

## News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

What a start to the holiest week of our Christian year. I have so much to share but so little time to do so. Let's jump right to the rundown for this Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022:

- **Welcome to the Church:** There are 32 people who will be receiving at least one of the Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening. Four school families help to comprise part of the 32. God is Good! Please keep all of the people in RCIA in your prayers this weekend as they enter the Catholic Faith.
- **Join us for Mass over the next Four days!** Holy Thursday Mass is at 6:30PM this evening. Good Friday Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 12:30PM with the Divine Liturgy at 1:00PM. Our Easter Vigil will be celebrated at 8:30PM on Saturday. Our Easter Sunday Masses will be at 7:00AM, 10:00AM and 11:30 AM. The Youth Choir will be singing at the 10:00AM Easter Sunday Liturgy.
- **Uniform:** We need to remember that Monday through Thursday students are to be in the SJS Dennis uniform. Fridays are Spirit Wear days. This means Spirit Wear top with a uniform bottom or jeans. Also, both boys and girls can wear shorts (uniform or jeans shorts for spirit days). Leggings are never to be worn, this includes preschool to 8th grade. When it comes to special "out of uniform" days or passes, students have more freedom to wear alternate items such as sweatpants, t-shirts, athletic shorts, or Sunday best, but clothing should always be modest and appropriate for our school. Exceptions would include items such as tank tops, crop tops, leggings, and clothing with rips and tears. I haven't spent a lot of time on uniform expectations over the last year and half because of how much we were focused on Covid protocols. However, we have been using the last week of school to remind students regarding our uniform expectations.
- **Playground Addition:** We are moving forward with our playground project. We have the big, beautiful upper playground that the Kindergarten and older 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. More 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!

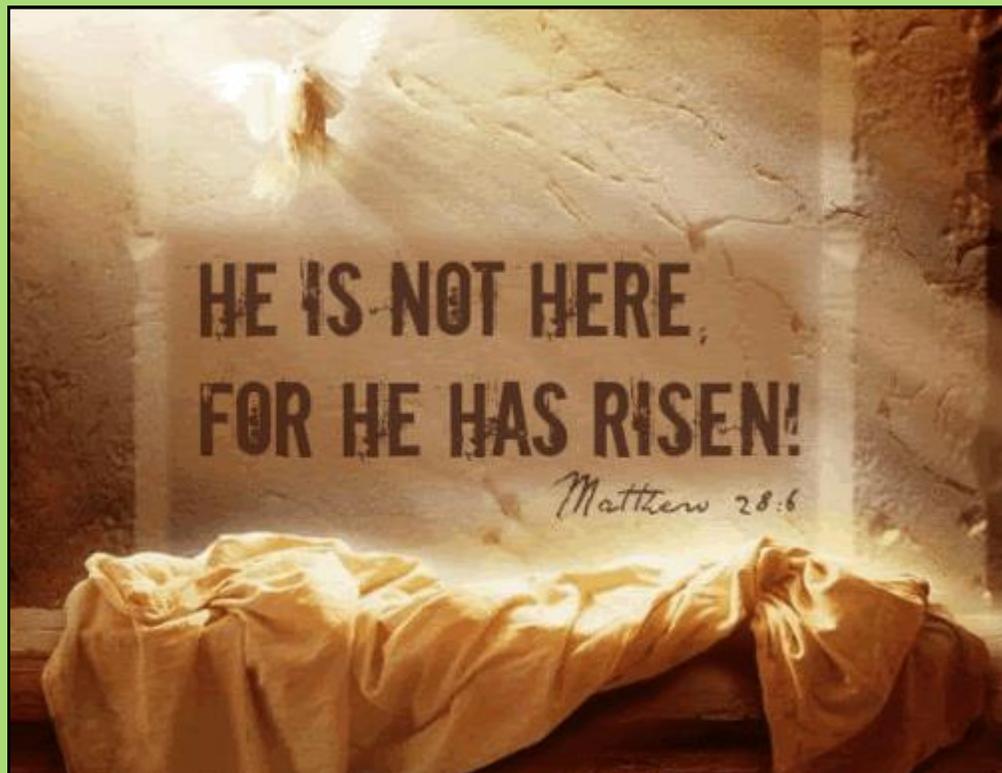
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It is amazing to me how God uses little instances to teach or reinforce or to just simply remind us how we need to truly love and treat one another. The youngest of the A4 Schmits (as we are referred to in my family) is in preschool and she has been coming home daily wanting to share with us about Lent, how Jesus died to save us from our sins and that God loves us so much that Jesus died for us to give us new life. Profound statements coming from a 4 year old in Mrs. Boyle's preschool class. In fact, the other evening her older sister was "venting" about her interactions and experiences from that particular day. Before I could jump in with my fatherly advice, little Ms. Aidan interrupted and said, "Addie, when you say mean things it will make your heart dirty. Jesus wants us to have a clean heart so we need to be nice and kind." What an excellent reminder for ALL of us as we prepare to celebrate the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior over the course of the Easter Triduum. Let Aidan's advice ring true so that we are brought to seek Truth and experience God's love for us. Let us allow our hearts to be moved and for us to experience a conviction as we contemplate the sacred mysteries of Jesus' sacrifice. Let us be the examples for our students so they can in turn show a love and respect for their classmates, friends, teachers, and families.

