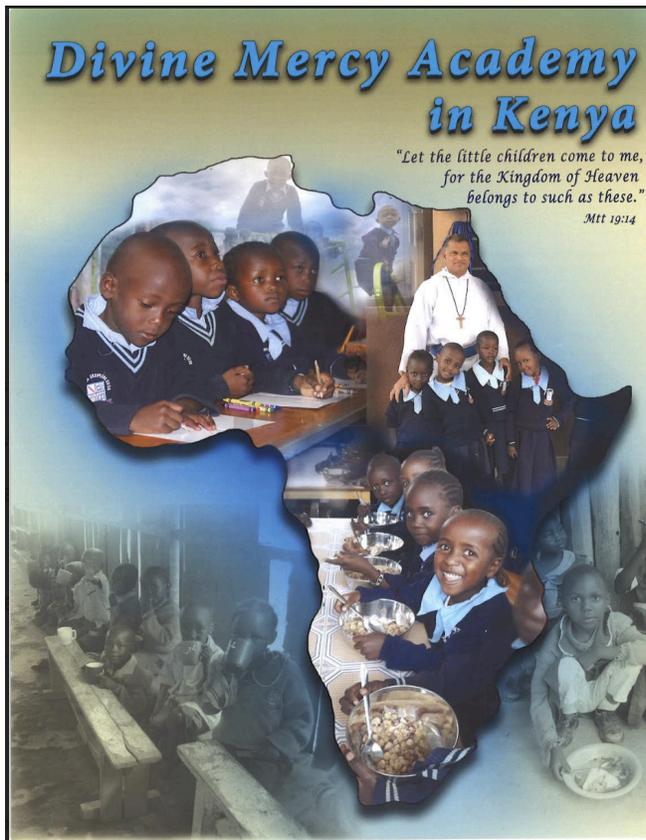
FOR ADDITIONAL FISH FRY INFORMATION CALL
Dennis O'Donovan @ 847-744-2927, Andy Belerwaites @ 847-966-6961,
John Jekot @ 847-651-7624

ST. JOHN BREBEUF
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online at www.sjbrebeuf.org



Divine Mercy Academy in Kenya



Dear Friends of the Poor,

In 2008, the Missionaries of the Poor opened a food kitchen for starving children in the slums of Nairobi, Kenya. Over time, the missionaries came up with the idea of an educational program to give children a chance to get out of the surrounding poverty and live with dignity.

When in 2012 volunteers from Chicago came to the mission for the first time and saw the enormity of the needs, they decided to organize help. Thanks to the support they received from the people of good will, volunteers have started to help the missionaries financially with various construction projects. Within five years, an orphanage, a new school, a kitchen with a dining room, toilets, a common room and a small medical clinic were built.

Today, 120 children ages 4 to 7 study at Divine Mercy Academy. The children come from families living in dire poverty and many of them coming from single parent households. Students receive free education, uniforms, shoes, backpacks and school supplies. The school serves two hot meals, which are often the only food the children will receive for the day.

At school, children learn their native language and English. They learn about the culture of their country and about God during religion lessons. Children have time to play and rest. Surrounded by the love and tender care of their teachers, they feel safe and loved.

The School of Divine Mercy functions thanks to the generosity of many people. You too can become an instrument of God's love and give hope to the poor children from the slums of Nairobi! Please join us in supporting Divine Mercy Academy.

The total schooling cost

- Tuition --- \$30
- Books and Supplies --\$20
- School Uniform --- \$20
- Shoes and Backpack - \$10
- Food Program--- \$60
- Total ---\$140

Checks should be payable to the Missionaries of the Poor with memo: Kenya School Project

Checks can be mailed to: Missionaries of the Poor P.O. Box 34095 Chicago IL, 60634

For more information, please contact: Antia 773-936-2235 or Daiva 708-899-0293



The Missionaries of the Poor express their sincere gratitude for your support and remember you in their daily prayers.

Youth Ministry



St. John Brebeuf

Youth Ministry



Every 3rd Sunday of the month



**MASS AT 6PM
AND MEETING
AFTERWARDS**



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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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