

# St. John the Baptist School Weekly Newsletter

December 30, 2020

## A note from the Principal:

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! This will be my last message of the year and I, like many of you, are looking forward to the blessing of a new year. The past year has been challenging to say the least. As I reflect on the year I am surprised that I am still able to find so many moments of joy, and that is what I hope will continue in the new year.

I truly hope that the hardest thing this year will be remembering to write “2021” instead of “2020” because a “0” doesn’t easily change into a “1”! I wish all of our students, staff, and families a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing everyone back on the 4th!

Many Blessings,  
Mrs. Jonna Johnson  
Principal

## Things to note:

- 1. Return to School** - We are expecting all students and staff to return to school on Monday, January 4th for regular instruction. **If you have traveled or your family/child is on a quarantine, DO NOT send your child to school before the quarantine dates have ended.** Send an email to your child’s teacher to let them know the date your child will return to school. We will make every effort to begin remote learning (1st - 8th grade) as soon as possible so that your child will not experience a gap in learning.
- 2. Travel Guidelines** - If your family made the choice to travel outside of NYS this break, please observe the following guidelines from the Department of Health. ***For any traveler to New York State from a noncontiguous state, US territory or CDC level 2 and higher country, the new guidelines for travelers to test-out of the mandatory 10-day quarantine are below:***  
***For travelers who were out-of-state for more than 24 hours:***
  - ***Travelers must obtain a test within three days of departure, prior to arrival in New York.***
  - ***The traveler must, upon arrival in New York, quarantine for three days.***
  - ***On day 4 of their quarantine, the traveler must obtain another COVID test. If both tests come back negative, the traveler may exit quarantine early upon receipt of the second negative diagnostic test.***
  - ***You can find more information at <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>***
- 3. Quarantines**- The Department of Health has made a change in the duration of quarantine from 14 days to 10 days. If your child is considered a first person contact because of exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual please make sure that you are following the correct quarantine procedures. Please note that quarantine guidelines for individuals in the same household may include a longer quarantine period due to the time of exposure. DO NOT send your child to school before the quarantine period has ended.
- 4. COVID 19 Testing** - Attica Pharmacy has agreed to administer COVID 19 Rapid Antigen tests for suspected/symptomatic cases. **This only applies to the students and staff of St. John the Baptist School.** Please contact the pharmacy at 585-591-1111 to schedule an appt. We are once again grateful to Attica Pharmacy and the LaVarnway family for their ongoing support of our school families.

- 5. Free Lunch** - The period for Free Lunch for students has been extended past December 31st. All St. John the Baptist students are able to receive lunch daily at no cost to parents. If you have a lunch credit it will be returned to you at the end of the year, or you can have it applied to a snack account by emailing Mrs. Trybuskiewicza at [barb.trybuskiewicz@stjohnsalden.org](mailto:barb.trybuskiewicz@stjohnsalden.org).
- 6. Masks** - This is a great time to check to see if your child's mask still fits. A good test is to put the mask on your child and make sure that their nose, mouth, and chin are covered. Ask your child to open their mouth really wide. If their nose, mouth, and chin are still covered then it is a good fit! If not, then it is time to consider a different size mask. We received a donation of cloth and paper masks from Erie County, so please email me if you are in need of some new masks.