

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

## Jet Gazette Newsletter

### January 7, 2022

#### News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

I hope and pray you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It has been wonderful to see all of the students back in the classrooms, engaged in their lessons and activities throughout this week.

Here's the first Friday of 2022 Rundown:

- **Covid Protocols:** As I communicated in the email that was sent out prior to break, we will continue with the same Covid protocols that have been in place this school year. Although there has been plenty of conversation and confusion having to do with the GCHD mask mandate changes, the quarantine and close contact protocols remain the same. Universal masking is helping to keep our in school close contact numbers basically at zero. However, we do have a growing number of families dealing with Covid19 post Christmas so remaining diligent with our protocols will keep students, staff, and families healthy while allowing students to remain coming to school for in-person learning.
- **Music Teacher:** My search for a music teacher has come up empty so far but all hope isn't lost. Mr. Freeman Tucker has agreed to serve as a long term substitute teacher as the search continues. There will be times when Mr. Tucker needs to perform his duties as our parish music minister. In those instances, Mrs. Wright and myself will step in as substitute teachers. Mr. Tucker is excited for the opportunity to teach music to our school children. I stopped by the music room this morning and the students were singing and sure enjoying the lesson that Mr. Tucker was leading them through.
- **2022 The Big Game Auction:** Thank you all for your generous support of our school. Since I've been in this position money raised from the auction has helped us purchase a new classroom smartboard and projector, a new volleyball net/pole system, volleyballs, bottle filling station in the gym, Chromebooks, fourth and fifth grade social studies curriculum, and a classroom set of calculators along with supplies and resources for individual classrooms. This year's auction is going to be a blast so get your tickets for our February 5, 2022 party by following this link: [Buy Auction Tickets](#).
- **Temporary Chapel in the School:** I've been talking with several people over the last month about praying daily for our school and for our parish. This topic came up during a weekly meeting with Alan Day (Parish Youth Minister) and we started talking about how awesome our last Eucharistic Procession was that we experienced in November. Fr. Robert gave us permission to set up a temporary chapel in the lower level of the old school. The old Leadership Room has been cleaned out and members of the parish will be decorating the room over the next couple of weeks. Our students and staff will be able to visit Jesus right in this school and we are all looking forward to it.
- **Positivity:** Keep up the prayers for our school community because so many good things have happened this week within our homerooms. During our staff meeting this week teachers shared numerous positive and uplifting stories of our students doing amazing things socially and academically. Next week I will share some of those uplifting stories.

Please keep all of our families dealing with Covid in your prayers. Please continue to pray for our students, teachers, staff and families as we push through this school year. We need to continue to allow God to work in us and through us so he can bring about His glory within this community.

Have a great weekend and God bless you all!

Andrew Schmit  
Principal

# Dates to Remember

## JANUARY



Sunday	9	K of C Free Throw Contest-Registration 12:30 PM
Tuesday	11	8th Grade Bottle Drive in Loop-See pg 3 for details
Thursday	13	8th Grade Bottle Drive in Loop-See pg 3 for details
Friday	14	End of 2nd Quarter
Friday	14	<b>Happy Birthday Mrs. Roberts!</b>
Saturday	15	<b>Happy Birthday Mr. Schmit!</b>
Monday	17	<b>No School-Records Day</b>
Saturday	22	Daddy Daughter Dance
Saturday	29	Mother Son Bowling
Sunday	30	Catholic Schools Week Begins

## FROM THE PSA PRESIDENT

Cherish Miotke (our amazing auction chair) has been busy planning the auction with her crew of volunteers!! We can't wait for THE BIG GAME AUCTION on Feb 5th, 2022. Please check out the auction website [here](#) and the Facebook page.

Donate your time, talent or treasure!! Become a sponsor!! Support our school today!!

Another way you can help contribute is to sell some raffle tickets!! This is a fantastic way to support our school's largest fundraiser. Raffle tickets are \$15 each. If you need more tickets, please contact the office.

Thank you to our current 2022 St. John School Auction Sponsors!! If you would like to sponsor the auction there is still time. Please reach out to 810-845-8414 or [Michellepagnani@yahoo.com](mailto:Michellepagnani@yahoo.com) by January 7th, 2022.

Thank you for your time and consideration

### Homeroom Basket Donations

The Auction Committee is looking for certain items to create auction packages. Please see the attached Sign Up Genius to see what items are still needed. Many families find great deals during the holiday shopping season.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4badae2babf5c25-auction>

**ST. John School  
8th Grade Class Presents**

**Under the Sea  
Daddy Daughter Dance**

**January 22nd, 2022  
6pm-8:30pm  
Activity Center**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS  
WONDERFUL  
UNDER THE SEA BASH!

Raffles, Build-A Bear,  
Games, Prizes and more!  
Stay Tuned For More Details



**There will be no Family Scrip orders  
next week. They will resume the week  
of January 17th with delivery on  
January 21st.**

### HELP WANTED

We are looking for a volunteer to help in one of our preschool classes at lunchtime on Mondays. If you are interested, please contact the office.

