



September 18, 2025



Fri.	19	Student Council Favorite Character Dress Down Day Confirmation for the Class of 2025
Sun.	21	Tailgate for Education
Fri.	26	Field Trip Grades 1 & 2 Sonny Acres
Sat.	27	Grandparent BINGO



Wed.	01	Chocolate Bar Payment Due to School Office Home & School meeting 7:00 PM
Fri.	03	Spirit Day Wear Dress Down Day
Tues.	07	School Picture Day
Fri.	10	Teacher Institute Day NO SCHOOL
Mon.	13	Columbus Day NO SCHOOL
Wed.	15	Field Trip Gr. 6 Lizzadro Museum Early Dismissal 1:30 PM NO EXTENDED CARE
Fri.	17	Volleyball Pep Rally
Fri.	24	Student Council Favorite Flannel/Fall Color
Fri.	31	AM Halloween Parties 11:30 Dismissal Teacher In-Service NO EXTENDED CARE

Cross Catholic Outreach – Box of Joy Program



Dear School Parents:

We are looking forward and asking for your participation in a collection for the Box of Joy Program September 29th through October 17th. St. John's Council of Catholic Women is partnering with the School students to pack shoebox sized Christmas Gifts for children who normally do not receive a gift. CCW groups and Catholic Schools throughout the Joliet Diocese have been participating in this program for the last 7 years, so let's help this year! These gifts are sent to children in developing countries like Guatemala, Haiti, Peru, Malawi and the Dominican Republic. The boxes are put together for 3 different age groups for boys and for girls with a label that is put on each shoebox and marked based on its contents. The Label looks like the one below.

 BOY	Select Age Category		Select Age Category	 GIRL
	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-4 Yrs Old		<input type="checkbox"/> 2-4 Yrs Old	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-9 Yrs Old		<input type="checkbox"/> 5-9 Yrs Old	
<input type="checkbox"/> 10-14 Yrs Old	<input type="checkbox"/> 10-14 Yrs Old			

St. John's school parents and their children are asked to donate a few items for these boxes based on the grade the student(s) are in as follows:

Kindergarten and 1st grade contribute to boxes for Boys or Girls – ages 2-4 years old

2nd – 5th grades contribute to boxes for Boys or Girls ages 5-9 years old

6th – 8th grades contribute to boxes for Boys or Girls ages 10-14 years old

We are hoping to fill about 5 boxes from each grade!

We will be using shoeboxes that are printed from Cross Catholic Outreach. St. Luke's CCW in Carol Stream has a supply of the boxes that are available since their parish has closed.

As far as what we need, please see the separate sheet from Cross Catholic. Dollar stores are great places to find things. Does your family buy kids meals at fast-food restaurants that come with a toy? Ask your child **not to open** the toy and donate it – a GREAT teaching moment! Do you have any *gently used and clean* small stuffed animals or toys? Kids can donate those too. Remember **everything** must fit in the shoebox.

We plan for the collection to be completed by Friday, Oct. 17th and assembling the boxes with students participating the following week.

We will ask the teachers to work with their classes on making personal notes to put inside the boxes too.

Cross Catholic Outreach requests \$9 for each box we send to them. We are asking parishioners and CCW to make donations and the Student Council will sponsor a Dress-Down Day to help cover the \$9 per box. Cross Catholic does NOT require the donation, but it helps defray the costs of shipping and distribution of the boxes.

Go to the website for further information about the program: <https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/>

See the excitement in the children who receive these boxes. Check out these videos on the Cross Catholic Website: <https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/david-henrie/> and <https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/boj-impact/>



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1. Use the provided gift box or any shoebox-sized container (approximately 12" long x 6" wide x 4" tall).
2. If possible, remove items from original packaging to limit waste in the receiving countries.
3. **Please do not put monetary donations in the gift boxes.** Go online to boxofjoy.org to make your \$9 donation for each gift box **or scan the QR code to pay.**
4. If needed, secure the lid to your gift box with a single rubber band (please do not tape the gift box).



