



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

## Jet Gazette Newsletter

### November 18, 2022

#### Christ the King Sunday

*O Lord our God, you alone are the most holy king and ruler of all nations. We pray to you, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from you, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things. Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth. Guard us we pray most faithful one. Protect us from our enemies and from your just judgement. Forgive us, O sovereign King, our sins against you. Jesus, you are a king of mercy. We have deserved your just judgement. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. We trust in your great mercy. O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before you and pray: May your reign, your kingdom, be recognized on Earth. AMEN*

#### News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

What a beautiful week. There are so many things that happen throughout each week that are gifts from God, reminding me why we work at or send our children to St. John School. One of those gifts from this past week was witnessing the Baptisms of two of our St. John students during the All School Mass on Wednesday. How amazing of an experience for the girls to receive the Sacrament of Baptism in front of their school community. Another such moment was being able to sit with one of our first grade classes during a phonics lesson. Holy goodness. It was awesome. I'm a high school teacher by trade so watching the foundational learning take place in a 6 year old is a phenomenal experience to witness. The last such moment I want to mention here is being able to sit with one of our kindergarten classes as they practiced their sight words. Their excitement and pure joy for learning was palpable. Although I am no longer in the classroom these moments go a long way in reminding why I became an educator but more importantly why I am a Catholic educator. God is good. Let's jump to the rundown!

6 more days until Thanksgiving rundown:

- Eucharistic Procession: Please join us on Monday, November 21 as we celebrate Christ the King with a Eucharistic Procession. Deacon Larry will process from the church and through the school after the 8:20 morning mass. The procession will begin after Mass, walking from the church to the school. All are welcome. The procession will end in the Cafeteria with time for Adoration.
- Tree Lighting: Join us on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 6pm for the annual St. John Education Foundation Tree Lighting ceremony.
- 7th and 8th Grade GCCS Dance: Our 7th and 8th graders are invited to attend a Genesee County Catholic School Dance on December 3, from 6PM-8PM at Powers Catholic High School. This dance is only for GCCS students.
- Christmas Concert: The St. John School Christmas Concert will be Wednesday, December 14 at 6PM in the Church.

- Enrollment for 2023-24: This past week the Diocese of Lansing announced that across the 35 Catholic Schools enrollment has experienced an 8% increase over the last two years. In the same time span St. John School itself has experienced a 16% increase in enrollment (and a 33% increase in enrollment since the start of the 2019-20 school year). I mention this because our re-enrollment period will begin in early January and our annual Open House is scheduled for Thursday, February 2 from 5-7pm. Interested families can also always schedule a tour by calling the main office.
- Next Jet Gazette: The next Jet Gazette will be Friday, December 2.
- Christmas Break: Our last day of school for the calendar year is a half day on Wednesday, December 21, 2022. Classes resume on Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

Last week I started referencing the book “Thrivers” in my closing remarks because I’m having several “aha moments” as I re-read Dr. Borba’s books. I also referenced aspects of our volleyball teams in my comments as well. Although I mentioned volleyball last week I’m going to do it again this week because I am watching “Thrivers” in action with how our middle school girls are growing. Besides, not many people read this thing anyway. Am I right, people? (haha)

Last evening the SJS 6th and 7th graders played St. John Vianney. The second game of the match was fantastic. It went down to the wire. Both sides played their hearts out but SJV ended up winning the game. What was awesome was how Coach Tracy and the girls responded to losing that heartbreaker. They cheered. I’m sure some girls were frustrated but they didn’t show it. They cheered for their opponents. What a beautiful moment.

In Chapter 6 of Thrivers entitled “Perseverance” Dr. Borba points out that “decades of research show the kids whose parents *do let them fail are more resilient, more motivated, more excited about learning and ultimately, more successful than kids whose parents swoop, hover, and rescue* (Borba 204). She continues, noting that “each time we rescue or fix we send children a deadly message: “We don’t believe you’re capable of doing that alone.” Essentially we tell our children that they need to step aside to let mom and dad figure out the solution to the problem at hand.

I look forward to each of my daughter’s volleyball games. Why? Because it’s an opportunity to watch her learn and grow on her own, without my interference. Will she miss hit balls out on the court? Yes. Does she hit the ball over the net with each serve? No, no she doesn’t. But she keeps trying and because of that she is learning perseverance. So much so that even when the outcome of the game doesn’t go her way she can still clap and cheer for her opponents, alongside her teammates, and become better people because of these experiences.

I hope and pray that you have a great weekend and blessed Thanksgiving Day. We have so much to be thankful for as a community and as families. God is good.

