



## SJBS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MAY 21, 2018

**Memorial Day** for some families is the unofficial kickoff of summer and all the fun and excitement it brings. To others, **Memorial Day** is a solemn day to honor and remember those who have passed from this life. For families of war veterans, **Memorial Day** carries a special significance. They are mourning the loss of those loved ones who gave their lives in service to our country.

As **Catholics**, let us consider how in scripture and in military service the willingness to give up one's life is not dependent on the worthiness of the people who benefit from the honorable act. The sacrifice of the veteran follows the example of Jesus laying down His life for our freedom. It is a selfless love for others. *"We know what real love is because Jesus gave up His life for us. So we ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters."* I John 3:16

On **Memorial Day** while having fun with our families and friends, let us pause a moment to honor and pray for our American soldiers who sacrificed for the freedom we have in our country. May we also give thanks to God for the freedom we have to spend eternity with Him because of His gift of forgiveness through the life, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ *"Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for others"* John 15:1.

Last weekend we celebrated Pentecost, 50 days since Easter and "the birthday of the Church". Christ had promised His Apostles that He would send His Holy Spirit and on Pentecost they were granted the gifts of the Spirit. The Apostles began to preach the Gospel in all of the languages that the Jews who were gathered there spoke, and about 3,000 people were converted and baptized that day. This is why Pentecost is often called "the birthday of the Church." On this day, with the descent of the Holy Spirit, Christ's mission is completed, and the New Covenant is inaugurated. It's interesting to note that St. Peter, the first pope, was already the leader and spokesman for the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday (see Acts 2:14ff). One symbol of the Holy Spirit is a dove. There is no mention of a dove in Acts, but we associate a dove with the Holy Spirit because of the story about Jesus' baptism: "After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened [for him], and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove [and] coming upon him" (Matthew 3:16). The color of the vestments worn by priests on Pentecost is red to symbolize the love of the Holy Spirit, or the tongues of fire that appeared over the heads of the apostles on Pentecost. As a family you can read aloud the story of Pentecost in the second chapter of Acts.

## REGISTRATION/FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If you haven't already done so, please remember that you can begin to apply for the Diocesan Financial Assistance for the 2018-2019 school year. You do have to be Catholic, and it is for grades K – 8. The Diocesan applications have to be completed online. If you do not have access to a computer you are more than welcome to use ours at school. Just let me know. You can access the link on our website under School Information link and then Scholarship Information.

There is also the McVicar Scholarship. We encourage everyone to apply for this. You can find the application on our website as well. The Bourbeau Scholarship is also available for those families that have more than one student attending, but is mainly need based.

We are now accepting new applications for students wishing to enroll in the fall of 2018 in Kindergarten through Grade 8. Students should be 5 by September 1<sup>st</sup> to attend kindergarten. If you would like more information please use our website and/or contact the school.

If you have not returned your registrations, please return it this week.

## Testimonial

In my 11 years at St. John the Baptist School, I have learned so much about my faith and myself. All of the teachers are dedicated to helping the students succeed and ensuring that they have a safe space to learn and grow. The faculty and staff created a sense of family that made me feel supported both while being in the school and after I graduated. After graduating in 2010, I went to Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School and am currently a senior at the University of Hartford graduating this May. I will then be attending Western New England University to obtain a Doctorate in Occupational Therapy. St. John the Baptist School has given me a solid foundation that has and continues to help me in my everyday life. I will forever be grateful for my experience at the school. Danielle Bessette 2010

## CLASSROOM NEWS

Career Day was a success. Thank you to all of the volunteers for taking the time to share your time with our students.



Addison Meffen's grandmother, "Grandma Lisa", was our Mystery Reader! Thank you for reading to the students.



Please let me know if your volunteer hours are not correct. Please send me an update so I can check it for you.



The 8<sup>th</sup> grade completing their CPR course.

Save the Date



### PLAY ANNOUNCEMENT

**Attention SJB Students and Families: St. John the Baptist School will be putting on the musical ROCK "N" ROLL this fall. The story revolves around a group of high school friends and three hilarious motorcycle gang members with a "score to settle". Auditions will take place in early September. Our students have talent galore – it's time to shine the spotlight on them again**



Enter to win two tickets (\$250 value) to the Red Sox game on July 9<sup>th</sup>. These are great seats located in the State Street Pavilion Club – Home Plate Section. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3/\$10. Tickets will be going home today. If you are interested, please send the money and ticket stub back to school. If you would like more, please let us know, and we will send more home.

Last day to purchase tokens is June 1. Checks should be made out to Ludlow Food Service.

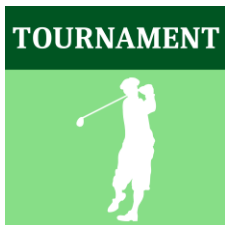
**We will once again offer our Summer Art Camp the week of July 9 – July 13 as well as July 16 – July 20. The Registration Form is on the website under After School Programs and then Art.**

We are still taking registrations for our Summer Camp which runs from June – August 17. The Registration form is on the home page of our website.

The Scholastic Book Fair was a success. We thank all of the volunteers for making this happen.

**We invite you to encounter Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during a monthly Family Holy Hour. The first Family Holy hour will honor our Blesses Mother on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the church. There will be light refreshments and fellowship afterwards in the Pastoral Center.**

We have an early release on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. There will be extended care. Students may dress down for a \$1.00 or a pass.



Join us for our Gold Tournament on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Ludlow Country Club. If you are interested in golfing, registrations forms are on the website or call us and we will send one home with your child.

Kindergarten Orientation for students entering kindergarten in the fall of 2018 will take place on June 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 10:30.

Uniform Swap/Sale will take place on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> in the Pastoral Center. If you have any outgrown uniforms and need to replace them, this is a great time to get those you need.

The last day of school is Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. We will end the year with mass at 8:30 am and an award ceremony following the mass. Students may go home after the award ceremony, but we will be in session the full day with extended care for those who need it.

Grade 8 graduation is Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and Nursery School graduation is Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.



Thank you to those who have sent in their receipts! If you are an AmeriGas customer please read this. AmeriGas will us give up to \$2000 per school year. All you have to do is turn into the school the receipt at the bottom of your bill. They give .02 per gallon purchased. If you know a business that uses AmeriGas or a friend or relative, ask them to save their receipt. I can turn them in at the end of the school year for reimbursement.

We continue to ask for your support with the Box Tops, Campbell UPCs, Ink Cartridges. We are collecting clean bottles and cans with deposits. They can be dropped off in the containers in the parking lot by the **other side of the dumpster.**

### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

**GRADES 1 – 4 SPANISH CLUB:** Spanish Club for grades 1 – 4 meets on Tuesday's from 2 – 3 pm.

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS:** Wednesday, from 2 – 3:30 for Grades 6, 7 and 8.

**JUDO/JUTSU:** Please talk to your child(ren) about joining the Judo class on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. They can come out and try it, and if they like it they can join. It runs from 2:00 – 3:00 pm.

**MAD SCIENCE:** Wednesday from 2 – 3 pm. May 23<sup>rd</sup> is the last class.

God bless,  
Shelly Rose,  
Principal