



St. John the Baptist School~
Where small can make a BIG difference!
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02/14/2024

Dear St. John the Baptist Families,

Included in this email you will find the current tuition information and a link to complete your registration online. **Registration should be completed no later than March 1st.** Forms that are received by March 1st will have the \$45.00 registration fee waived.

I strongly encourage you to return the forms by this day since we will open registration to the general public on March 6th. We can not reserve a spot for your child for the 2024-2025 school year without a completed registration form.

Tuition did increase for the 2024-2025 school year, however our School Finance Committee has worked diligently throughout the year to ensure fiscal oversight and we feel that this is a small, but necessary increase. In order for St. John the Baptist School to continue to operate, a tuition increase is necessary.

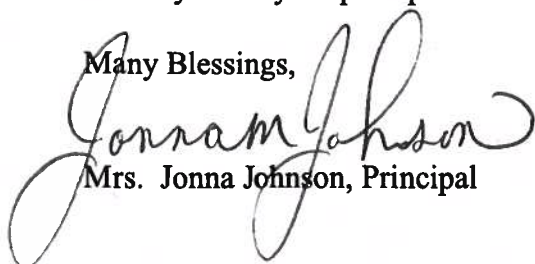
If this increase in tuition will be a strain for your family, please do not let that be the reason that you do not register for next year. We will continue to have many scholarship opportunities available to assist with tuition, and the best way to make sure you are aware of these opportunities is to contact me directly.

If you are registering a Kindergartener for next year, please make sure that you also contact your district and register your child with them. This will help to facilitate transportation and allow St. John the Baptist to access certain funds through the district.

Please remember that Transportation Requests must be submitted to your home district by April 1st to ensure that your child has transportation for the 2024-2025 school year.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this very important part of our registration process.

Many Blessings,



Mrs. Jonna Johnson, Principal



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Our Tuition Policy:

1. Tuition is payable in 10 monthly payments due September through June.
2. Tuition is paid using FACTS Tuition.
 - a. New Families can enroll online (<https://factsmgmt.com>) or complete an application form in the school office (link can also be found on the FACTS page on our website).
 - b. There is a 3% discount if tuition is prepaid in full by August 31st

The total cost to educate a child at St. John the Baptist School:

1 student... \$8,399
 2 students...\$16,798
 3 students...\$25,197
 4 students...\$33,596

Tuition Schedule for 2024-2025

(Our tuition schedule reflects the parish contribution which offsets the cost to families)

Kindergarten - 8th Grade

Parishioner Rate *		Non - Parishioner Rate	
1 child	\$ 4,620	1 child	\$ 5,550
2 children	\$ 7,480	2 children	\$ 8,810
3 children	\$ 10,340	3 children	\$ 12,070
4 children	\$ 13,200	4 children	\$ 15,330

* Parishioner rate applies to families that are an active member of any Catholic Church.

Pre K Program Tuition Schedules for 2024-2025

Pre-K 3 (2 day Program)
 \$ 2,940

Pre-K 4 (3 day program)
 \$ 4,310

Early Kindergarten Program/ PreK 4 (5 Day program)
 \$ 6,500

Fee Schedule

Registration Fee	Per Child	Due at the time of Registration - Your registration is not considered complete without this payment	\$45.00
School Supply Fee - Textbooks, Supplies, Diocesan and Insurance, Standardized Testing	Per Child	Due by August 31st	\$150.00
Technology Fee - This fee provides licensing, maintenance, and purchasing of electronic devices and networks.	Per Child	Due by August 31st	\$250.00

Family Volunteer Hours

As part of your support of the school, a minimum of thirty (30) hours of active participation in school and fundraising events and/or other designated activities are expected of each family in Grades PreK 4-8th and ten (10) hours for families in Pre-K 3. This involvement in school activities and fundraising is not only necessary for the success and overall functioning of the school, it is an excellent way to build a vested commitment to the school community.

Tuition Assistance

Families are encouraged to apply for the Bison Children's Scholarship Fund, as well as the Friends of St. John's Scholarship. Both of the application forms and their deadline dates can be found on the school website. Please note that you cannot apply for Friends of St. John's without first applying for the Bison's Children Scholarship Fund.

Important Reminders

- New Families must enroll for FACTS tuition. This can be done online at <https://factsmgt.com> or by completing an application in the Main Office.
- All application fees and school fees are due in August on either the 1st or 15th.
- Tuition payments are due monthly from September to June on either the 1st or 15th.
- A late fee of \$55.00 will be incurred on any late payments.
- Any questions regarding tuition payments may be directed to the business office at (716)937-6959.



BISON

CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Giving Parents a Choice · Giving Children a Chance

The **BISON Children's Scholarship Fund** is a private scholarship fund providing tuition assistance for low-income families throughout the 8 counties of Western New York who want to enroll their children in private K-12 schools.

STEP 1

Complete a pre-application online at bisonfund.com between **January 15, 2024** and **March 15, 2024**. Call BISON with questions at (716) 854-0869 ext. 1.

