

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

Well, the month of April at St. John School is in the books. We will be flipping our calendars to May on Sunday. Get ready for a flurry of activities over the final six weeks of school!

Here's the last Friday of April rundown:

- **Covid:** In the last week we have had a couple of positive Covid cases in the school. Following GCHD protocol we no longer have to quarantine close contacts at school among other changes to the procedures we followed earlier this school year. The current protocol places an emphasis on home/family close contacts, dealing with isolating actual positive cases while allowing for family in the home NOT experiencing symptoms to continue on with their daily routines while wearing a tightly fitting mask. This part of my rundown is meant to simply inform you as to what is going on and to encourage families to take necessary precautions if someone in the family is sick or has tested positive for Covid19.
- **Beauty and the Beast:** The Drama Club performed Beauty and the Beast for the entire school body this last Monday afternoon. They have continued working hard rehearsing and preparing for their THREE performances tonight and tomorrow afternoon on the stage at Powers Catholic High School. Show times are tonight at 6:30 PM, and tomorrow at 1 PM and 5 PM. Thank you to Melanie McPeake and all the parents who have been giving their time to help our 4th-8th Grade drama students to be able to perform this show.
- **Mary Crowning:** May 4th our 8th Grade will crown Mary with a procession prior to the 8:20 Mass. Beginning with this mass, for the rest of the school year, parents and parishioners will be back in the church once again. If you attend Mass over the final several Wednesdays, please plan on sitting in the back pews of the Church while the school homerooms will sit together toward the front.
- **Run for the Roses Dinner:** The St. John Education Foundation's annual dinner will be on Saturday, May 7, 2022. The Foundation needs 9 or 10 more volunteers to help at the bourbon bar, the selling of tickets during the event, assist with the parking lot and with clean-up. Please email foundation@sjseducation.com if you are available to help out in this capacity.
- **Playground Addition:** We are moving forward with our playground project. We have the big, beautiful upper playground that the Kindergarten on up age groups can enjoy daily. We will be adding new features to the grassy lot (still inside the green fence) with a playground expansion that even our youngest learners can utilize. We have been accepting donations for this project since the Fall. In order to help finalize the raising of funds for this playground we have partnered with Booster, a company that puts on a Fun Run Fundraiser. Donor/Pledge information will be coming soon but our Fun Run day is scheduled during the school day on Friday, May 20th. Come out and cheer on our students as they raise funds to support the playground project and SJS athletics program!

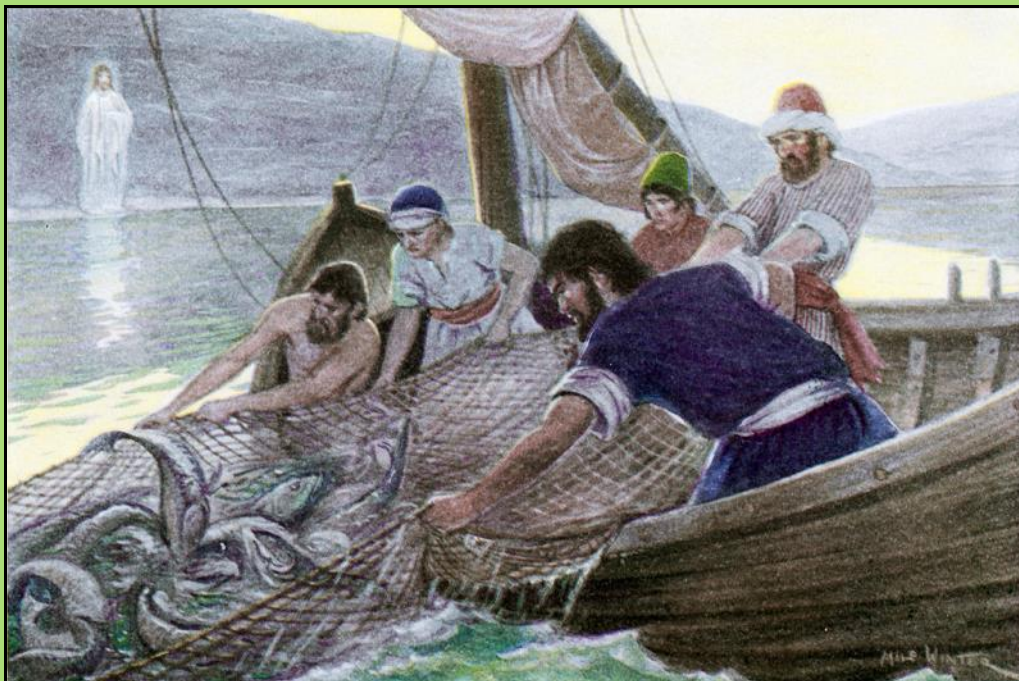
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We will hear another one of John's resurrection accounts at Mass this weekend. The account is jam packed with all kinds of symbolism that it is difficult to focus on one thing. We will hear the account of how Jesus helped the Disciples catch a huge quantity of fish and how some came to recognize him in the "breaking of the bread." The story has some of the Disciples going out with Peter, going back to their old way of life, so to speak, to do some fishing. That group didn't catch a thing until Jesus appeared on the shore and told them where to cast their nets. They then brought in a haul of fish that prompted "the disciple whom Jesus loved" to exclaim to Peter, "It is the Lord." Then the account goes on to tell personal feats of endurance and strength for Peter from open water swimming to dragging that huge haul of fish all by himself. I could focus on how Peter was moved by the Holy Spirit to impulsively show off his super human abilities. Or I could focus on how the Disciples were out trying to return to their normal lives despite their knowledge of the Resurrection. However, it is how the Disciples came to truly recognize Jesus in "the breaking of the Bread."

