

# Weekly NEWSLETTER

St. John the Baptist Catholic School - [www.stjohnb.com](http://www.stjohnb.com)



January 15, 2025

## Upcoming Events

Jan 16: MAP Testing Grades 3, 4, and 5

Jan 17: Registration Opens for St. John's and Most Merciful Jesus Parishioners

Jan 20: MLK, Jr Holiday - No School

Jan 21: Science Fair

Jan 22: Spirit Night - ModPizza

Jan 22: School Mass at 8:30am

Jan 25 & 28: 1st Reconciliation

Jan 29: School Mass at 8:30am

Jan 29: Registration Opens to the Public

Jan 27-31: Catholic Schools Week



REGISTER NOW

**RE-REGISTRATION IS OPEN TO ALL CURRENT SJS STUDENTS. Complete the Re-Registration Form before classes are full.**

**CLICK HERE for the 25-26 form.**

**January 17th** Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is open to ALL St. John's and Most Merciful Jesus Parishioners

**January 29th** registration is open to the public.

**February 20, is OPEN HOUSE from 5-6:30pm** at St. John's School. Open to the Public. Come visit and see what Catholic Education has to offer!

**\*\*See the COMPLETE Re-Registration Info Below\*\***



**SVdP is collecting items for their Backpack program.** Please consider donating to a great cause. The following items are needed: Tomato soup 10.75 oz, Chicken noodle soup 10.75 oz, Easy open tuna bags 2.6 oz, Poptarts pastry's (any brand/flavor) *Thank you so very much!*

**LANDS' END**

is NOW St. John's School uniform supplier! [Click Here](#)

[Here](#) to go to St. John's School Lands' End Uniform page.



**TICKETS ON SALE!**

Go to [www.benefitgala.info](http://www.benefitgala.info) or scan the qr code. Come join the fun!!

**CAN YOU HELP?**

The Gala needs help with decorations. Calling anyone who likes building, arts and crafts, painting or is creative. [CLICK HERE](#) to email the gala chairs if you are interested in helping.



**The CHOOSE Act offers Alabama families up to \$7,000 for tuition and other qualifying educational expenses.**

**Applications are open NOW!**

The application window closes April 7, 2025.

See below for more information.

**8th Grade Families Reminder:** Please submit a baby photo of your 8th grade child for the yearbook to Mrs. Rivera-Smith by Friday, February 7th. Please contact Mrs. Rivera-Smith at [krivera@stjohnb.com](mailto:krivera@stjohnb.com) with questions.





# St. John the Baptist Catholic School

*"Excellence in education since 1996"*

January 8, 2025

Dear Parents,

I hope your Christmas was filled with joy and peace. As we begin the new year and new semester, our prayer is one of continued faith formation and academic growth for your child(ren). The purpose of this communication is to officially open registration for the 2025-2026 school year. Much information is provided, so **please read carefully!**

The School Advisory Council is very conscious of the sacrifice families make to send their children to St. John's and consequently works hard to maintain our strong programs with as little tuition increase as possible. ***We continue to thrive as a faith-filled learning institution and I thank you for your contribution to continue our mission.*** Therefore, I want to respectfully request that you consider re-enrolling your student(s) for the upcoming academic year of 2025-2026.

Please note 3 items that pertain to re-registration:

1. This letter
2. A letter from the School Advisory Council chair, Kathleen Lavalley, and our Pastor, Fr. Bryan, and
3. The form needed to re-register your child(ren).

This note also explains the options for re-registration payment. The first option is to pay the entire amount, \$150.00 per child, at this time. The second option is to pay a defined amount now and the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment by March 7, 2025.

We request that you notify us and re-register as outlined above. Registration dates will open to St. John's and Mercy parishioners beginning Jan. 17, 2025. Therefore, it is important that we receive your **paperwork and payment** before that date to secure your spot.