### Menu Change

Due to supply chain issues, the lunch menu has changed for Monday. Unfortunately, we cannot get mini pancakes because they are out of stock. The choices for Monday's lunch are:

**French Toast Minis, Cheese Pizza, or WOW  
Butter Sandwich**

Thank you for understanding!

**You can now pay Jets Club fees and Athletics fees online using the same Revtrak website that is used for student lunch accounts. More online options, such as field trip fees, will be added in the new year.**



In need of Girl Scout Cookies? Please see a Brownie in 2nd or 3rd grade. You can also contact troop leaders Mary Gadany or Candice Kelso! Orders are due January 26th and delivery will be after February 16th.

## **FROM THE 8TH GRADE**

### **Bring Your Returnables!**

The 8th grade class will be hosting a BOTTLE DRIVE next week on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Please donate your returnable cans and bottles. Drop off stations will be located near the activity center during AM loop, near the activity center during PM Upper loop and also in the K of C parking lot in PM lower loop on both Tuesday and Thursday. Helpers will be standing by if you need assistance unloading your vehicle. Please get out of loop line to donate so that lines are not held up in the process. All proceeds will go toward the Spring Washington DC trip.

### **Pizza Kit Fundraiser**

To raise money for the 8th grade Washington DC trip, our 8th graders are selling Little Caesars Pizza Kits. A variety of pizza & bread kits, cookie dough and pizza accessories can be ordered starting at \$20. These are great to keep on hand to feed your hungriest SJS JETS!! If you are interested in purchasing, please see an 8th grader in Ms. Feazel's homeroom class. Thank you for your continued support!! Please place your orders by January 21<sup>st</sup>. (Orders will be delivered the week of February 7<sup>th</sup>.)

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND GENEROSITY!!!**

## **Athletics Update**



### **Boys Basketball Practice**

#### **7/8 Grade**

Sundays	11 AM to 1 PM
Mon-Thurs	5:45 PM to 7:45 PM

#### **5/6 Grade**

Tues/Thurs	3:45 PM to 5:45 PM
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### **Cheer Practice**

Saturdays	8 AM to 10 AM
Mondays	3:30 PM to 5:30 PM

## **Volunteer Requirements**

**Now that we are slowly able to add events that require parent volunteers, we want to remind parents about the requirements to volunteer. Please be sure to complete the following steps:**

The Diocese of Lansing requires that anyone who has contact with minor children receive Virtus Training, including all volunteers. In order to be a volunteer at St. John the Evangelist Catholic School, you must complete the following:

1. Register online at <https://www.virtusonline.org> to attend a "Protecting God's Children" presentation. You must attend the presentation for which you registered. Upcoming "Protecting God's Children" training sessions will be added to the website periodically. We will also keep you informed as additional sessions are added. See attached flyer for directions to sign up.
2. Read and sign the Diocese of Lansing Volunteer Code of Conduct. This form is available in the school office or you can print one [here](#).
3. Read and sign the Diocese of Lansing Criminal Background Check Form. This form is available in the school office or you can print one [here](#).

## **ROCK & BOWL!**

### **Mother & Son Bowling**

January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 2 PM to 4:30 PM at Fenton Lanes



Cost is \$25 per bowler and includes: 2 games, shoes, pizza and drink (pop or water)

Flyers coming home next week!

*ST John School Presents*

# THE BIG GAME

GRAB YOUR JERSEY AND JOIN US FOR A SPORTS  
THEMED **AUCTION** YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

**FEBRUARY 5TH, 2022**

**KICKOFF STARTS AT 5PM**

It's another Grand Slam Sponsorship! Whoop Whoop!! A HUGE THANK YOU to the Willey Family and Fenton Home Furnishings for their generous donation to our BIG GAME AUCTION! They are always such a huge supporter of our school and community. We are so blessed to live in such a wonderful town with generous businesses like Fenton Home Furnishings. Thank you! Thank you!! Thank you!!



THANK YOU!!!! THANK YOU!!!! We are so excited for another HOME RUN! Cheers to our favorite Beer Family at John P. O'Sullivan! We are filled to the brim with delight for your sponsorship! Thank you for your continued support year after year to make our school TOP NOTCH LUCKY! For all your beer distributing needs contact <https://www.jposullivan.com/>



The BIG GAME AUCTION is in full swing! We are SOOO excited to announce a HOME RUN Sponsorship with the State Bank! Thank you to Stephanie Claborn and the team at The State Bank for continuing their sponsorship year after year. For all your banking needs look no further than our own hometown heroes at The State Bank.

**THE  
STATE  
BANK**

Touchdown SJS A huge FUN! FRESH! & FABULOUS! Thank you to our very own Shannon White at FUNchitecture <https://funarchitecture.com/> You continue to bless our school in every single WAY imaginable and we are ESTATIC to have you on our TEAM! Thank you for supporting our annual auction each and every year! If you want to find FUNctional + Creative Design Solutions for Every Need, check out FUNchitecture!