STEP 2

Watch for notification after the BISON Lottery is held on **March 16, 2024**. Lottery winners will receive an email with a link directing them to complete a full application to receive the scholarship. If you're not chosen, you will automatically be placed on the BISON waitlist.

STEP 3

If selected, complete the full application online. Enroll your child(ren) in the school of their choice and ask the school to complete the school commitment form.

STEP 4

Once all the steps are completed, BISON will notify you of your scholarship amount. Watch for email notices to annually renew your BISON Scholarship in February of each year and add siblings.

BISON K-8 Scholarship Quick Facts:

- Average K-8 scholarship of \$1,620 and maximum award of \$2,500.
- Currently BISON has over 1,900 scholars in 77 different private schools across Western New York.
- Each family must contribute toward their child's private education.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY AMOUNTS

Household Size	Total Income (Based on 2023 household income)
2	\$ 53,244
3	\$ 67,122
4	\$ 81,000
5	\$ 94,878
6	\$ 108,756
7	\$ 122,634
8	\$ 136,512



WHO QUALIFIES FOR A BISON K-8 SCHOLARSHIP?

Residents of the 8 counties of Western New York (WNY) with children entering K-8th grade with a total family income within the income eligibility scale on the reverse side. You may only apply for your biological or legal guardian children.

HOW DO NEW FAMILIES APPLY?

New families must complete a pre-application form electronically (online) on our website at bisonfund.com. The new family deadline is **March 15, 2024**. Preference is NOT given to early applications; however you must apply by 3/15 to be considered for the lottery. Families applying after the **March 15, 2024** deadline will be placed on our waitlist.



HOW ARE BISON SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS CHOSEN?

Scholarships are awarded using a lottery system from all submitted pre-application forms on **March 16, 2024**. Lottery winners will receive an email with a link directing them to complete a full application in order to receive the scholarship.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I WON THE LOTTERY?

All applicants will be notified of lottery results by email on **March 16, 2024**. If you're not chosen in the lottery you can always reapply for the next school year.



I RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP AWARD EMAIL ... NOW WHAT?

In your award email, there will be a link to complete your full application. Click on the link and follow the application steps. **The deadline to complete the application is April 30, 2024.** Please be sure to include all your income sources including your FEDERAL 1040 tax return, child support, business income, public assistance, food stamps, Social Security income, unemployment insurance, worker's compensation and financial assistance from family & friends. Select your school (a complete list can be found on our website) and contact the school to complete the school commitment form. After receipt of all the required documents, your scholarship will be calculated based on your household size and income, as well as tuition amount. You must renew annually to continue with BISON.



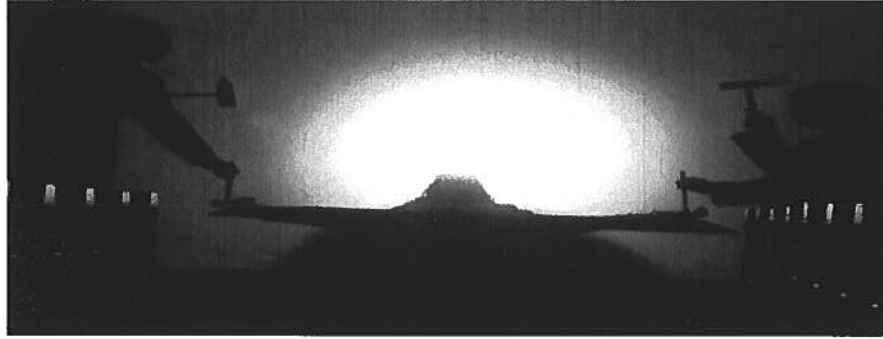
I RECEIVED NOTICE I'M ON A WAITLIST ... NOW WHAT?

Unfortunately, there are always more applicants than available funding. We keep waitlist names for the academic year hopeful that additional funding becomes available. If you are not taken off the waitlist, you will need to resubmit a pre-application next year to be considered.

WHY DO FAMILIES HAVE TO PAY PART OF THE TUITION?

One key component of educational success is parental involvement. Making a financial sacrifice is a strong incentive to becoming and remaining, involved. BISON families are required to pay a minimum of \$500 each year.