**Remember there are two options for re-registration payment:**

(Please note the K4 program has a registration fee and is a separate tuition program)

**Option 1: Pay in full**


1 child	\$150.00
2 children	\$300.00
3 children	\$450.00
4 children	\$600.00

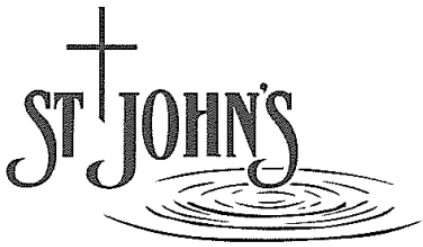
**Option 2: Pay installment one now and the final installment by March 7, 2025.**

NOW		Payment 2 by March 7:	
1 child	\$75.00	1 child	\$75.00
2 children	\$150.00	2 children	\$150.00
3 children	\$225.00	3 children	\$225.00
4 children	\$300.00	4 children	\$300.00

If you have any questions, please contact us at 256-722-0772.

Regards,

  
 Sheryl B. Lewis  
 Principal



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Dear St. John's Parents/Guardians,

As parents and caregivers, our faith calls us to educate and spiritually develop our children. We are their first and foremost teachers. So in partnership with St. John's Catholic School, we strive to educate the whole child – body, mind, heart and spirit.

Our primary goal as members of the School Advisory Council is to be responsible stewards of the Catholic Faith by promoting Catholic Education, serving as lay advisors to the Pastor and Principal, and developing policy and plans to bring the vision for our school to reality. This semester we hosted a great Family FAITH night and we are planning to host another Family FAITH night this spring, we have published several newsletters, and plans are underway to continue our Grandparents' Tea event.

Throughout the fall, our Finance committee worked closely with school administration to develop the 2025-2026 budget. In these challenging times, we need to ensure that we have a realistic plan to sustain our existing programs, maintain our facility, and retain our excellent faculty. In December, the Advisory Council presented and received approval from the Pastor for the 2025-2026 budget. The tuition rates are listed below. There will continue to be a re-registration fee of \$150 per child.

Registration is now open to currently enrolled families and will open to St. John's and Mercy parish families on January 17, 2025. Included with this letter is your re-registration material. Please fill out all forms and return them, with your re-registration fee of \$150 per student, to the school office. As we begin 2025, we will be working closely with the administration to celebrate Catholic Schools Week beginning on January 26<sup>th</sup>. January 29<sup>th</sup> will officially kick off open registration for the 2025-2026 school year.

The **monthly** tuition rates for the 2025-2026 school year are as follows:

Parishioner-1 student	\$579	Non parishioner-1 student	\$724
Parishioner-2 students	\$1,042	Non parishioner—2 child	\$1,303
Parishioner-3 or more students	\$1,447	Non parishioner – 3 child	\$1,809
Parishioner – K4 (full day)	\$632	Non parishioner – K4 (full day)	\$665

Payment of tuition may be made in full by July 18, 2025 or by participating in the tuition draft option. Tuition bank drafts will continue as in the past and you will be provided that paperwork upon completing registration. Tuition will be due on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the preceding month or on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. For example, the first month's tuition will be due on July 25<sup>th</sup> or August 1<sup>st</sup>. Tuition is paid over ten months with the last draft in May.

In choosing to send your child(ren) to St. John the Baptist Catholic School, they are receiving more than a quality education; they are being nurtured spiritually, intellectually and physically in our Catholic Faith. Our school continues to flourish because of dedicated and committed families like yours. One of the reasons we are able to maintain the lowest tuition in the area is because of the volunteer spirit of our parents. We would like to extend a personal note of thanks to you for your dedication. We encourage and appreciate your continued support of St. John the Baptist Catholic School.

God Bless,

  
Kathleen Lavallee, School Advisory Council Chair

  
Very Rev. Bryan K. Lowe, Pastor



**St. John the Baptist Catholic School**

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Office Use: Rec'd:      Amt:      CK#      ACH:

**RE-REGISTRATION  
2025-2026**

**Father/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name, First

**Mother/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name, First

\_\_\_\_\_ Will be returning to St. John's Catholic School for the 2025-2026 school year.

