



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,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We hit the ground running in the new year with three full days this week. I can't wait for all God has in store for us in the coming weeks. Let's jump to the New Year Rundown!

January 6 Rundown:

- **Boots and Buckles Auction:** Now that we have moved into January we will be shifting our focus to the 2023 Auction. Although information has been included in the Jet Gazette since mid November and multiple emails have been sent, we understand how busy it was for so many of us and things do get lost in the shuffle. Now that we are into January, it may seem like the requests and information are coming at us from every which way but at the end of the day the Auction is an awesome opportunity for our school community to come together, having a blast while raising funds that solely benefit St. John School. Last year the Auction netted us nearly \$185,000. If you look around the school, those funds helped us upgrade and add to our security camera system, purchase materials for classrooms, take out the mess of shrubbery behind the school, purchase chromebooks, replace some doors and windows, and do some necessary infrastructure maintenance within the school. There are so many opportunities to help as we are only 4 weeks away from the February 4th event. More information about our upcoming Auction can be found on page 5 of this week's Jet Gazette, in particular regarding raffle tickets, the tuition raffle, and day of event ticket sales. Yeehaw!
- **Hospitality House of McLaren:** At Wednesday's All School Mass our students listened to a short presentation by Josh Boman, who is a senior at Powers Catholic High School and a parishioner of St. John. Every senior at Powers has to complete a Capstone service project in order to graduate from Powers Catholic High School. His undertaking is the Hospitality House of McLaren. He is working to help support this program, which is designed to give families a place to stay while patients are receiving treatment. Josh is asking for students to help support his effort by collecting the following items at Mass this Wednesday: tin foil, storage bags (e.g. Ziploc), cans of soup, canned stew, Chef Boyardee foods, ramen noodles. Please consider donating to Josh's cause and send in these items with your children on Wednesday.
- **NWEA Map:** Our next NWEA MAP testing window will open up later this month. Last month the teaching staff met with Mr. Mark Callahan, the Director of Genesee County Catholic Schools, to gain a deeper understanding of our testing data and how to use it to inform instruction. Beginning in the Spring, we are going to add Science to our NWEA MAP testing platform for grades 3-8, just so you are aware.

- Re-enrollment Period: Our re-enrollment period for next school year opens next week. Information will be emailed early in the week.
- New Family Open House: If you have friends, neighbors, family members, co-workers who have been asking you about St. John School, invite them to attend our Open House on Thursday, February 2 from 5pm to 7pm. More information will be coming soon! Our Open Enrollment Period for new family registration opens on Thursday, February 2.
- Catholic Schools Week: Our annual Catholic Schools week begins on January 29. Our Catholic Schools Week committee has some fun activities planned for us throughout the week. More information will be sent next Friday. I do have one request right now: if there are any Dads who are Knights of Columbus members, we need volunteers to help with the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast for students and staff on Tuesday, January 31. Please email me if you are interested in helping us out that morning.
- Protecting Young Eyes Presentation: Genesee County Catholic Schools is providing a very important opportunity for parents on Tuesday, January 24 at Powers Catholic High School's auditorium from 6:30-8pm giving us information that helps us navigate our culture to help us raise and protect our children. More information is on Page 3.

This weekend the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany as we continue to move through the holy season of Christmas. Matthew's account of the Epiphany story is powerful. "And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary, his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage." Simply put; the Magi were seeking, God gave them a sign, they followed, they knew they found what they were looking for and joyfully paid homage to the Savior of the World. My hope and prayer is that we are all seekers each and every day. Let's remember what is ultimately the most important gift we can give to our children, a gift of a life dedicated to seeking Christ and His will for our lives. We spend so much wasted time on things that are not lasting instead of focusing on what is lasting, the love of Jesus Christ. All of this makes so much sense to me with some of the negativity I listened to, or read, or witnessed as this school came back from Christmas break. Yet, as I sat in St. Paul Church in Owosso on Wednesday during the funeral Mass for Charley Riley, I listened to Fr. Ryan both eulogize his beloved dad while at the same time powerfully preaching about the love of Christ. It was a beautiful reminder to me and one that reminded me to place everything into true perspective.

I pray that you find peace and joy in the love of Christ as we begin this calendar year.

God bless,

Andrew Schmit
Principal



Dates to Remember

JANUARY

Sun	8	K of C Free Throw Competition-see Flyer
Sat	14	Happy Birthday Mrs. Roberts!
Sun	15	Happy Birthday Mr. Schmit!
Mon	16	Records Day-No School for students
Sat	21	Daddy Daughter Dance
Sun	22	Mother Son Bowling Event
Tues	24	Protecting Young Eyes presentation at Powers 6:30 PM-8:00 PM
Sun	29	Catholic Schools Week begins

FEBRUARY

Thurs	2	Catholic Schools Week New Family Open House
Sat	4	PSA Boots and Buckles Auction-Buy your tickets now!

IMPORTANT INFO!!

Calendar Change

The following days have been added to our calendar as NO SCHOOL days. Please mark your calendars.

Monday, February 13

Monday, April 24

Reminders about Missing School

- Please be sure to call or email the office if your child is going to be absent. If your child is absent more than one day, please notify us each day unless you have given us advance notice that he or she will be out for multiple days.
- Due to our increasing enrollment (a good thing!), we will be adopting new protocol in regards to absent homework. Teachers will provide homework upon request for parent pickup only if a student has been absent for more than one day. If a student is only absent one day, he or she can get absent work on the day of their return.

Flyers to register for the Daddy Daughter Dance and the Mother Son Bowling events are attached to the Jet Gazette email. Flyers for bowling were sent home prior to Christmas break and additional flyers are available in the office. Flyers will be sent home on Monday for the Daddy Daughter Dance. Please be sure to register ASAP!

