



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

Jet Gazette Newsletter

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News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

We thank God for the gift of education. Today we completed day 22 of in-person learning. God is good. Here's my rundown for this week:

- The relics of St. Padre Pio were at St. John today. Our students were able to take time this week to learn about the life of St. Padre Pio, as well as have the opportunity to venerate and pray in the Church throughout the day.
- Thank you for continuing to be diligent regarding your child's health each morning
- The first NWEA Map test for SJS is completed. We look forward to getting into the data so that we can utilize it to drive our instruction and help the students to set learning goals for this academic year. Our next testing window opens up in January.
- Our Kindergarten and First Grade students will now have the opportunity to attend Half School Masses. Our Kindergarten class will go on Mondays with 2nd to 5th Grades and 1st Grade will go on Fridays with our middle schoolers. We will continue reserving the Church for the school only and all other parishioners will attend mass in the Activity Center.
- COVID Protocols Update: Our classrooms remain socially distanced and our rooms are cleaned during lunch and after school. Students are wearing face coverings, washing hands frequently and sanitizing. Although we are doing what we can to prevent the spread of illness, we will be faced with health issues during this school year. Follow-ups to daily illness/symptom reporting are performed by Darcy Thomas RN BSN (Genesee County Catholic Schools Nurse). There may be times that a student either comes in contact with a COVID positive patient, displays COVID-like symptoms, or is COVID positive during this school year. The County will identify the close contacts and then instruct Mrs. Thomas to communicate with the close contacts (anyone who has been WITHIN SIX FEET FOR 15 MINUTES). If a student is asked to quarantine due to being identified as a 'close contact,' the student will need to remain in quarantine until the symptomatic student either tests negative or receives an alternate diagnosis. If the symptomatic student tests positive, close contacts will have to remain in quarantine for 14 days.
- Our first water bottle filling station was installed today in the primary hallway. A huge thank you to Mr. Ronthi and Mr. Shaker for installing it. Thank you to the SJS Education Foundation for donating funds for the school's Covid preparedness initiative!
- Middle School Band (6th-8th grade) students will have an intro to SJS Band next week after school from 3:30 -4:45 on Wednesday and /or Thursday next week. Your student should attend at least one of the after school sessions and may attend both if it fits your schedule.
- THANK YOU to Miriam and Ryan Sage for chairing the Applefest. Their time and efforts are appreciated by the parish and school!

Keep praying, keep working, keep moving the school forward.
God bless,

Andrew Schmit

"If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing." (Philippians 2:1-2)

PARENT CALENDAR



September

- Fri 25 Padre Pio Relic Veneration and 6 PM Mass-see parish bulletin for more information
- Mon 28 New Family Zoom Meetings 5 PM or 6 PM



October

- Thurs 1 No Breakfast Available-Today only
- Sat 3 **Happy Birthday Ms. Jacoby!**
- Thurs 15 **Staff PD—No School for Students**
- Fri 16 **Staff PD—No School for Students**

Masks for Sale

Face masks with the St. John School logo are for sale in the school office. The cost is \$8 per mask. We have adult and child sizes. If you would like to purchase one, please send cash or check in an envelope and specify which size you would like. We will send them home with your student. You can also let us know by email if you would like to order one.



FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date on day to day activities and be informed of special announcements.

Facebook: St John the Evangelist Catholic School

Instagram: stjohnfenton



NEW FAMILY ZOOM MEETING

Next Monday, our office staff will be hosting a Zoom Meeting for all of our new families. Typically, we hold our new family meetings in August before school starts. Unfortunately, we were unable to have the meeting this year due to current circumstances. While we realize that our new families may be already be accustomed to our day to day routine by now, we still would like to check in with you.

Due to the number of new families this year, we will be offering two time slots. Please join us at either 5 PM or 6 PM next Monday for a brief 30 minute Q & A session. Please use the link below to choose your time slot.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DAAAF29A6FAC34-newfamily>

Report All Student Absences

When a student is absent, the parent or guardian **MUST** call the school office no later than 8:45 AM or email Mrs. Haiss at: ahaiss@sjseducation.com. **This year, we need to follow up on all absences. To cut down on the number of follow up phone calls, we kindly ask that you report all absences.** If the student absence is due to illness, please report the nature of the illness to the school office when you call. Please refer to Page 23 of our Phase 4 plan regarding our general sick policy. If your child is feeling ill for any reason, please be sure to keep him or her at home. If you are feeling unsure about whether or not to keep your child at home, please refer to the COVID decision tree or call your doctor's office.