\_\_\_\_\_ Will **NOT** be returning to St. John's Catholic School for the 2025-2026 school year.

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Name of Student(s) Returning</u>	<u>Student(s) Grade for 2025-2026</u>	<u>Name of Student(s) NOT Returning</u>
_____	_____	_____
Last Name, First		
_____	_____	_____
Last Name, First		
_____	_____	_____
Last Name, First		
_____	_____	_____
Last Name, First		

Two Options for Re-registration Payment:

Option 1: Payment in Full with form

- (1) Child \$150.00
- (2) Children \$300.00
- (3) Children \$450.00
- (4) Children \$600.00

Option 2: Installment Payments:

Now

- (1) Child \$ 75.00
- (2) Children \$150.00
- (3) Children \$225.00
- (4) Children \$300.00

Final installment by 03/07/2025

- (1) Child \$ 75.00
- (2) Children \$150.00
- (3) Children \$225.00
- (4) Children \$300.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Please DRAFT the re-registration fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ON or AFTER \_\_\_\_\_  
(amount) (date / dates)

From my account on file ending \_\_\_\_\_  
(last 4 of account) (signature of account owner)

\_\_\_\_\_ Please send us a student application form for each new sibling:

<u>Name of each new sibling(s):</u>	<u>Student's grade for 2025-2026</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

Re-registration fees are non-refundable (except for re-location).

\*K4 tuition is separate from K5-8th grades.

January 15, 2025

# PTO update

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### Upcoming Events

#### JANUARY

**Wednesday, 22nd**  
Spirit Night  
MOD PIZZA

#### FEBRUARY

**Tuesday, 11th**  
PTO Meeting, SJS  
Cafeteria, 6pm



### PTO OPPORTUNITY!

PTO IS LOOKING FOR A  
CO-CHAIR OF THE  
USED UNIFORM  
COMMITTEE. IF YOU ARE  
INTERESTED IN LEARNING  
MORE, PLEASE EMAIL  
STJOHNBPTO@GMAIL.COM

**NEXT WEEK!**

## Spirit Night



**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22!**

Use Code: MODGIVES25 online  
or show the flier to buy in store



CONTACT CASSIE SERPA-BURGREEN AT  
SJSCRIP@GMAIL.COM WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

**THRIVE IN '25**  
— JAN 11-24 —





**PLUS, YOU COULD  
WIN A \$100 GIFT CARD!**

THERE IS A LARGE  
STOCK OF  
WALMART GIFT  
CARDS!! LET US  
KNOW IF YOU NEED  
ANY!



### Show Your St. John's Spirit

Show your St. John's pride by grabbing a spirit shirt for adults! Perfect for wearing to school sports events or around town, these shirts let you rep our school community wherever you go. Plus, it's always fun to see how many spirit shirts you can spot in the wild—join in and show off your school spirit! Get yours today!

[peasant-tshirt-shoppe.printavo.com/merch/st-john-pt0-2024](https://peasant-tshirt-shoppe.printavo.com/merch/st-john-pt0-2024)

**THRIVE IN '25**  
— JAN 11-24 —



**WIN FREE SHIPPING FOR  
YOUR ORGANIZATION**



**PLUS, YOU COULD  
WIN A \$100 GIFT CARD!**

## How it Works

- 5 organizations will be selected to win free shipping for the remainder of 2025.
- 1 participant from each of the 5 winning organizations will be randomly selected to win a \$100 eGift card from one of our featured brand partners.
- Every participant order placed January 11-24 is a qualified entry for your organization.
- All brands and order types are eligible, including all gift card types (physical, eGift and reload) and shopping online through RaiseRight.

The more orders  
placed, the better your  
chances of winning!

**40** × **2** = **80**

Participants place orders  
between Jan 11-24

Orders placed  
per participant

entries for your  
org to win

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE



### Already have a RaiseRight participant account?

Place orders January 11-24 in the RaiseRight mobile app or at RaiseRight.com.