GIFT IDEAS

PERSONAL NOTES & PHOTOS

Children who receive Box of Joy gifts love it when you enclose a personal note or a handmade Christmas card and share a photo of yourself or your family. (It is advisable for parents or teachers to review notes written by children.)

TOYS

Ball (deflated) with pump*

Balloons
Binoculars
Cars or trucks
Craft kit (beads, elastic, etc.)

Doll*

Finger puppets
Handheld toys
Harmonica, kazoo or other small instrument

Jump rope
Lego building blocks
Mini board games
Mini puzzle

Small balls (tennis, etc.)

Small plush animals*

Slinky
Unopened fast-food toys
Yo-yo

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Coloring book*

Crayons*

Erasers
Flash cards
Glue stick (no liquid)
Notepads
Pencil case
Pencil sharpener
Pencils, colored pencils
Pens, markers
Safety scissors
Small board books
Solar calculator
Stickers

CANDY & GUM

Unexpired candy that will not melt, sealed in a zip closure style bag

Pez is good

candy - doesn't melt - Hard candy melts!

APPAREL

Bandanas
Dresses*
Flip-flops
Hats
Plastic poncho
Socks
Shorts
T-shirts*
Underwear

NECESSITIES/HOME

Bandages
Bar soap*
Comb or brush
Cup or bottle with lid*
Hand wipes
Lip balm
Manicure kit
Nail clippers or emery board
Toothbrush*

ACCESSORIES

Barrettes
Bracelets
Earrings
Hair bands or headbands*
Hair ribbons*
Necklace*
Purse or wallet*
Scarf
Sunglasses*
Watch

USEFUL ITEMS

Cross or rosary
Compass
Drawstring bag*
Sewing kit
Utensils

Rosary

*Highly desired items.

PLEASE DO NOT PACK

Liquids/gels (shampoo, body wash, lotion, nail polish, hand sanitizer, bubbles, paint, glue, etc.)
Food or beverages • Chocolate or JOLLY RANCHER® • Medicine or vitamins • Anything with a battery
Knives, tools or toy weapons • Glass or breakable objects • Cash, checks or gift cards

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Character Dress Down!

Dress down as your favorite character from
either a book, movie, or tv show!

Friday, September 19

You can be any character! Follow dress
down rules!



St. John the Baptist Catholic School School Mass Choir

Greetings, families of St. John the Baptist Catholic School! My name is Carrie Marcotte, and I am excited to be the new Director of Sacred Music at St. John the Baptist Parish. I recently had a chance to teach the sung Mass parts to the school students, and I enjoyed their enthusiasm and talent. For this year, we are forming two children's choirs- one for school Masses and one for parish Masses. (The Parish Youth Choir will be open to all children (grades 3-8) who attend St. John the Baptist Church.)

Our School Mass Choir (for grades 3-8) will be co-directed by Aimee Scala and myself. We will warm up and rehearse our songs with our Mass Choir at 8 am on school days when there is a school mass at 8:45 am, beginning with the Mass on Tuesday, September 30th.

Since your students will already be in school, there is no need to worry about dropping them off or picking them up. We still need permission from a parent/guardian for the students to be in the School Mass Choir.

To register, please complete the google form found at this link:

<https://forms.gle/tfGj6Forob3qDs7Z7> or the QR code below. (You may also send me an email at cmarcotte@stjohnwinfield.org)



Thank you!
Ms. Carrie Marcotte

Please stay tuned for future information about our "Pop Up" Parish Youth Choir.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & DADS OF ACTION

TAILGATING FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

1:00 PM – 7:00 PM

AT ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL PARKING LOT

**JOIN DADS OF ACTION
BY SCANNING QR CODE**



FREE HOTDOG AND DRINK TO ALL
SJB STUDENTS WITH THIS
COUPON!
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
& DADS OF ACTION