



St. John Brebeuf School

Weekly Newsletter

October 24, 2025

A Letter from Mr. Taylor

Dear SJB Families,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at last weekend's Halloween Spooktacular. The turnout was fantastic, the energy was high, and the creativity was off the charts. Every table looked great, and the spirit of our community was on full display. Congratulations to Grades 2 and 4 for winning the table decorating contest with their incredible Jurassic Park theme. The dinosaurs may not have been real, but the excitement sure was. Thank you to Marie Usdrowski and the P/SA for organizing such a fun and memorable evening for everyone.

Tomorrow, our parish will host the annual Celebration of Cultures event. I encourage you to stop by the PMC between 3:00 pm and 8:00 pm to experience foods and traditions from around the world. While you're there, be sure to visit the "USA" table hosted by SJB staff members. Students who visit the table will receive an out-of-uniform pass to use on a future date. We hope to see many of you there.

Next week, we will recognize Red Ribbon Week. This is an important time when we promote living a drug-free lifestyle. Red Ribbon Week began in 1988 as a nationwide effort to educate students and families about the dangers of drug use. Each day, our Student Council has planned a different theme to support healthy, positive choices. For example, on Monday, we will "Dream of a drug-free world" by wearing pajamas to school. The full schedule of themed days is listed below in the newsletter. Thank you to our Student Council for leading this effort with care and enthusiasm.

As the weather continues to cool, please make sure your children are dressed for outdoor recess. We will remain outside as long as conditions allow. Thank you for helping us keep students comfortable and safe.

I hope you all have a great weekend, and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Celebration of Cultures event. Go Jaguars!

Sincerely,
Mr. Adam Taylor
Principal

Important Dates to remember:

October 23rd - October 31st - Red Ribbon Week

October 31st - Halloween

November 1st - All Saints Day

November 2nd - Daylight Saving Time ends

November 5th - P/SA Meeting - 6:30 p.m.in Room 2

November 7th - NO SCHOOL

November 10th - Athletic Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.in Room 2

November 12th- - School Photo Retakes

November 13th - Parent Sacramental Meeting for 2nd and 8th-grade parents

November 24th - 11:30 Early Dismissal

- Parent Teacher Conferences (1:00 pm - 7:00 pm)

November 25th - NO SCHOOL - Parent Teacher Conferences (9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)

November 26th - November 28th - NO SCHOOL

2025 Red Ribbon Week

RED RIBBON WEEK

OCTOBER 27-OCTOBER 31

MONDAY

27

Dream of a Drug-Free World:
Wear Pajamas to school

TUESDAY

28

The future is Bright Without Drugs
Wear neon colors

WEDNESDAY

29

Cheer On Others to be Drug Free
Wear a sports jersey

THURSDAY

30

Red-y to be Drug Free
Wear red

FRIDAY

31

Who Could You Be Drug Free?
PK-5: Wear your Halloween costume
6-8: Dress up as your future profession



Uncle Pete's Sack Lunch Collection



SACK MEALS FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE

Please make **two** Sack Meals.
Each sack should contain:

- ☐ 2 sandwiches (meat) on white or wheat bread
No condiments or cheese, please
- ☐ 2 hard-boiled eggs
- ☐ 1 bag of chips
- ☐ 1 apple or 1 orange
No bananas, please
- ☐ 2 - 3 cookies or 1 candy bar
- ☐ 1 juice, drink or water
- ☐ 1 paper napkin



FEEL FREE TO DECORATE THE BAG OR
INCLUDE A SPECIAL MESSAGE

MEAL DROP OFF

Church

Saturday, October 25
4:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Sunday, October 26
6:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

School

Monday, October 27
8:00 a.m.

"For I was hungry and you fed me"
Matthew 25:35

Halloween Candy Collection

SCHOOL FRIENDS CANDY COLLECTION

Have any leftover candies from trick-or-treating?
Donate them for a cause!

Please bring any peanut-free and individually wrapped candies and place them in the designated box by the school office. NO LOLLIPOPS DUE TO THE STICK FOR SAFETY REASONS.

We will donate the candies to Fill-A-Heart-For Kids. The candies will be added into Thanksgiving Goody Bags for homeless children.

Thank you for your generosity!

Emma Albarillo
7th Grade



School Safety Patrol



October 27th - October 31st

Brown Team

Auturina B

Keiko F

Michal F

Please arrive at school by 7:55 am each day.

Thank you for helping keep our school community safe.

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.

- 1

Head to Your School's Lunch Page

Click here: 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.
- 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@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.

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.

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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 Hu" with every bite.

La Madeira

Every Lou Madeira'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

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School Uniforms



We are partnering with Schoolbelles for our school and PE uniforms. The items can be ordered online or by visiting the Schoolbelles store located at 7246 West Foster Avenue, in the Harlem-Foster Shopping Center. 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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ST. JOHN BREBEUF SCHOOL

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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](#)

Celebration of Cultures



THE CELEBRATION OF CULTURES - OCTOBER 25TH

The Celebration of Cultures will be held on Saturday, October 25th, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m..

Join us for a fun-filled event with cultural food and entertainment.

While there, students should visit the **USA** table to receive an Out-Of-Uniform pass!

Holy Name Men's Club News

Mega Bingo

St. John Brebeuf



MEGA BINGO!

Sunday, October 26, 2025

St. John Brebeuf

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

\$15.00 for 15 Games

All Pay-Out's at \$50.00

Final Game Jack Pot Pay-Out at \$500.00

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

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St. John Brebeuf

Youth Ministry



Every 3rd Sunday of the month



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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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