Fields of Grace Family and WACY
Prayerfully Presents
Shadow Stations of the Cross



Friday, February 23, 2024

7:30 PM

St. John the Baptist Parish
2021 Sandridge Rd, Alden

Friday, March 15, 2024

7:30 PM

Immaculate Heart of Mary @ Sacred Heart
1230 Clinton St., Bennington

Friday, March 22, 2024

7:30 PM

St. John Neumann @ St Cecilia's
991 Centerline Rd., Sheldon

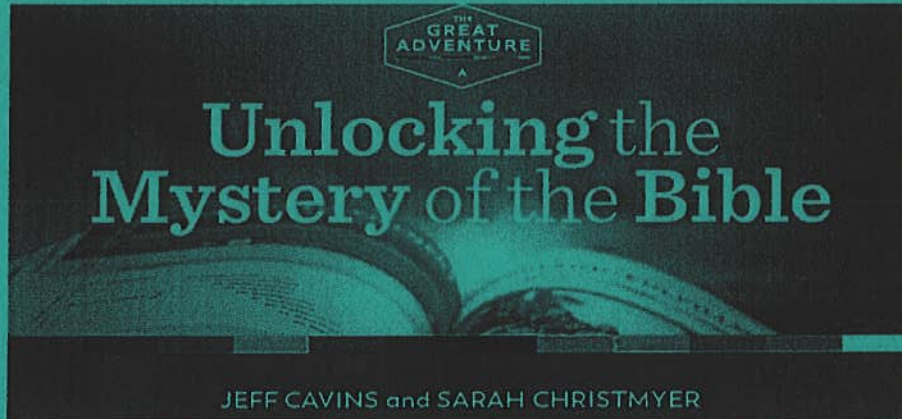
We invite you to be part of the Shadow Stations

Choir- Join us for **practice at 7pm** at St. Cecilia's Church, 991 Centerline Rd, Sheldon on Thursdays 2/8, 2/15, & 2/22. Questions contact (585)356-0903 Gannon or Mary (585)322-2696.

Youth Shadows -All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to be part of the Stations, please join us on the night of Stations. No Sign ups necessary – **Just Show Up at 6pm for Pizza and Practice** on night(s) you want to participate. Questions Contact Theresazielinski8@gmail.com or (585)322-3880. **All are welcome to Join us for 1 or all 3 Presentations.**

Fields of Grace Young Adult Bible Study

Study Led by Grace Fuller



Check out the trailer available on YouTube.

In *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* Jeff Cavins helps you uncover, through video presentations and small group discussions, the story woven throughout Scripture, so that you can get the “big picture” of the Bible. In this engaging journey through the Bible, you will be able to make sense of the Bible, discover the remarkable connections between the Old and New Testaments, see how the sacraments, the Church and our entire Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture and much more.

- Bible Study is for Young Adults ages 18-29
- Held at St. John the Baptist school, 2028 Sandridge Rd., Alden
- Monday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm
- Beginning February 19th and ending April 8th.
- The purchase of a \$25 workbook is highly recommended, but not required for participation.

Scan the QR code to register by
February 5, 2024



Questions? Please contact Grace Fuller at gracemfuller19175@gmail.com



**St. John the Baptist
Parish
Spring Sweepstakes**

\$20 Donation

GRAND PRIZE: \$5000

DRAWING DATE: MAY 4TH!

Second Prize: \$1000
Additional Prizes: 2 \$500; 2 \$250; 10 \$100.

May the 4th be with you ... and also with your Spirit!

Tickets are available at the parish office or in the back of church.

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Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart

Spring Workshops and Clinics for Girls

Practice Entrance Exam for 7th grade girls

Saturday, March 2, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Cost: Free

This is a great opportunity to become familiar with the format of the Catholic High School Entrance Exam which will be offered to 8th graders in November 2024. Girls will take all five sections in a test environment and receive detailed written results.

F.D.B.D. (Father/Daughter Bonding Day)*
A workshop for dads (or other important male) and daughters in grades 4-7

Sunday, March 3, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Cost: \$25 per family

Father/Daughter Bonding Day is an opportunity to spend an afternoon interacting with your daughter in a meaningful and positive way while engaging in a variety of fun sessions. The event will feature workshops in communication, hands-on activities, and goal setting, as well as a keynote speaker. Join us!

Free Arts & Sports Clinics
For girls in grades 4-8
(pre-registration is required).
No experience necessary!

Introduction to Musical Theater
Sunday, April 14, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Introduction to Improvisation
Sunday, April 28, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Soccer
Saturday, March 9, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Coach: Rory Schaefer '20, current senior at St. Francis University

Lacrosse
Saturday, March 9, 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Coach: Kristina Geschwender, SHA Varsity Lacrosse coach
Mouth guard required.

Volleyball, Session 1 (open to 4, 5, & 6 graders)
Saturday, March 23, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Coach: Ron Stepien, SHA JV Volleyball coach

Volleyball, Session 2 (open to 7 & 8 graders)
Saturday, March 23, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Coach: Ron Stepien, SHA JV Volleyball coach

Cheerleading
Saturday, March 23, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Coach: Kennedy Crumish, SHA Varsity Cheer Coach

Basketball
Saturday, April 13, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Coach: Maria McGrath, SHA Varsity Basketball coach

Field Hockey
Saturday, May 11, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Coach: Kyle Dillman, SHA Varsity Field Hockey coach
Mouth guard required.



Space is limited, registration is required for all clinics and workshops.

Register online at www.sacredheartacademy.org or scan QR code

Questions?
Call the Admissions Office
834-2101 ext. 311

