



# St. John Brebeuf School

## Weekly Newsletter

### December 19, 2025

#### ***A Letter from Mr Taylor***

Dear Families,

This past week was full of life, laughter, and the unmistakable warmth of the season. Last Sunday, our school community gathered for Breakfast with Santa, and it was a wonderful way to celebrate the season. The morning was filled with pancakes, sausage, sweet treats, and plenty of quality time with Santa himself. A heartfelt thank you to our amazing P/SA and the many fabulous parent volunteers who made this event such a joyful success.

On Monday, our hearts were lifted during the Christmas Concert as our Preschool through 4th-grade students filled the room with song. They sang beautifully, and in doing so, reminded us all that Christmas begins with wonder and joy—my sincere thanks to Mrs. Fitzgerald for orchestrating such a memorable and heartfelt performance.

I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to the P/SA for hosting our Faculty Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday. It was an afternoon filled with delicious food, cheerful laughter, and festive games that lifted everyone's spirits. We are deeply grateful for the constant generosity and support our parents show our faculty and staff. Your kindness never goes unnoticed.

Yesterday afternoon, our school community came together for a festive Christmas assembly that delivered both cheer and smiles. From exciting basketball games to musical chairs, a Human Christmas Tree contest, and the announcement of our Christmas Art and raffle winners, the

afternoon was pure holiday fun. A big thank you to Mrs. Guzman, Ms. McPartlin, and our student council for planning an assembly that brought our community together in such a joyful way.

This morning, during Mass, we were blessed to witness our first graders present the Nativity story. Their performance gently and beautifully reminded us what this season is truly about. The students did a magnificent job depicting the journey of Mary and Joseph as they prepared for the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Nitti-D'Aquila and her husband, Ken, for guiding the children and preparing them for such a meaningful presentation.

As we head into Christmas break, I wish you and your families a very blessed and Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. May your days be filled with peace, faith, and time together. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in January 2026, refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

Warm Christmas blessings to you all.  
Mr. Adam Taylor  
Principal

**Important Dates to remember:**

**December 22nd - January 4th** - Christmas Break

**January 5th** - School Resumes

**January 7th** - P/SA Meeting - 6:30 pm in Room 2

**January 12th** - Athletic Board Meeting - 6:30 pm in Room 2

**January 14th** - Midtrimester

**January 15th** - 8th Grade Graduation Photos

- Parent Sacramental Meeting

**January 19th** - No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**January 21st** - Middle School Science Fair

**January 22nd** - Progress Reports Go Home

**January 24th - Daddy/Daughter Dance**

**January 25th - Catholic Schools Week Begins**

- 10:00 am Family Mass
- School Open House 0 11:00 - 1:00 pm

**January 25th - January 31st - Catholic Schools Week**

**January 31st - P/SA Chicago Wolves game**

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## ***Holiday Gift Fund - Thank You!***



Dear School Families,

As Christmas draws near and our halls glow with lights, laughter, and a bit of the Holy Spirit, we want to pause and say a heartfelt thank you for your generosity through this year's Teacher Fund. Your gifts have been received with deep gratitude and genuine joy.

This season reminds us that it truly is better to give than to receive, and you have lived that message beautifully. Your kindness has warmed hearts, lifted spirits, and reminded us just how appreciated we are. Like the shepherds who returned glorifying and praising God, we are filled with thanks for a community that gives so freely and so thoughtfully.

May your Christmas be wrapped in peace, sprinkled with joy, and filled with moments that make the heart say thank you. From our school family to yours, please know how grateful we are for your continued support, generosity, and care.

With sincere appreciation and Christmas blessings,

The Faculty and Staff at St. John Brebeuf School

*Mrs. Nitti-D'Aquila*  
*Megan Fitzgerald*  
*M.P. Burger*  
*Jessie Beierwiler*  
*Melissa Atto*  
*Jessica Aliah*  
*Kari Pomper*  
*Alyson O'Brien*  
*Magda Czaps*  
*Michelle Grzeda*  
*Cecilia Nuñez*  
*Katarzyna Guzman*  
*Rebecca Hannell*  
*Deirdre Conroy*  
*SARA BATOROWICZ*  
*John May*  
*Jacqueline Lehn*  
*Mr. Adam Taylor*  
*Lisa Carlisle*  
*Kathleen McElean*  
*Nancy*  
*Luisi*  
*Chera*  
*Stacy*

## *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 limited number of pizza coupons are still available and can be purchased 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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## Chicago Wolves



### ST. JOHN BREBEUF SCHOOL FAMILY NIGHT WITH THE CHICAGO WOLVES

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 AT 7PM  
VS. GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS**

**WOLVES KNIT HAT FOR ALL ATTENDEES  
STAR WARS NIGHT**

Join St. John Brebeuf families and friends for a night of fun at a Chicago Wolves hockey game! Everyone will receive a free Chicago Wolves hat and be seated together in the same section. Our group name will also be on the LED boards during the game.