May you have a blessed Easter weekend. Enjoy the 4 day break.

God bless,

Andrew Schmit  
Principal



# Dates to Remember

## APRIL

Fri	15	Good Friday-No School
Sun	17	HAPPY EASTER
Mon	18	Easter Monday-No School
Fri	22	Earth Day Grounds Clean Up
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
Wed	4	May Crowning
Wed	4	GCCS Science Night at Powers 4 PM—7PM
Thurs	5	Happy Birthday Ms. Brack
Sat	7	“RUN FOR THE ROSES DERBY” St. John Education Foundation Annual Dinner

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

<b>Holy Thursday</b>	Mass	6:30 PM
<b>Good Friday</b>	Stations of the Cross	12:30 PM
	Divine Liturgy	1:00 PM
<b>Easter Vigil</b>		8:30 PM
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	Masses	7:00 AM
		10:00 AM
		11:30 AM



## 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.

## 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](#).



## Tuition Assistance

The window to apply for tuition assistance grants from the Diocese of Lansing has closed. You may still submit an application to be considered for tuition assistance from the St. John School Scholarship Fund. Please note that tuition assistance is only available for students in grades K-12. Preschool students are not eligible for tuition assistance.

The link for the application is : <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

Please send in your empty paper towel and toilet paper tubes. We are in need of them for upcoming STEAM projects. They can be dropped off to Mr. Willard or the office.



## Athletics Update



Baseball will start next week for both 7/8th grade and 5/6th grade teams. 4th grade students will be given the opportunity to play on the 5/6th grade team. Registration forms are available in the office.

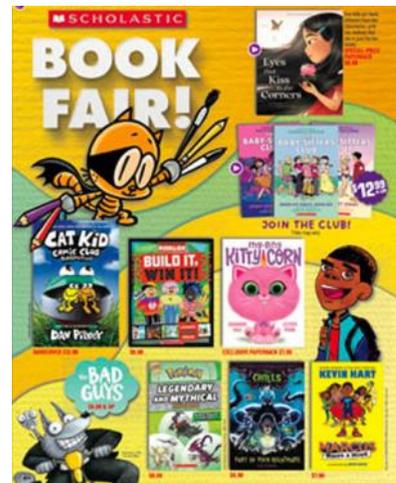
There will be a volleyball skills mini camp offered at the end of April for 5th-8th grade girls. More information will be available next week.



**GO JETS!!**

## BOOK FAIR

May 2 –May 5



Still need volunteer hours? We are looking for more volunteers for the Book Fair. You can sign up at the link below:

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



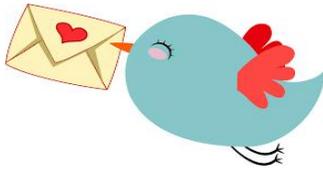
## Adoration Sign Up for Parents

**We still have lots of open slots for April!**

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.

[April Fridays](#)





# ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

## Prayers:

- For Dylan and Sadie Beale's aunt, Debra O'Neill, who is ill.

## Congratulations:

- To the Repke family on the birth of Luke and Ryan's baby brother, Noah.



## Building Foundations of Faith

Today's #microchallenge from bustedhalo.com

**bustedhalo**  
#DAILYJOLT  
APRIL 14, 2022

I give you a new commandment,  
says the Lord: love one another  
as I have loved you.

— JOHN 13:34

TODAY'S #MICROCHALLENGE

PRAY FOR THE HUMILITY TO BE A SERVANT TO OTHERS,  
AND GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE IN YOUR LIFE WHO HAVE  
BEEN EXAMPLES OF SERVICE, ESPECIALLY YOUR PRIESTS!

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

Ms. Brack  
Physical Education

How long have you worked at St. John? 22 years

What is your favorite thing about working in a Catholic school? Watching the kids grow in their faith.

Tell us about your family: I have a daughter, Michelle, and a son, Joshua

Do you have any pets? No pets

What are your favorite hobbies? Skating, skiing, swimming, paddle boarding

What are your favorite foods? Chicken, popcorn, and dark chocolate

What is one thing you will NOT eat? Green peppers

If I could go anywhere on vacation, it would be: Hawaii

What is one of your favorite topics to teach in physical education? Rollerskating

What is one of your favorite bible stories? The prodigal son

What is your favorite movie? Christopher Robin and The Wizard of Oz

What is your favorite season and why? Summer because of all the outdoor activities.

Do you have a favorite Easter tradition? Getting together with my kids

This or that?

Coffee or Tea-neither

Jellybeans or Chocolate Bunny

Read a Book or Watch a Movie

Dye Easter Eggs or Go on an Easter Egg Hunt

Go to the Beach or Go Hiking

