



St. John Brebeuf School

Weekly Parent Newsletter

September 26, 2025

A Letter from Mr. Taylor

Dear SJB Families,

I want to take a moment to thank you all for the incredible support and generosity shown during our Oktoberfest. From our staff and parish organizations to parents and students, it was truly a community effort. I feel so blessed to be part of such a vibrant and faith-filled parish family.

If you're able, please join us tomorrow afternoon at Regina Dominican High School to cheer on our soccer teams! The Varsity game will begin at noon, preceded by the special 8th-grade Rose Ceremony—a beautiful tradition honoring our 8th grade players and their parents. The Junior Varsity game will follow. Let's fill the stands and show our Jaguar pride!

This Sunday, our 7th and 8th graders will take part in a retreat at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine as part of their Confirmation preparation. They will spend time in prayer, reflection, and attend Mass. A heartfelt thank-you goes to Ms. Giannelli for guiding our students on this spiritual journey.

Looking ahead, we will celebrate Grandparents Day and our Walkathon on Friday, October 3rd. The day will begin with a special Mass for students and their grandparents or special friends, followed by a short reception in the Parish Ministry Center. Many thanks to our P/SA for coordinating this meaningful celebration.

Afterwards, our students will participate in the annual Walkathon, which raises funds for our Athletics Program. This is always a fun and energizing event for the whole school, and we look

forward to another successful year. More details about both Grandparents Day and the Walkathon can be found later in this newsletter.

In early October, we will also hold our first supervised fire drill of the year. Members of the Niles Fire Department will be present to ensure everything runs smoothly and safely. More details will be shared as we approach the drill.

As always, thank you for your continued support of St. John Brebeuf. It is through your generosity, faith, and involvement that our school continues to grow and thrive.

Sincerely,
Mr. Adam Taylor
Principal

Important Dates to remember:

September 26th - No School - Staff Professional Development

- 8th-grade Shadow Day at St. Pat's and Regina Dominican

September 28th - Our Lady of Guadalupe Retreat (Mandatory for 8th grade; optional for 7th grade)

September 30th - Midtrimester

October 1st - P/SA Meeting at 6:30 pm in Room 2

October 3rd - Grandparents Day mass and reception

- Walkathon

October 9th - School Photos

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

October 10th - No School - Staff Professional Development

October 13th - No School - Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day

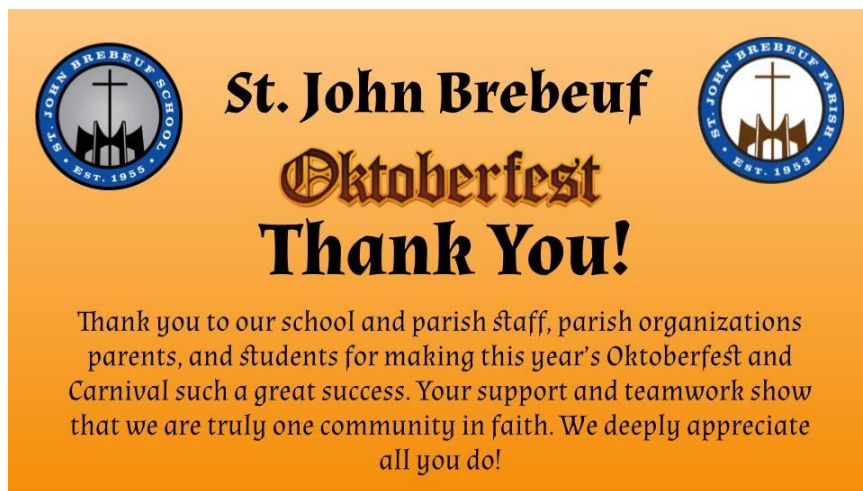
October 17th - 8th-grade Shadow Day at Notre Dame and Resurrection

October 18th - P/SA Halloween Event (5:00 pm - 8:00 pm)

October 22nd - 8th-grade Shadow Day at Loyola Academy

October 23rd - October 31st - Red Ribbon Week

Oktoberfest



Grandparents Day

PLEASE JOIN US FOR GRANDPARENTS' DAY
AT ST. JOHN BREBEUF SCHOOL!