You are in my prayers. God bless,

Andrew Schmit  
Principal

# Dates to Remember



## NOVEMBER

Sat	19	Athletic Boosters Trivia Night
Sun	20	Happy Birthday Mr. Garbutt!
Mon	21	Eucharistic Procession with Adoration
Tues	22	Out of Uniform Day
Wed	23	Thanksgiving Break begins-NO SCHOOL FOR STAFF OR STUDENTS
Wed	23	Happy Birthday Mrs. Kromberg!
Thurs	24	Happy Thanksgiving!
Fri	25	Happy Birthday Mrs. Wright!
Tues	29	Education Foundation Tree Lighting Ceremony- 6 PM
Wed	30	Santa Shop Begins

## DECEMBER

Sat	3	Santa's Helpers Event at Powers-see Flyer
Sat	3	7/8 Grade Winter Wonderland GCCS dance at Powers-see Flyer
Mon	5	Merry Mail Week begins
Tues	6	Feast Day of St. Nicholas
Wed	7	NO ALL SCHOOL MASS
Thurs	8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception—All School Mass at 8:20 A M
Wed	14	Christmas Music Program-6 PM
Wed	21	Half-Day-Dismissal at 11:30, Christmas Break begins at end of day

### Santa Shop

Our Annual Santa Shop will be open from November 30th-December 2nd. Flyers and shopping lists were sent home this week. All classes will have a scheduled time to shop. Please send in your child's envelope next week so he or she is prepared to shop the following week. The PSA is still looking for volunteers to help with this event. If you are interested, click [here](#) to sign up.



The PSA is also asking for donations of wrapping paper, gift bags (any size), and tape for Santa Shop. Donations may be sent to the school office. Thank you from the North Pole!



# GIVE THANKS BY GIVING BACK

Our school is participating in a couple different collections that will benefit our greater community. We understand that there are many causes seeking donations at this time, including many within our school and parish. Please know that there is never an expectation from our school that families contribute to each and every cause. We ask that you prayerfully consider and choose as a family which causes you may be able to help.

## Annual Food Drive



Next week, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for our local St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. This will help them tremendously in stocking their shelves to provide items for the monthly food boxes that are donated to those in need.

Please feel free to donate any non-perishable items, especially those from the list provided below. Students can place donated items in the boxes outside their classroom. We will collect items until Tuesday, November 22nd.

### Suggested Items

- Boxed Cereal
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Tuna Fish
- Spaghetti or Elbow Macaroni noodles
- Instant Potatoes
- Pancake Mix
- Hamburger Helper
- Tomato Sauce/Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Beef Stew/Chili/Baked Beans
- Cake Mix
- Jello or Pudding Mixes
- Vegetable Oil
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
- Shampoo and Conditioner

### MISSING ITEMS

We have a number of items such as Dennis Uniform sweaters and fleece jackets that have gone missing. Please check your items to be sure that your child hasn't picked up the wrong items by mistake.

Please remember to label ALL items. We already have a collection of hats and gloves with no names.



Please consider sponsoring the auction today! Other opportunities to support the auction include making a tangible donation, attending the auction, and volunteering. If you are looking for ideas of items to donate, you can select from the list we created by clicking [here](#). Whatever you can give, whether it be time, talent, or treasure, we would truly appreciate it.

Visit our auction website to purchase tickets: <https://sipsa.ejoinme.org/Boots>

### AUCTION FUNDRAISING NEWS

Grab those BOOTS and hold on the your BUCKLES! We are starting off the sponsorship opportunities with an outstanding contribution from an amazing local family and business. We cannot thank this incredible sponsor, the Lesneski Family and Greater Michigan Oral Surgeon and Dental Implant Center enough for their \$15,000 sponsorship! That's right SJS family, \$15K. We decided to name this level of sponsorship the Lesneski Golden Buckle!! We have never received such a generous donation and could not be more proud to have the Lesneski Family as part of our St. John community. We simply are blown away!! Thank you so very much for giving so graciously and for thinking of us during this time of holiday giving. We are beyond grateful for your support!

To learn more about the Greater Michigan Oral Surgeon and Dental Implant Center, please see their website: <https://greatermichiganoralsurgeons.com/>

### Menu Change

On Monday, the cafeteria will be serving Confetti pancakes with sausage links due to the unavailability of French Toast Sticks.

**Due to the short week next week, there will be Jet Gazette. There will also be no family orders for the Raise Right program (formerly Scrip). The next Jet Gazette will be sent December 2nd. All Raise Right orders (for hard plastic cards) placed between now and 9 AM on November 28th will be delivered by December 2nd.**

## Merry Mail

December 5th-9th

Starting December 5th, St. John School will have our very own post office staffed by the 3rd grade classes. This is an opportunity for students, parents, and staff to send KIND letters, cards, and messages to each other. All money collected will be used to support the St. John Parish Giving Tree. Last year, our school was able to donate many gifts to children through Catholic Charities. More details will be sent soon.

### Adoration Sign Up for Parents



We still have Adoration in our Prayer Room every Monday from 8 AM until 10 AM. In order for us to have Adoration, we must always have one person remain in the Prayer Room with Jesus as students enter and exit. If you are interested in coming to pray before the Blessed Sacrament, please sign up for a time [here](#). This sign up includes dates through December.

