



St. John Brebeuf School

Weekly Newsletter

May 15, 2026

A Letter from Mr Taylor

Dear SJB School families,

As we continue through this beautiful month of May, today's May Crowning was truly a special and prayerful celebration. It was wonderful to see our eighth-grade students and their second-grade buddies dressed so nicely as they processed into church together. Each eighth grader reverently led a piece of the rosary, helping guide us in prayer as a school community. The essays shared during the service told deep and meaningful stories about important moments in the students' lives and reflected great maturity, faith, and gratitude. Thank you to Ms. Giannelli for organizing and leading such a beautiful and memorable celebration. Thank you also to Mrs. Fitzgerald for leading the seventh-grade choir.

You may have also noticed that we have a surprise pop-up carnival taking place in our school parking lot this weekend. We hope everyone will come out and enjoy this fun community event filled with rides, games, food, and fellowship. Ride wristbands are available for purchase, and additional details can be found below. There is something wonderfully nostalgic about the glow of carnival lights, the sound of laughter, and the smell of funnel cakes drifting through the evening air. We hope to see many of our families there throughout the weekend.

As I mentioned in previous newsletters, our first Boosterthon Fun Run was a tremendous success. Thank you to everyone who donated and supported this event. Together, we raised an incredible \$20,397 toward improving our curriculum and technology resources. Even more amazing was the support we received from 587 donors across 18 states and 3 countries. That is a testament to the strength and reach of our school community. We are already looking forward to

next year's event, which will feature the theme "Global Kitchen Club." More information will be shared next spring.

This past Wednesday, we also enjoyed a fantastic band concert. Our students performed beautifully and showcased the results of their hard work and dedication throughout the year. I must admit, one highlight for me was hearing the main theme from Star Wars performed live. Somewhere, John Williams probably felt a disturbance in the Force. Thank you to Mrs. Sohn for guiding and encouraging our young musicians. I am already looking forward to next fall's concert.

I also hope to see many of our families this Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Family Mass. Gathering together in faith is one of the many things that make our school and parish community so special, and we would love to celebrate with you.

Finally, if you have not yet completed your re-enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year, please do so as soon as possible. We are already actively planning for next year, and having accurate enrollment numbers helps us prepare for staffing and classroom needs. If you are experiencing any difficulties with the re-enrollment process, please contact or stop by the main office, and we will gladly assist you.

I wish all of our families a wonderful weekend. Enjoy the carnival, enjoy the beautiful spring weather, and, as always, thank you for your continued support of our school community.

Kind regards,
Mr. Adam Taylor
Principal

Important Dates to remember:

May 17th - 10:00 am Family Mass

May 18th - 8th Grade's Fun Field Trip

May 20th - Awards Day @ 1:30 pm in the Church

May 22nd - 8th Grade's Retreat and Dance

May 25th - No School - Memorial Day

May 28th - 8th Grade's Last Day of School

May 29th - 8th Grade Graduation @ 6:00 pm in the Church

June 1st - 2nd grade Field Trip

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

June 3rd - PreSchool Celebration

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

June 4th - Kindergarten Graduation

- School Picnic

June 5th - Last Day of School (1st Grade-7th Grade)

- Dismissal immediately following 8:30 am Mass
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A promotional banner for St. John Brebeuf School. The background is a dark blue space with golden stars and a glowing cross on the left. A large blue banner at the top reads "NOW ENROLLING" in gold. Below it is the school's circular logo, which features a cross and the text "ST JOHN BRBEUF SCHOOL" and "EST. 1955". The school name "St. John Brebeuf School" is written in large white letters, with "Preschool - Eighth Grade" on a gold ribbon below. Contact information is provided in a white box: "Email: office@sjbschool.org", "Phone: (847) 966-3266", and "www.sjbschool.org". A quote in white text says, "All are welcome to explore the school, meet the staff, and see what makes us great!". The banner includes several photos: a classroom scene, a boy and girl with baskets, and a close-up of a smiling boy.

NOW ENROLLING



St. John Brebeuf School

Preschool - Eighth Grade

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Days available**

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Archdiocese of Chicago Growth Scholarship



NEW TUITION OPPORTUNITY!
FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN GRADES 1–8

A new opportunity is opening doors for families seeking a **strong, faith-filled education.**

Through the **Growth Scholarship** offered by the **Archdiocese of Chicago**, eligible students entering grades 1–8 from public schools may receive valuable tuition assistance to join our school community.

- **NEEDS-BASED SCHOLARSHIP:** Welcomes new families.
- **ACCESSIBLE CATHOLIC EDUCATION:** Expanded income eligibility compared to traditional programs.
- **MAKE A CHANGE:** Now is the time to explore a faith-filled environment.

Explore what our school has to offer—where academic excellence, faith, and a sense of belonging come together.

