



# St. John Brebeuf School

## Weekly Newsletter

May 29, 2026

### *A Letter from Mr Taylor*

Dear SJB Families,

As I write this week's newsletter, I am filled with pride and excitement as we prepare to celebrate our Eighth Grade Graduation this evening. This graduating class holds a very special place in my heart. My son has been part of this group since preschool, and over the years, we have truly grown up together. From classroom celebrations and school performances to sporting events, birthday parties, and countless memories outside of school, I have had the privilege of watching these young men and women grow into remarkable individuals.

Tonight marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. While we will certainly miss them, I know they are well-prepared for the opportunities and challenges that await them in high school. On behalf of our entire school community, I wish each graduate the very best as they continue their educational journey. I look forward to hearing about their future accomplishments and celebrating the many successes that are sure to come.

As we look ahead to next week, our final week of the school year, we have planned several fun dress-down themes for our students:

**Monday:\*\* Comfortable Clothes Day**

- Students are encouraged to dress comfortably as we begin our final week together.

**Tuesday:\*\* Favorite Color Day**

- Wear your favorite color and brighten our hallways with school spirit and creativity.

**Wednesday:\*\* Jaguar Pride Day**

- Show your Jaguar pride by wearing your school spirit wear and SJB apparel.

**Thursday:\*\* Picnic Day**

- Dress for the outdoors as we spend time outside enjoying games and activities during our annual school picnic.

**Friday:\*\* Dress-Up Day**

- Students are asked to dress their best as we celebrate the final day of school. We will begin the day with Mass and will be dismissed directly from the parking lot immediately following the liturgy. Please note that because next Friday is the first Friday of the month, we will remain after Mass to pray the First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus before dismissal.

**Students should be dressed in Catholic-school-appropriate clothing throughout the week.**

Next week, we will also celebrate two important milestones for our youngest Jaguars. Our Preschool Celebration will take place on Wednesday, June 3, and our Kindergarten Graduation Celebration will be held on Thursday, June 4. We are proud of all they have accomplished this year and look forward to recognizing their growth and achievements.

As we begin planning for the 2026-2027 school year, I kindly ask any families who have not yet completed re-registration in PowerSchool to do so as soon as possible. Please use the link available on our school's homepage to complete the Returning Family Form. Having an accurate picture of our returning enrollment helps us plan effectively for staffing, scheduling, and resources for next year. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Thank you for your partnership throughout this school year. I hope you and your family enjoy a wonderful, relaxing, and well-deserved weekend.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Adam Taylor  
Principal

**Important Dates to remember:**

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

**June 1st** - 2nd grade Field Trip

**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
  - Yogli Mogli fundraiser
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A promotional poster 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". 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 a large, white, serif font. Below the name, a yellow banner reads "Preschool - Eighth Grade". Further down, the text "Tours and Shadow Days available" is displayed. A white box contains contact information: "Email: office@sjbschool.org", "Phone: (847) 966-3266", and "www.sjbschool.org". Below this, a quote in italics says "All are welcome to explore the school, meet the staff, and see what makes us great!". The poster includes several photos: a group of children in a classroom, a boy and girl at a table with baskets, and a close-up of a smiling boy in the bottom right corner.

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Preschool - Eighth Grade

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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](http://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.

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## ***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**

**(847) 966-3266**

**[office@sjbschool.org](mailto:office@sjbschool.org)**



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.

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**Final Week Theme Days**



Dress Downs for the Last Week of School



♥ MONDAY

Comfy Cozy

\* TUESDAY

Favorite Color



☁ WEDNESDAY

Spirit Wear

☘ THURSDAY

All School Picnic

Picnic Fun



♥ FRIDAY

Dress Up

Early Dismissal: Right after Mass



## ***Yogli Mogli Fundraiser***

Please Join Us at  
Yogli Mogli  
Benefitting  
St. John Brebeuf P/SA!

Friday, June 5, 2026

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Yogli Mogli will donate 25% of the proceeds  
to the SJB P/SA!

Don't forget to mention the fundraiser when  
ordering.

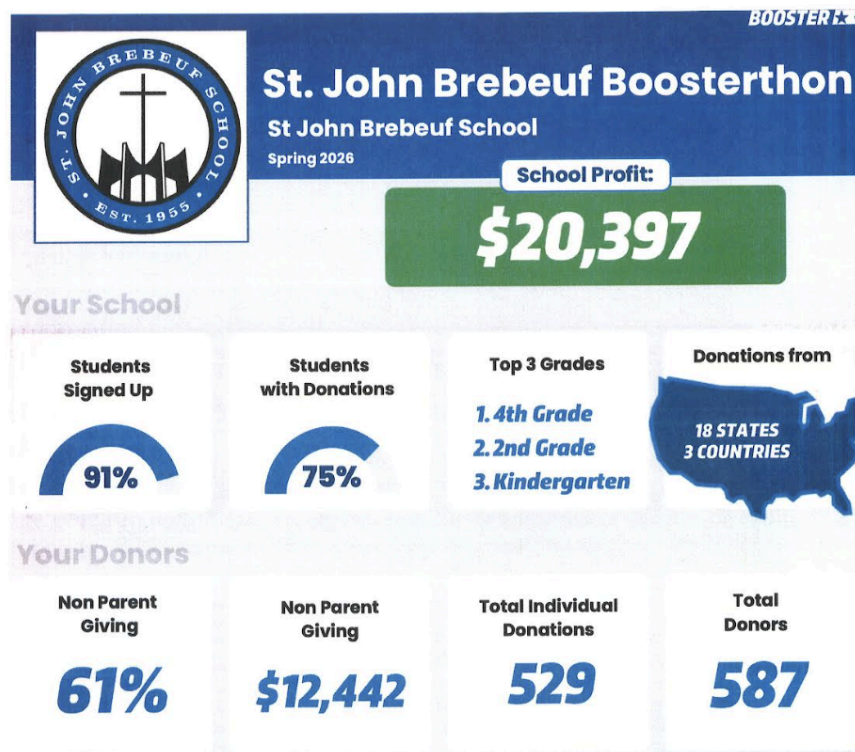
Thank you!!