# ATHLETICS



## Girls Volleyball

### 8th Grade (Green Team)

Sat. Nov. 19 vs Holy Rosary	9 AM @ Powers-Court 1
Sat. Nov. 19 vs Holy Family 4	10 AM @ Powers-Court 2
Tues. Nov. 29 vs St. Roberts Blue	5:30 PM @ St. John Fenton

### 6/7th Grade (Gold Team)

Sat. Nov. 19 vs Holy Family 1	9 AM @ Powers-Court 2
Sat. Nov. 19 vs Holy Family 3	9:30 AM @ Powers-Court 1
Tues. Nov. 29 vs. Holy Rosary	5 PM @ St. John Fenton
Tues. Nov. 29 vs. St. Roberts Blue	6 PM @ St. John Fenton

## Boys Basketball Registration

For boys in Grades 5-8. Deadline to register is this weekend so we can determine how many teams are needed.

Please use this link to register: <https://st-john-the-evangelist-catholic-school.sportngin.com/register/form/709391729>

## Open Gym

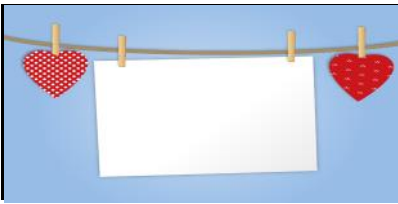
5/6th grade boys: 3:45 PM to 5:00 PM on Monday, November 21 and Monday, November 28, with December dates coming soon. This is open to all boys in 5/6th grade to play and work on your skills.

7/8th grade boys: Starting in December, dates coming soon.

Girls Open Gym and Jr. Jets Schedules will be coming soon!

## Spiritwear Updates

- Powers Catholic will now be delivering Powers Spiritwear orders to SJS on Thursdays. If you would like to order Powers Spiritwear, you can visit their online Spirit Shop [here](#). All proceeds from Powers Spiritwear go to the Powers Tuition Assistance Program.
- New items for St. John Spiritwear are on order and will be sold at our Santa Shop. More information coming soon.
- Our Spiritwear Team is working on offering custom Spiritwear for our St. John Athletics teams. These items will be pre-order items. More details will be coming soon.
- All proceeds from the sales of St. John Spiritwear go directly to benefit St. John School.



# ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

## Congratulations:

- To the Sordyl family on the birth of Jason's baby sister, Cassidy Marie. She was born on Wednesday.



## Thank You:

- To everyone who supported our first Holiday Craft Show. Thank you to the volunteers, the vendors, the shoppers, and everyone behind the scenes that made this such a great event!
- To the families who donated winter hats, gloves, and scarves to our collection for the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service.

If you have any prayer requests you would like in the Jet Gazette, please email Mrs. Haiss.

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#DAILYJOLT  
NOVEMBER 18, 2022

It is the restraint of  
patience that yields the  
magnificent in life.

-- CRAIG D. LOUNSBROUGH,  
COUNSELOR AND MINISTER

TODAY'S #MICROCHALLENGE

MAKE A LIST OF THREE THINGS THAT YOU'RE LOOKING  
FORWARD TO IN THE COMING MONTH.





## Staff Spotlight

What is your favorite NON-FOOD Thanksgiving family tradition?



**Mrs. Farella:** My favorite Thanksgiving tradition is gathering with family for the day.

**Mrs. Kromberg:** My family loves to run in the Turkey Trot!

**Mr. Marion:** When we were younger we used to ride/walk in the Thanksgiving parade in Grosse Pointe with the YMCA that we were members of. That was always a great childhood memory. It often comes up in conversation every year as we talk about the present and past holiday seasons.

**Mrs. Trollman:** My family goes around the table and says what we are thankful for before we eat.

**Mr. Forsleff:** My extended family has a pick-up football game at Powers High School every year on Thanksgiving. There have been as many as 50 people involved.

**Mrs. Konett:** Being with family

**Mrs. Dawes:** My favorite non-food Thanksgiving tradition is spending time with my family. After the big dinner, we go home and start decorating the house for Christmas.

**Ms. Brack:** Getting together on Wednesday night and having a game night.

**Mrs. Wright:** We always take time on Thanksgiving to share what we are most thankful for. Praying together before the meal, using the special prayer my dad always used to say, is also a favorite tradition.

**Mrs. Bragg:** In my house, Thanksgiving is the start of the Christmas season! I spend the evening of Thanksgiving packing away all of our fall decorations, and switch the whole house over to ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS!!!! I look forward to it every year!

**Mrs. Adams:** I recall at previous Thanksgiving celebrations as part of our prayer, going around the room and having everyone say something they are grateful for or a blessing they have received in the past year. I think this is a good tradition to do every year. To give thanks is the reason for the season of Thanksgiving.

**Mr. Tucker:** Playing board games and putting together puzzles as a family.

**Mrs. Haiss:** I love adding to our family Thanksgiving journal and spending the whole day with family with no pressure to go anywhere else!