Friday, October 3, 2025

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

**Please join your grandchild(ren) at mass in church at
8:30 AM followed by treats and coffee in the PMC!**

GREETINGS!

Our favorite event is upon us! GRANDPARENTS' DAY! Please consider donating some items so that we can make this another successful event for our family treasures! We would kindly ask that items be dropped off on Wednesday, October 1, between 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM in the school

office. If you have any questions, please reach out to Heather Pacheco at 773-330-1125 or Marie Usdrowski at 847-456-4704. As always, we thank you for your continued support!

[Grandparents Day Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

[Grandparents Day Participation Form](#)

Your SJB P/SA

School Safety Patrol



September 15th- September 19th

Blue Team

Zoe C

Jaden C

Karina L

Please arrive at school no later than 7:55 am each day.

Thank you for helping keep our school community safe.

Athletics

Walkathon



Please fill out the registration form below in its entirety by **Wednesday, October 1, 2025**. After registering, your child will need to have a paper copy of the Pledge Tracker in order to properly keep track of pledges. The Pledge Tracker can be downloaded to be printed from the SJB School Athletics webpage: <http://www.sjbschool.org/athletics>.

Thank you for your participation in this fun and worthwhile event that benefits the entire SJB school



Greetings!

Please see the below link to sign up to volunteer at walkathon! In order to volunteer, you must be Virtus-trained. You will be required to sign in upon arrival at the front office. Thank you so much for your continued support. We couldn't do it without you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090944ADAA29A2FA7-59003785-sjbwalkathon>

Questions? Please email sjb.athleticboard@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

SJB Athletic Board

Class of 2026

Support our SJB Class of 2026!
Give Good. Get Good.
That's Double Good!
09.25.2025 – 09.29.2025

When you buy Double Good's award-winning, ultra-premium popcorn, 50% of your purchase goes to supporting our class and you receive a delicious reward!

Shop during these days to help!

Go to link OR scan QR Code below to the Class of 2025 – SJB Store
<https://popup.doublegood.com/s/5989srk>

THANK YOU!

4 Days Only!
Starts @ 5pm 09/25/25
Ends @ 5pm 09/29/25

St. John Brebeuf

Class of 2026

WELCOME BACK

PIC-COLLAGE

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 grade, 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...

- 1** **Head to Your School's Lunch Page**
Click here: www.kiddoscatcatering.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

Order, Change or Cancel →

By Wednesdays at Midnight,
for the next week's lunches.



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@kiddoscatcatering.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.

Every day easier.
Every lunch yummiier.
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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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](#)

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. - 8:00 p.m.. Join us for a fun-filled event with cultural food and entertainment. Pre-sale Tickets - 25 tickets for \$20 will be sold after all Masses on Oct 4th-5th, 11th-12th, and 18th-19th. Pre-sale Tickets may also be purchased at the Parish Office. Tickets at the door will be \$1 each

Holy Name Men's Club News

St. John Brebeuf



BINGO!

Sunday, September 28, 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 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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Pull Tab License #P-02154



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



Lednica Young People Celebration XX

**Lednica 2000 Association
invites you to**

**Lednica Young People Celebration XX
Saturday, September 27, 2025
5:30pm – 9:30pm**

"Always Upwards"

Fr. Marek Smółka

Coordinator of Polish Ministry in Archdiocese in Chicago will preside

Fr. Sebastian Żebrowski

Associate Pastor of St. John Brebeuf in Niles Leadership

St. Rosalie Church

6750 W Montrose Ave, Harwood Heights, IL 60706

Bring your own folding chair or a blanket to sit on.

Suggested donation \$5.00

More information:

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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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