



St. John Brebeuf School

Weekly Newsletter

November 14, 2025

A Letter from Mr. Taylor

Good afternoon, SJB community.

It was a joy to welcome the Story Bus to SJB this week. Our preschool through second-grade students stepped inside a world of lights, music, and circus creatures as they listened to Animal Orchestra. Their smiles said it all. A heartfelt thank-you to Mrs. Grzeda for bringing this wonderful adventure to SJB.

This Sunday is our monthly Family Mass at 10:00 am in the church. If you're able, please join us. Our choir has been working hard, and they'll lift the roof—and our spirits—with voices that could give angels a run for their halos.

Next week, our middle school students will take part in our annual service trip to Feed My Starving Children. They'll hand-pack MannaPack® meals that help reverse and prevent undernutrition around the world. It's meaningful work and a chance for our students to put compassion into action. Thank you to Mrs. Guzman and Ms. Czaja for organizing this valuable experience.

Our eighth graders have a second adventure ahead as they head to Studio W.I.P. for a Chicago Street Art tour. They'll explore the history, artists, and stories behind this vibrant outdoor gallery. Thank you to Mrs. Fitzgerald for planning such a creative and memorable outing.

Parent-Teacher Conference sign-ups are being sent out by homeroom teachers. Please schedule your conference with your child's homeroom teacher only. If you have specific concerns

regarding Music, Art, or PE, you may also set up a conference with Mrs. Fitzgerald and/or Ms. Batorowicz. Thank you for helping us make these meetings meaningful and efficient.

While the weather teased us with a bit of warmth, colder days are around the corner, starting Sunday. Please make sure your child is dressed for the drop in temperature.

A quick reminder for morning drop-off: please remain in your vehicle until you reach the front of the line. All three lanes are open. If you need to park and walk your child in, please use the church lot or the spaces in front of the rectory. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

Wishing you all a safe and blessed weekend.

Kind regards,
Mr. Adam Taylor
Principal

Important Dates to remember:

November 16th - 10:00 am Family Mass

November 18th - Middle School field trip to Feed My Starving Children

November 21st - Eighth-grade field trip to Studio W.I.P.

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

December 3rd - P/SA meeting at 6:30 pm in Room 2

December 8th - Athletic Board Meeting at 6:30 pm in Room 2

December 9th-11th - Santa's Workshop in Room 2

December 10th - Band Concert at 6:00 pm

December 14th - Breakfast with Santa

December 15th - School Christmas Concert

December 22nd - January 4th - Christmas Break

January 5th - School Resumes

P/SA - Breakfast with Santa



BREAKFAST
With Santa

PANCAKES & TREATS | TOY RAFFLE | PHOTO WITH SANTA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 - PMC 9:30 AM - 12 PM
\$15 PP - 2 YRS AND UNDER - FREE

 Please donate a new, unwrapped toy for
Uncle Pete's Toy Drive!

Class of 2026



Please help support the Class of 2026

The 8th-grade class would love your support in their first fundraiser of the school year! We are selling Lou Malnati's frozen pizza coupons for \$16 each. The coupons purchased can be exchanged for one 9" frozen Deep Dish pizza at any Lou Malnati's location.

Coupons will be delivered in time for the holiday season as a great stocking stuffer or an addition to any gift.

To order your frozen pizza coupons, please fill out and return the form below to the school office, attention Mr. Taylor, by **Friday, December 5th**. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Taylor at ataylor@sjbschool.org, or call the school at (847) 966-3266, ex. 35.

Thank you very much for your support!

[Click here to download the order form](#)

School Safety Patrol



November 17th - 21st

Red Team

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

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.

- Head to Your School's Lunch Page**
Click here: www.kiddos catering.com/sfb
Tip: Bookmark this on your computer or save to your phone's home screen.
- 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.
- Let Us Email You**
Be sure to follow emails from Kiddos, we only send what matters: reminders, lunch service notices, and updates.
- Place Your Lunch Order**
For the easiest ordering view, click on the **Student Calendar** tab located on the top left of the order form.
- 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.**

KIDDOS
we get lunch.

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-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.

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.

Ponderosa 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 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 yummier. 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 Schoolbellies for our school and PE uniforms. The items can be ordered online or by visiting the Schoolbellies 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.

Treering Yearbook



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ST. JOHN BREBEUF SCHOOL

yearbook

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Deadline: **Apr 17**

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Parish News



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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, 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 Bingo

St. John Brebeuf



BINGO!

Sunday, December 7, 2025
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 3:30pm – Games Begin at 4:00pm
Refreshments Available

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

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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