Protecting Young Eyes presents

“The Digital Culture of Kids: Building a Framework of Trust”

Open to all GCCS School Families Grades K-12

January 24th from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Powers High School Auditorium

Technology can do so much good in the world. But if not used well, it can also do so much harm. Never before in human history have young people had the ability to so radically change the trajectory of each other's lives so quickly.

After 7+ years, over 1500 presentations, testifying in front of Congress, and countless conversations with parents, students, educators, and officers, PYE has discovered that parental controls alone don't work and instead, there are 5 traits that often determine digital success in many families. We call these 5 traits the Digital Trust Framework. What is Digital Trust? Do you have it? How does it apply to conversation about social media? Pornography? YouTube? TikTok? Our fast-paced talk will use stories, simple examples, and quick tips that will give your family immediate actions.

Our desired outcome include:

- Knowing the benefits of creating digital trust.
- Greater confidence leading your family in the digital age.
- Awareness of the hardware and software tools that support your digital goals.

COME PREPARED FOR RECESS!

Winter is coming but we still have recess everyday. Our policy is to go out for recess as long as the temperature is 10 degrees or above (factoring in the wind chill). Please be sure your child comes prepared to go outside. We can't say this enough times, but please make sure your child's items are LABELED!! PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS!!

Popcorn Fridays

We still have some open spots on Popcorn Volunteer list. If you would like to volunteer to help with Popcorn Friday, you can sign up [here](#).



Details regarding Catholic Schools Week will be announced next week. We are excited to celebrate our school!



2023-2024 Tuition Assistance

The window to apply for tuition assistance for the 2023-2024 school year is now open. **Applications are due by March 1, 2023** if you would like to be considered for grants from the Diocese of Lansing.

Both the St. John Scholarship Fund and the Diocese of Lansing Scholarship Program are need-based assistance programs. Need is determined by an independent, third party service, FACTS Management, which makes its assessment based on income and tax information. The application is only available online and requires a \$35 application fee. Families applying only need to fill out one application for consideration for both St. John and Diocese of Lansing assistance. You do not need to fill out an application for each child. **You must fill out this application to be considered for any form of tuition assistance from the St. John School Scholarship Fund or from the Diocese of Lansing Scholarship Program.** A link to the application is provided at the end of this email.

Grant Criteria eligibility for all grants:

Families must complete a FACTS financial aid application online **on or before March 1, 2023 to be considered for any of the Diocese of Lansing grants.** You may still apply for assistance from the St. John Scholarship Fund after this date.

Student must show a financial need of at least \$750.00.

The student must be Catholic, attend a Diocese of Lansing school, and belong to a parish in the Diocese of Lansing.

Please note that tuition assistance is only available for students in grades K-12. Preschool students are not eligible for tuition assistance.

Diocese of Lansing Grant:

Grades K-8 \$750 per student

Grades 9-12 \$1000 per student

Once the FACTS online form has been completed, the following information will need to be submitted to FACTS:

- Copies of your most recent Federal tax forms including all supporting tax schedules and W2's.
- Copies of supporting documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF.
- Copies of Federal Tax Forms from 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 (for business owners)
All supporting documentation must be uploaded online through the FACTS online form.

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

Beep Beep! Check out our next sponsor who always drives their way into our hearts! Horseshow Sponsorship from the great people behind Vic Canever Chevrolet. Located in our own backyard - thank you for being so generous to our St. John the Evangelist Catholic School! Get those tickets, grab your boots and drive your Vic Canever Chevy over to St. John Activity Center on Feb 4th! <https://www.viccaneverchevy.com/>



We have a Trail Boss Sponsorship! Thank you to the Niles family for your generous sponsorship to our Boots and Buckles Auction! Our community is so lucky to have people and business owners in our STF family! We love you and thank you for helping our 2023 Auction Goals! <https://nilesindustrial.com/>



Howdy Partner! Thank you to the Borg Family and Serra Automotive for partnering with us once again! This is a busy time of year and we appreciate everyone opening up their hearts, time and treasure for our AMAZING school! Check them out today! <https://www.serrausa.com/>



So Kind! Too Kind! Welcome to the Wild Wild West! Thank you to the Palmers for donating multiple iPads and technology as your In-Kind WWW Sponsorship! You are the Apple of our eye and we couldn't have a successful auction without generous sponsors like you! Thank you simply isn't enough, but we very much APPRECIATE YOU!



ST. JOHN SCHOOL PRESENTS

BOOTS & BUCKLES

SCAN FOR AUCTION INFO!



- **DONATE** - WHAT AND HOW
- **SPONSORSHIPS** - HIGHLIGHT YOUR BUSINESS OR FAMILY SUPPORT
- **TICKETS** - RESERVE YOUR TICKETS OR PURCHASE A TABLE FOR YOU AND FRIENDS
- **EVENT DETAILS** - BASKETS AND LIVE AUCTION ITEMS POSTED WEEKLY



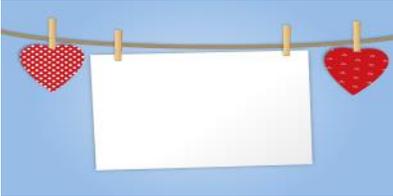
Click [here](#) to buy your tickets to attend the auction.

Auction Raffle Tickets will be coming home on Monday!

ATHLETICS



- Open Gym returns on Sunday, January 15th. Details coming soon.
- Practices for Boys Basketball have started. Game schedules will be released soon. Plan to come cheer on the Jets during basketball season!
- Jr. Jets Basketball will start in February.



ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Thank You:

- To the Zaher family for providing lunch for our staff in December.

Congratulations:

- To Wyatt Kane for qualifying for the Nationals Round of the Geography Bee!

Prayers:

- For Father Ryan whose father passed away recently.

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