God has been using the Mass and our times of Eucharistic Adoration this year to bring the members of St. John School in closer to Himself. In fact, a group of 7th grade students shared with me earlier how grateful they were to attend the daily morning mass today because they were able to sit near the front and really focus on Jesus. I also had a profound moment this morning as I was able to bring Jesus from the tabernacle to the school for Adoration. I had so many issues weighing on me, but as I knelt before Jesus in our school's prayer room, I felt a tremendous sense of peace because he was right there. I stopped listening to the extra noise from my life and recognized Him in that moment. We need to help our children come to the realization that we all need Jesus and he is present to us. We need Jesus in everything we do so that we are truly examples to our families. We need more of Jesus so our kids can know him and through their personal encounters with Christ they can begin to treat their classmates and teachers with care, mercy, respect and love. Without Jesus this is not possible. Let us pray that ALL of our hearts are moved to change so that we can help bring about His glory.

Have a blessed weekend,

Andrew Schmit
Principal



Dates to Remember

APRIL



- Fri 29 Drama Club performance 6:30 PM
Sat 30 Drama Club performance 1 PM and 5 PM

MAY



- Mon 2 Book Fair Week begins
Tues 3 Book Fair/STEAM and Art Show/Ice Cream Social Family Event-4 PM to 6 PM
Wed 4 May Crowning
Wed 4 GCCS Science Night at Powers 4 PM—7PM
Thurs 5 Happy Birthday Ms. Brack
Fri 6 Yearbook Orders Due-See Below
Sat 7 "RUN FOR THE ROSES DERBY"
St. John Education Foundation Annual Dinner
Thurs 12 Happy Birthday Ms. Judy!
Mon 16 PSA Volunteer Breakfast
Wed 18 All School Mass with special recognition of First Communicants
Fri 20 FUN RUN DAY!
Mon 23 Happy Birthday Ms. Werschky!
Tues 24 Happy Birthday Mrs. Minnick!
Wed 25 Happy Birthday Father Robert!
Fri 27 Half-Day 11:30 Dismissal
Mon 30 Memorial Day-No School

St. John School Drama Club

Presents



Friday, April 29

6:30 PM

Saturday, April 30

1 PM and 5 PM

All performances will be held in the Powers Catholic High School Auditorium. Tickets are available at the door.

Exciting Changes for Youth Choir

Youth choir is now open for any third graders wishing to participate for the remainder of this school year! Rehearsals are on Mondays directly after school until 5 PM. If your child wants to participate, or you have any questions, please email Mr. Tucker at freeman@stjohnfenton.org before Monday.

GCCS Family Science Night

All GCCS families are invited to attend the Family Science Night at Powers on Wednesday, May 4th from 4 PM to 7 PM. Please RSVP [here](#).



Its time to order your
YEARBOOK

Type the following address into your web browser, or click direct link below

ospgo.com/1GMJ

*Select your students name from the drop down menu

**ORDER DEADLINE:
FRIDAY MAY 6**

Books will be delivered to St. John School at the end of May!

Use the URL above or
scan this QR code
to order

Questions about yearbooks: Call or text Emily at Signature Portraits 810-610-5439

FROM THE PSA



Calling all SJS volunteers!! Please join us for our St. John Volunteer Breakfast on May 16th. See attached flyer for details.

Staff Appreciation Week

The PSA is working on their Staff Appreciation Week plan. If you are interested in helping to sponsor a meal for our staff, please use this [link](#). If you have any questions, please contact Krystal Payne at 248-602-1245.

Athletics Update



The Girls Volleyball Skills Clinic will begin on Sunday, May 1st. Please see attached flyer for more details.