### Don't have an account yet?

Follow the easy steps to get started at [RaiseRight.com/m/StartEarning](https://RaiseRight.com/m/StartEarning).


Check with your program coordinator to get your organization's unique enrollment code.

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# Order a Yearbook

Memories are beautiful!

Tier 1: Available now through January 17th

\$45

Tier 2: Orders placed January 18th - March 21st

\$49

Tier 3: Orders placed March 22nd - May 23rd

\$53

Personalization will be an additional \$6 per book.

Please make sure *names* are entered *correctly* as that is how they will appear on the front cover.

To order yearbooks scan the QR code below




or visit the link:

<https://shop.yearbookmarket.com/stjohnthebaptistcatholicschool>



St. John the Baptist  
Catholic School  
Madison, AL



[CLICK HERE for additional information.](#)



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF  
**BIRMINGHAM** *in* **ALABAMA**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

# The CHOOSE Act Application opens January 2, 2025, at 7:00 AM!

Qualifying students who enroll in or currently attend Diocese of Birmingham Catholic schools can receive **up to \$7,000** a year for tuition, certain fees, and other eligible expenses.

## Diocese of Birmingham Family Webinar

Alabama Department of Revenue is hosting an informational webinar specifically for Diocese of Birmingham families and prospective families.

**Tuesday, December 17**

**5:30 PM**

Scan the QR code to join the webinar.

Webinar number:  
2660 929 2238

Webinar password:  
SAvmDf2xA75 (72863329 when dialing  
from a phone or video system)

Join by phone  
+1-650-479-3208 United States Toll

Access code: 266 092 92238

## → Eligibility for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027\*

- Students whose family's adjusted gross income from the preceding tax year does not exceed 300% of the poverty level
- 500 awards for students with special needs
- Dependents of active-duty service members who are zoned for a priority school

## → Eligibility for 2027-2028 and Beyond\*

- All families can apply regardless of adjusted gross income
- 500 awards for students with special needs
- Dependents of active-duty service members who are zoned for a priority school

**\*Priority given to previously participating students and their siblings**

**Please note: Students who currently receive a scholarship through AAA are not eligible for an ESA**

FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION

 **205-838-8303**

 [CSO@bhmdiocese.org](mailto:CSO@bhmdiocese.org)

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# ¡La solicitud para la Ley CHOOSE se abre el 2 de enero de 2025 a las 7:00 a. m.!

Los estudiantes calificados que se inscriben o actualmente asisten a las escuelas católicas de la Diócesis de Birmingham pueden recibir hasta \$7,000 al año para matrícula, ciertas adicionales y otros gastos elegibles.

## Seminario web sobre la familia en la diócesis de Birmingham

El Departamento de Ingresos de Alabama está organizando un seminario web informativo específicamente para familias y futuras familias de la Diócesis de Birmingham.

**Martes 17 de diciembre**

**5:30 p.m.**

Escanee el código QR para unirse al seminario web.

Número de seminario web:  
2660 929 2238

Contraseña del seminario web:  
SAvmDf2xA75 (72863329 al marcar desde un teléfono o un sistema de video)

Únase por teléfono +1-650-479-3208  
Número gratuito en Estados Unidos

Código de acceso: 266 092 92238



## Elegibilidad para 2025-2026 y 2026-2027\*

- Los ingresos del hogar familiar no puedan exceder el 300% del nivel de pobreza
- 500 becas para estudiantes con necesidades especiales
- Dependientes de miembros del servicio activo que están asignados a una escuela pública fallido



## Elegibilidad para 2027-2028 y más allá\*

- Todas las familias pueden presentar una solicitud independientemente de sus ingresos
- 500 becas para estudiantes con necesidades especiales
- Dependientes de miembros del servicio activo que están asignados a una escuela pública fallido

\*Se dará prioridad a los participantes anteriores estudiantes y sus hermanos

**Tenga en cuenta: los estudiantes que actualmente reciben una beca a través de AAA no son elegibles para una ESA.**

PARA PREGUNTAS O MÁS INFORMACIÓN



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