REACH OUT TODAY TO LEARN MORE!

Phone: (847) 966-3266 Website: www.sjbschool.org

Please share the news! The Archdiocese is offering tuition assistance to public school families looking to enroll in Catholic schools. All are welcome.

Parish New Student Scholarship

NEW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP \$2,000 TUITION ASSISTANCE

**Available for NEW Preschool
through Fifth Grade students.**

Join a faith-centered community
where students grow academically,
spiritually, and
socially.

This limited-time opportunity makes a
St. John Brebeuf education more
accessible
than ever.

**APPLY TODAY • LIMITED SPOTS
AVAILABLE**

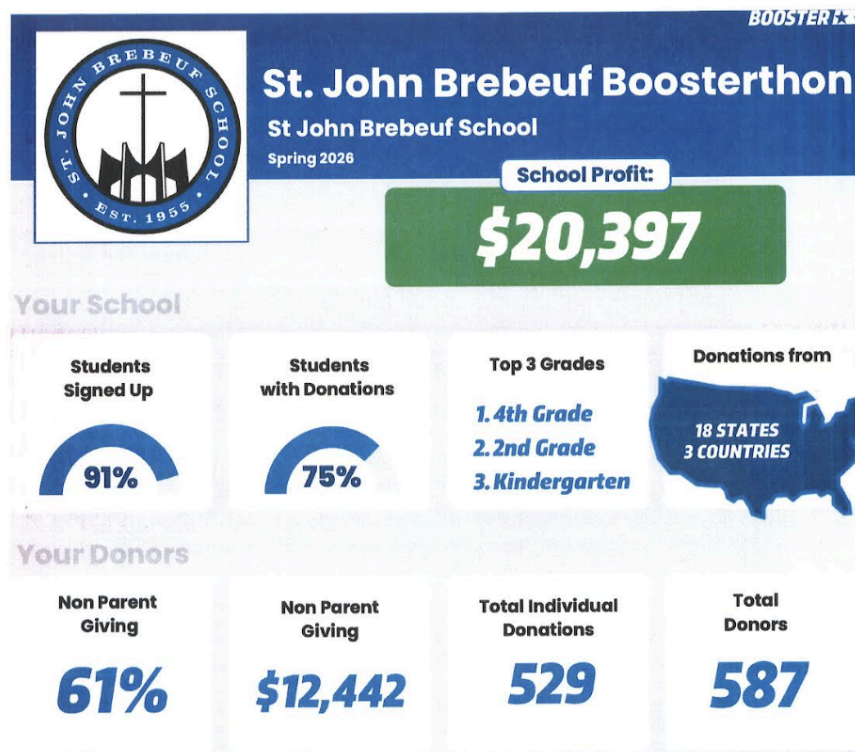
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Please spread the word! Our parish is offering a \$2,000 Tuition Assistance Scholarship to any new full-time Preschool - Fifth Grade students. Please register on our school website and apply in FACTS to be considered for the scholarship. Thank you.

Boosterthon Fun Run



Thank you to all of our friends and families for supporting our Boosterthon Fun Run. Thanks to your hard work, we were able to raise \$20,397 towards Technology and Curriculum Improvements! From the entire faculty and staff at SJB, THANK YOU!

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For your generous gift of tumblers to our staff and student! Your kindness has brightened our entire school community.



Class of 2026 Lou Malnati's Pizza Coupon Fundraiser

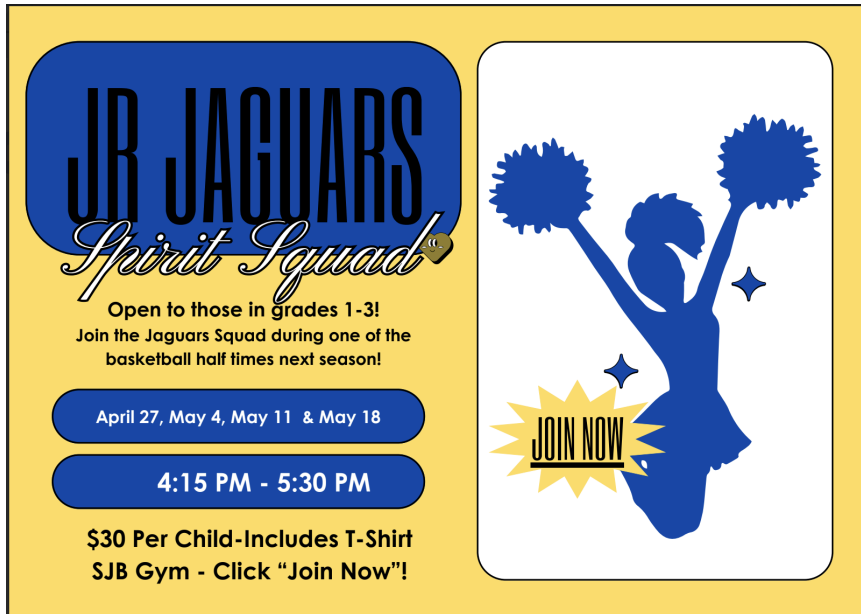


Dear Families,

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.