**FUN**CHITECTURE

Touchdown Family Sponsor Alert! Did you know you can sponsor as a family? We love our local businesses, but our families are the force behind EVERYTHING THE BIG GAME AUCTION REPRESENTS! Thank you to Robert and Jennifer Foote for donating YET AGAIN!!! Bring your family to this year's auction on February 5th and tell the Foote Family - HELLO AND THANK YOU!

**FOOTE  
FAMILY**

It's field goal time! Thank you so much to this incredible hockey family for helping us score big for this year's auction! For all your hockey needs check out Perani's Hockey World! Thanks for always being on our team and helping us meet our Auction GOAL!



We love this new business and all that they represent! Thank you to Krystal Payne and the UB Station Cafe for a field goal sponsorship! Thanks for supporting us physically and financially at this year's BIG GAME AUCTION! For smoothies, the most amazing coffee and espresso, come on over to Linden to try the UB Station Café! #GetthatUB

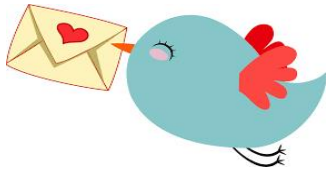
**UB STATION CAFE**



They just keep scoring!!! Thank you to this automotive favorite for your field goal sponsorship! Thanks to Scott Borg at Serra Automotive Group for helping us speed up our Auction Goals! We could not do this without the help of our amazing community! Stop by Serra Automotive today and check out their inventory!







## ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

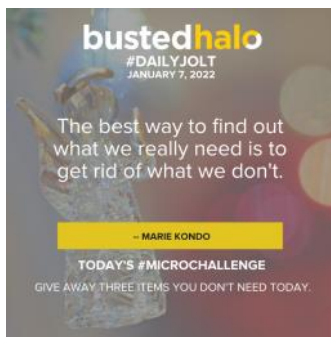
### Thank You:

- To Ms. Jacoby for stopping by to say hi to say hi to the 6th graders you taught last year.
- To the families who have been turning in your auction donations. We are exciting to see so many fun things coming in!

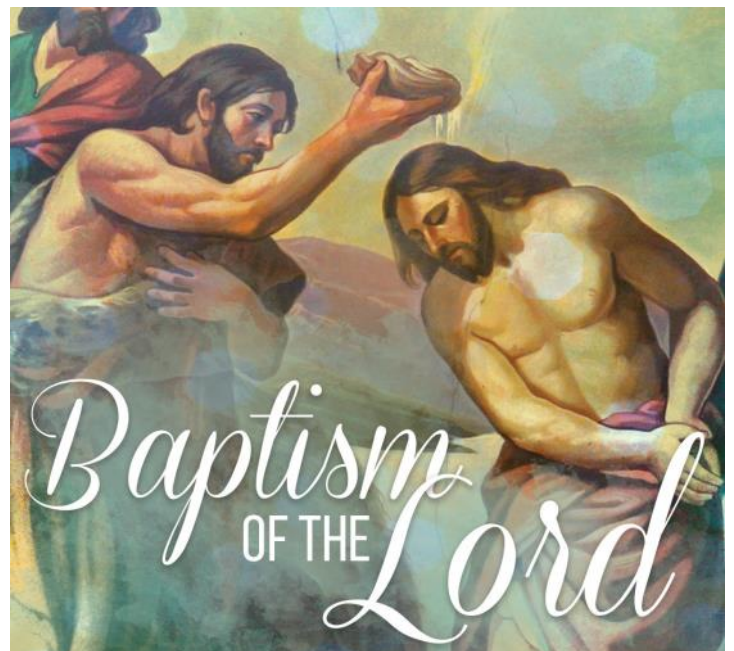


### Building Foundations of Faith

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. Konett

Kindergarten

**How long have you worked in education?** I have been teaching for 11 years. **How about at SJS?** This is my first year.

**What is your alma mater?** Western Michigan University

**What is your favorite thing about working in a Catholic school?** The family involvement, close community, and ability to have our faith as part of our learning.

**Tell us about your family:** I have been married to Nicholas for 17.5 year and I have two amazing children, Johnathan (16) and Olivia (11).

**Do you have any pets?** Two dogs, Violet (a dane/mastiff) and Teddy (mix), and a horse named Lovie

**What are your favorite hobbies ?** Going to the barn and hockey

**What are your favorite foods?** Pizza

**What is one thing you will NOT eat?** Fish

**If I could go anywhere on vacation, it would be:** Bora Bora or Greece

**What is one of your favorite things about teaching Kindergarten?** Watching children learn letters and learn to read!

**What is one of your favorite books to read to kids?** I love all Mo Willems, Patricia Polacco, and Eric Carle books, but my favorite book is There's a Nightmare in my Closet.

**What is one of your favorite Bible stories?** Noah's Ark-I love teaching that story and my children loved it!

**What is your favorite movie?** Top 3 to watch with my family are The Greatest Showman, all Harry Potter, and all John Hughes films.

**What is your favorite season and why?** Summer! I love swimming, the beach, and HOT weather!

**This or that?** WINTER. EDITION

Hot Chocolate or Coffee

Ice Skating or Sledding

Build a Snowman or Make a Snow Angel

Winter Olympics or Super Bowl

Heated Blanket or Cozy Fireplace