8200 W. Oakton St.  
Niles, IL 60714

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## 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!

## *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.

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## Athletics

# JR JAGUARS

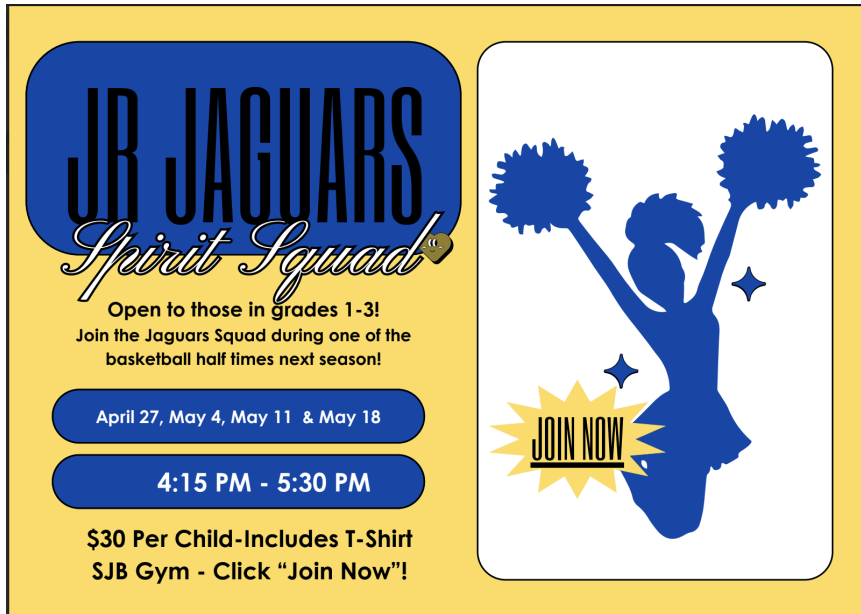
## *Spirit Squad*

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](#)

## School Safety Patrol



## Navy

Eva A  
Molly H  
Ace O  
Charlie S

Thank you for keeping us safe at arrival and dismissal

## ***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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## 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

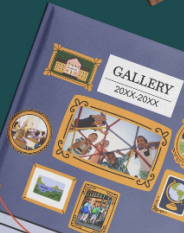
1. Go to [treering.com/validate](http://treering.com/validate)
2. Enter your school's passcode:  
**1014084732531224**

Hardcover: **\$21.36**  
Softcover: **\$14.72**

\*Does not include sales tax, if applicable



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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*

**St. John Brebeuf**

***MEGA BINGO***

**Sunday, June 7, 2026**

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)

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**\$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!!!!**

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Doors Open at 2:30pm - Games Begin at 3:00pm  
Refreshments Will Be Available

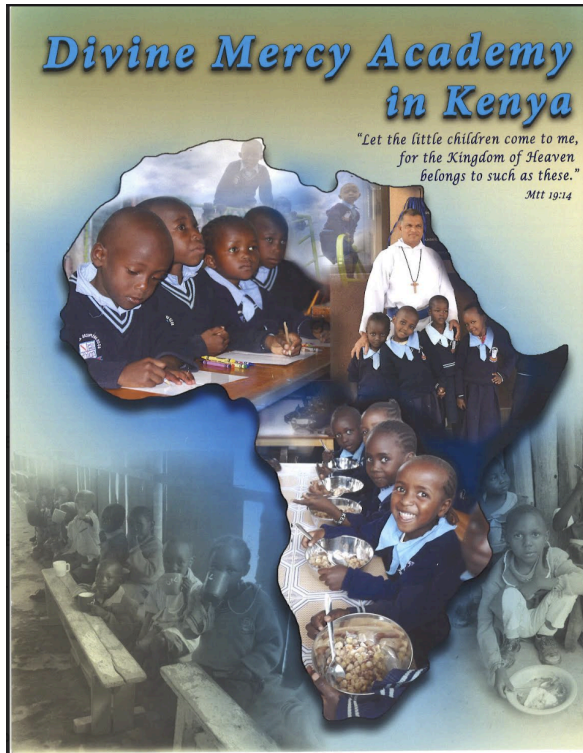
For Further Information Contact  
Dennis O'Donovan at 847-744-2927  
John Jekot at 847-651-7624

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**St. John Brebeuf**



# 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

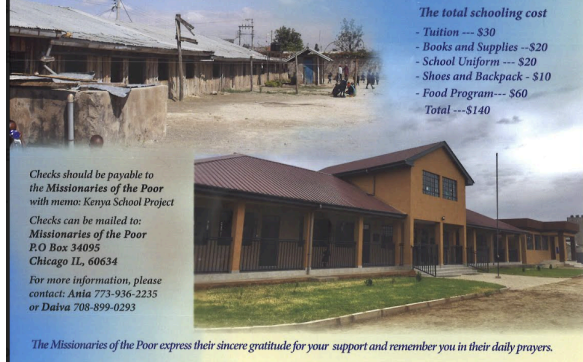
- Tuition --- \$30
- Books and Supplies ---\$20
- School Uniform --- \$20
- Shoes and Backpack - \$10
- Food Program --- \$60
- Total ---\$140

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 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**



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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