

St. John Brebeuf School

Weekly Newsletter

November 21, 2025

A Letter from Mr. Taylor

Dear SJB families,

Today, we said goodbye to a dear coworker and friend, Mr. Danny O'Donnell. Danny joined our community seven years ago, and in that time, he touched countless lives with his larger-than-life heart and unforgettable personality. We will miss him dearly and continue to hold his family and friends in our prayers.

In the midst of a difficult week, our students also had the chance to experience two remarkable field trips. On Tuesday, our middle school students visited *Feed My Starving Children*. Working shoulder to shoulder, they packed 171 boxes of *Manna Pacs*—36,936 meals in total—to support families in South America. We learned that the work our students did will provide meals for 101 children for an entire year. What a powerful reminder of how much good can come from working together.

Today, our 8th graders traveled to W.I.P. Studios in Chicago, where they explored the world of street art. They each created their own piece to bring back to school, and the creativity was off the charts—a big thank-you to Mrs. Fitzgerald for organizing such a meaningful and memorable experience.

Looking ahead to next week, Monday will be a dress-down day with a \$1.00 donation. Students may wear any school-appropriate outfit. Monday is also a half-day with an 11:30 dismissal. The afternoon and evening are set aside for mandatory parent-teacher conferences. If you haven't

scheduled a time with your child's homeroom teacher, please do so. Conferences will continue on Tuesday morning, followed by a Professional Development session for staff in the afternoon.

On behalf of the entire St. John Brebeuf staff, I wish you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving. May the break bring rest, warmth, and time with the people you love.

Kind regards,

Mr. Adam Taylor

Principal

Important Dates to remember:

November 24th - 11:30 Early Dismissal

- Dress-Down Day for a \$1.00 donation (anything school-appropriate)
- 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

Dress Down Day



\$1 SPORTS DRESS DOWN

November 14TH

Represent your favorite team!

NO LEGGINGS OR RIPPED JEANS PLEASE



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!



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



No Patrol next week

Athletics

Walkathon

The Athletic Board would like to thank everyone for participating in the SJB Walk-A-Thon in October. All prizes will be distributed to the students. The Athletic Board would like to acknowledge the two individuals who raised the most money:

Evan T, 2nd grade George E, Pre-K4

Thank you so much for your support!

Volleyball



It's time to sign up for SJB Volleyball!

Please fill out the registration form below in its entirety by December 1, 2025. There are seven (7) sections that you must fill out. To complete the registration and ensure participation, please provide the following after filling out this registration form:

- 1. Payment (cash or check made out to "SJB Athletics") for required fees as listed below by Jan.9, 2026.
- 2. Payment (cash or check made out to "SJB Athletics") for a one-time \$30 family fee (one fee per family per school year)

Please send the two (2) items above to your child's homeroom in an envelope marked "Volleyball".

Fee (Non-refundable, Non-transferrable):

4th - 5th = \$95

6th - 8th = \$110



REGISTRATION ENDS DECEMBER 1, 2025

Schedule:

• Practice Starts: Teams can start over Christmas break; Coaches will contact teams

• Season Starts: January 20, 2026

• Season Ends: March 21, 2026

• Playoffs Begin: March 24, 2026

• Championship Game: March 29, 2026

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



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 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.

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

Deadline: Apr 17

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

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older

- Go to: treering.com/validate
 Enter your school's passcode:

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Parish News



Please click <u>here</u> 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 <u>sibrebeuf.org</u>, download the registration form, fill it out, and send it to Fr. Sebastian - <u>szebrowski@sjbrebeuf.org</u>

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



Sunday, December 7, 2025 St. John Brebeuf Rev. Thomas P. May Parish Ministry Center 8305 N. Harlem Avenue – Niles

\$15.00 for 15 Games

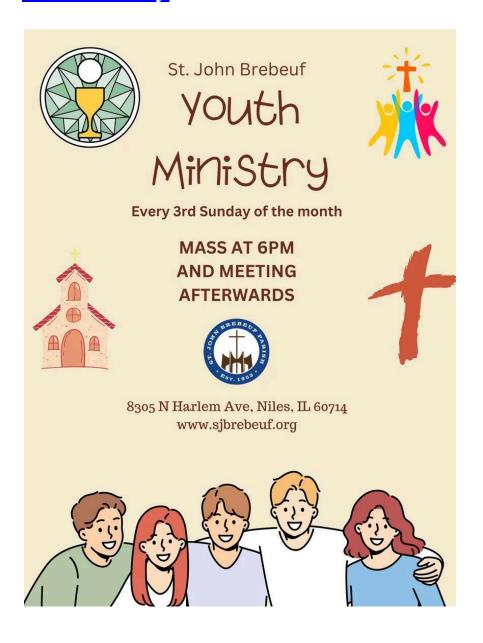
Pay-Out's determined by Attendance

Additional Chance to Win PULL TABS AVAILABLE!!!!

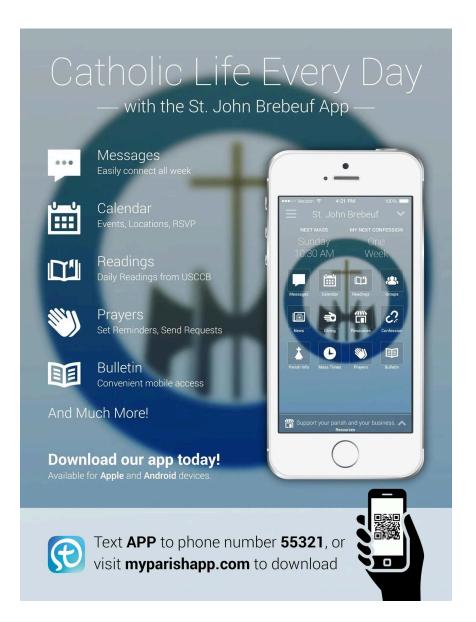
Doors Open at 3:30pm – Games Begin at 4:00pm Refreshments Available

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

Youth Ministry



St. John Brebeuf "my Parish" app









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 service 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 mo and 11:30 am (Polish) Fillipino Mass - Fourth Sunday of the 10 am REP program - every Thursday from 0 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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