[Click here to download the flyer](#)

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## School Safety Patrol



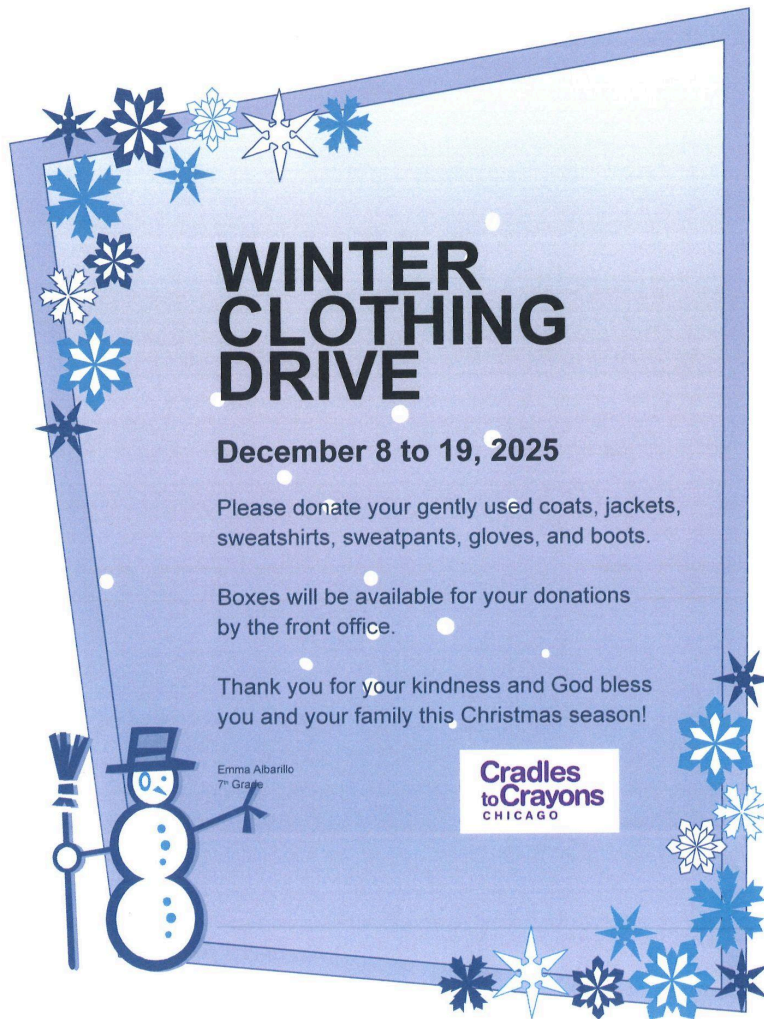
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Kayla A  
Kamden A  
Sebastian M  
Dani R

Thank you for keeping us safe at arrival and dismissal

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## ***Winter Clothing Drive***



## ***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](mailto: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](http://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**  
We 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

**YOU'RE IN FOR A TREAT!**

### 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](mailto: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.

**A school lunch is only nutritious if it's eaten.**

- 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-Hi" 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.

Popeye 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.**

**KIDDOS**

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The fresh and scratch-made scoop on the restaurants serving your school.

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.

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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**KIDDOS**

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.

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# 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**  
\*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

Deadline: **Apr 17**

To purchase your yearbook, use the QR code below or:  
Must be a parent or student 13 years or older

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

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## ***Parish News***



Please click [here](#) to visit our parish website

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## ***Christmas Mass Schedule***

**CHRISTMAS  
MASS SCHEDULE**

**CHRISTMAS EVE  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**3:00 PM FAMILY MASS (English)**

**5:00 PM MASS (English)**

**8:00 PM MASS (Polish)**

**10:00 PM MASS (Polish Pasterka)**

**CHRISTMAS  
MASS SCHEDULE**

**CHRISTMAS DAY  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**12:00 AM MIDNIGHT MASS (English)**  
**7:00 AM MASS (Polish)**  
**8:30 AM MASS (English)**  
**10:00 AM MASS (English)**  
**11:30 AM MASS (Polish)**  
**NO 6:00 PM MASS**

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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 Bingo*

# St. John Brebeuf



# ***BINGO!***

Sunday, January 4, 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 Lakot at 847-651-7624

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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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— with the St. John Brebeuf App —



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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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