Please note: If you are emailing your child's absence, please include the following information:

- **When symptoms first started**
- **Whether or not your child has a fever, and the exact temperature if a fever is present**
- **Whether or not your child has been exposed to any individual who has tested positive for Covid**



PADRE PIO RELIC VENERATION

Homeroom Parents for 2020-2021

Thank to all of our Homeroom Parent Volunteers.

Mrs. Roberts	Kelli Gatlin	Mrs. Whitney	Shannon White
Mrs. Boyle	Sarah Carpenter	Mrs. Farella	Valarie Pickard
Ms. Wharff	Christina Gainer	Ms. Feazel	Lisa Palmer
Mrs. Ratke	Morgan Quick	Ms. Werschky	Melanie McPeake
Mrs. Salzano	Kelly Ruddy	Mr. Garbutt	Jennifer Scully
Mrs. Cislo	Rebecca Singelis	Mrs. Adams	Cathy Tremaine
Mrs. Roche	Erica Crawford	Mrs. Dawes	Melissa Dolliver

ON A PERSONAL NOTE



Thank you:

- To Robin Dybata for brightening our main entrance with fall decorations.
- To the Rogers family for donating a playhouse to the Preschool playground area.
- To all our SJS families for your support of Applefest.



Prayers:

- For Mike Bade (Ms. Bade's father) who is hospitalized
- For Dr. Neubeck, grandfather of the Roche family, who is hospitalized.
- For Mrs. Boyle who is recovering from surgery. We wish you a speedy and restful recovery!

Building Foundations of Faith

As Catholic parents, we are called to provide moral education and spiritual growth for our children. What better example than to learn and grow in faith yourself? Visit this Jet Gazette feature weekly for thoughts, articles, and tips to strengthen and deepen your understanding of our Catholic faith.

Today's #microchallenge from bustedhalo.com



To stay up to date with parish events, here is a link to the weekly parish bulletin: <https://stjohnfenton.org/bulletins>



Staff Spotlight



Tuesday was the first day of fall. We asked our staff to tell us their favorite things about this colorful season.

Mrs. Wright: I love the smell of the fall cool air and going to the orchard to walk the trails and eat delicious donuts and cider.

Ms. Feazel: Hoodies and football!

Mrs. Farella: I love the beautiful fall colors and crisp, cooler air. I love cider donuts from the orchards and hikes with the family.

Mrs. Dawes: Fall is my favorite season! I love the beautiful colors and the cooler temps. I also love going to the apple orchard.

Mrs. Anderson: My favorite thing about fall is the beautiful colors that come along with it. It's the most colorful time of the year!!

Mrs. Roche: Sweaters, scenery, cider, and nights at home.

Mrs. Salzano: I will go out of my way to step on that crunchy looking leaf! Also, fresh, hot donuts and cider, APPLE PIE and ice cream, and being outside in the beautiful colors of nature.

Mrs. Boyle: The cooler weather, campfires, and beautiful scenery! Fall is my favorite season!

Mrs. Forsleff: I love sweatshirt weather and Marching Band outside!!

Mr. Forsleff: Needing a sweatshirt, watching football, and the colors!

Mrs. Ratke: Just about everything! I would say the smell of burning leaves and a trip to the cider mill are my favorites!

Mrs. Marinelli: Watching my son play football, leaves changing colors, pumpkin spice lattes, and going to the cider mill.

Ms. Jennings: My favorite thing about fall is sweater weather and going to get pumpkins.

Ms. Wharff: My favorite things about fall include: warm, cozy sweaters, crunchy leaves underfoot, and cooler weather!

Mr. Willard: Football, cooler weather, scary movies, and seeing kids get excited for Halloween

Ms. Adams: My absolute favorite thing about fall is watching the leaves on the trees change into different rainbows of colors. I love going to the cider mills and having cider and donuts with family and friends and picking out the perfect pumpkin to carve. I also enjoy dressing up every Halloween and taking my little cousin trick-or-treating.

Mr. Garbutt: I like the crisp fall mornings and the colors changing on the leaves.

Mrs. Adams: Cool weather, leaves changing into autumn colors, apple orchard visits, and football games!

Mrs. Haiss: Hoodies, Fall candles, and Indian Summer days

Submit your idea for a Staff Spotlight question to Mrs. Haiss via email at ahaiss@sjseducation.com.