Upcoming GCCS Track Meets

Thurs 5/5 4:15 PM @ Davison MS

Mon 5/9 4:15 PM @ Davison MS

GO JETS!!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

From Annie Kitching

I LOVE TO SEE THE CHILDREN at Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays! This is a special offering for children that occurs *each* Sunday during this Mass. Our goal is to offer a form of the Liturgy of the Word (Readings and homily) that will be more meaningful for children. Children come to Mass and sit with you; after the Opening Prayer, Father Robert invites all school-aged children to join me in the Gospel Room. While the presentation is generally aimed at children from K-5th grade, the older children are a big help as they offer their insights and good example to the younger ones. Children return during the Presentation of Gifts (bringing forward their gifts for the grocery cart, if they have them) and then return to you for the remainder of the Mass.



BOOK FAIR

May 2 –May 5



Still need volunteer hours? We are looking for more volunteers for the Book Fair. You can also add funds to an online Scholastic account for your child to shop at the Book Fair. Access Book Fair details using the link below:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stjohnschool18>

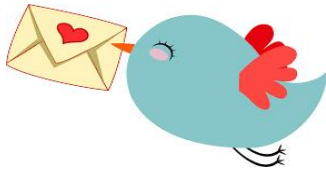


Adoration Sign Up for Parents

Please consider joining us in our Prayer Room for 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 using the links below.

[Prayer Room Sign Up for May and June](#)





ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Prayers:

- For Dylan and Sadie Beale whose great-aunt passed away.
- For parish bookkeeper, Becky Brown, whose husband passed away this week.

Thank You:

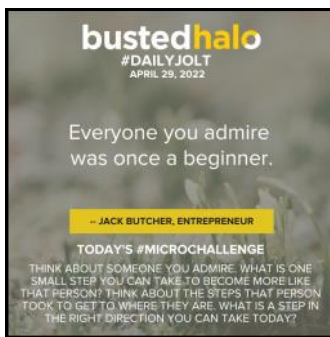
- To the parents who helped with our 5th grade lung dissection.



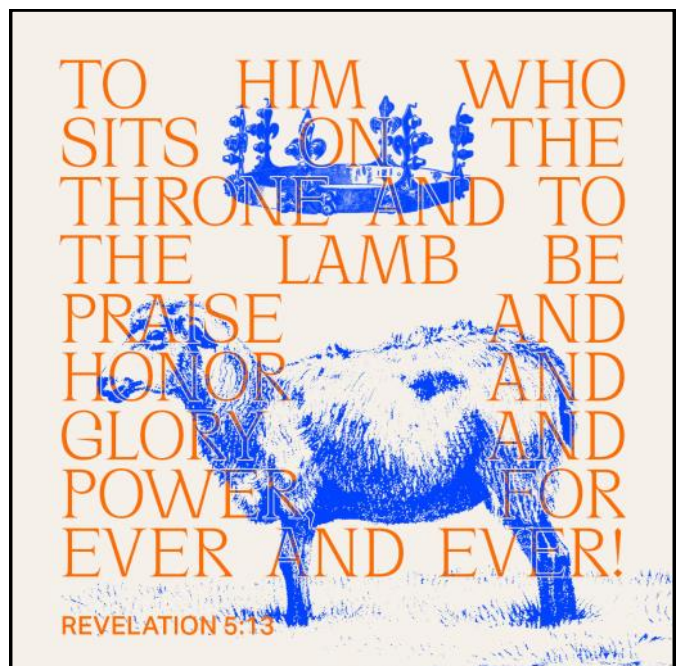
8th graders at the Basilica
of the National Shrine of
the Immaculate Conception
in Washington DC

Building Foundations of 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://www.stjohnfenton.org/bulletin.html>





Staff Spotlight

Mrs. Salerno
Preschool Aide

How long have you worked at St. John? 2 years

What is your alma mater? Siena Heights College

What is your favorite thing about working in a Catholic school? To be able to share my love of my faith with the children and to teach Jesus' word.

Tell us about your family: I'm blessed with three children, four grandchildren, and have been sharing this wonderful life with my husband, Tony, for 39 years.

Do you have any pets? No

What are your favorite hobbies? Sewing, swimming, and boating (all water sports)

What are your favorite foods? I like pretty much all types of food, especially potatoes.

What is one thing you will NOT eat? Ginger

If I could go anywhere on vacation, it would be: I love to travel and really want to go to Italy (Rome and Sicily).

What is one of your favorite topics to do in preschool? Listen to the children talk about themselves and doing art projects

What is one of your favorite bible stories? Matthew 7:3 "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye and not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye?"

What is your favorite movie? Grease

What is your favorite season and why? Summer because of the nice weather

What was your first job? A lifeguard/swimming instructor

What is a good piece of advice your mother gave you? To always give 100% effort in everything you do and do it with a smile.

This or that?



Coffee or Tea

Tulips or Daffodils

Read a Book or Watch a Movie

Puzzles or Board Games

Beach or Mountains