JR JAGUARS
Spirit Squad

Open to those in grades 1-3!
Join the Jaguars Squad during one of the
basketball half times next season!

April 27, May 4, May 11 & May 18

4:15 PM - 5:30 PM

\$30 Per Child-Includes T-Shirt
SJB Gym - Click "Join Now"!



[Click here to register](#)

Surprise Carnival



ST. JOHN BREBEUF SCHOOL
EST. 1938

SURPRISE CARNIVAL!

**A SPECIAL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION!
FOR ST. JOHN BREBEUF SCHOOL**

DATES: MAY 14TH-17TH

DAILY HOURS:
Friday - 5:00 - 10:30
Saturday - 12:00 - 11:00
Sunday - 12:00 - 10:00

TICKETS & WRISTBANDS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
1-Day wristbands: \$40
Full Weekend: \$80

BEAN-BAG TOSS

FOOD

The poster features a vibrant illustration of a carnival at night. In the background, there are colorful fireworks exploding against a dark purple sky. A Ferris wheel with multi-colored spokes is visible on the left. In the center, a blue and red train engine pulls several red passenger cars. In the foreground, there are three teacup rides with children inside. To the left, a booth for 'BEAN-BAG TOSS' is shown with a woman and children. To the right, a 'FOOD' stand is visible. The overall scene is festive and celebratory.

School Safety Patrol



Black

- Emma D
- Tyler O
- Josh S
- Aria U

Thank you for keeping us safe at arrival and dismissal

Kiddos Lunch Program



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.

If we can help with anything at all, please let us know at support@kiddoscatering.com

Order Now

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.

It's not too late to purchase the 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.

To purchase and customize your yearbook, use the QR code below or:


Must be a parent or student 13 years or older

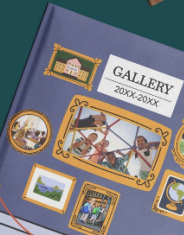
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Parish News



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



BINGO!

Sunday, May 17, 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

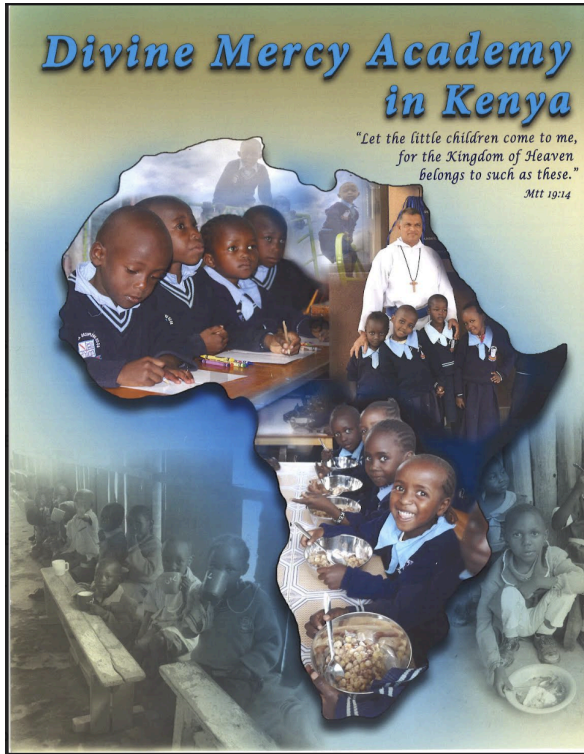
Additional Chance to Win
PULL TABS AVAILABLE!!!!

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

Bingo License #B-04157
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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: Ania 773-936-2235 or Daira 708-899-0293

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





St. John Brebeuf
**Youth
Ministry**



Every 3rd Sunday of the month



**MASS AT 6PM
AND MEETING
AFTERWARDS**



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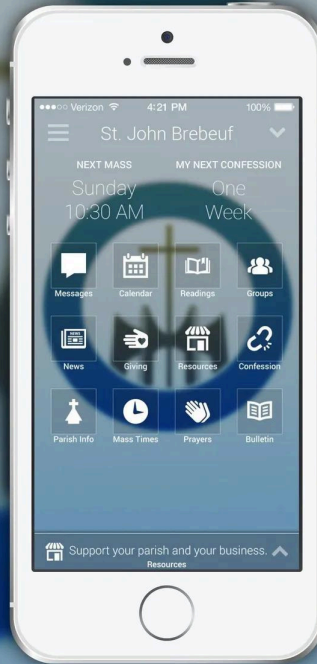
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Church Schedule

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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