

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

We had a busy week to begin November. Before we know it we will be celebrating Thanksgiving! Let's dive right into the Friday before the end of daylights saving rundown:

- Next School Year: Re-Enrollment and Registration for 2022-23 is going to be earlier than in years past. Our re-enrollment period will begin in early January with open registration for new families starting in February.
- Powers Catholic High School Open House is Sunday afternoon. It's not too early to check out for yourselves what our Catholic high school has to offer.
- School Prayer: Parents, if your child is leading school prayer in the morning or afternoon, please feel free to come into the office to watch and pray with us.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences: We will have a ½ day of school Thursday, November 11 for parent-teacher conferences. We will have no school on Friday.
- Christmas Program Change: Parents, our in-person Christmas program will be on Tuesday, December 14 in the church. Our Preschool-3rd Grade will be at 10AM and our **4th-8th Grade performance will be at 2PM.**
- Food Service: As the food and supply shortage continues our menu may be impacted from week to week. Mrs. Davidson will alert our teachers on Fridays to get the information out regarding any menu changes for the following week.
- Planning ahead: We are going to host a pre-Christmas experience/event outside on the parish grounds the evening of Thursday, December 16. This event is in the planning stages so more information will be shared soon.
- Unselfie by Michele Borba Lesson #2: Dr. Borba points out in the second chapter of Unselfie that what we say and how we address our children helps them define who they are and how they view themselves. "Too much praise can make kids more self-centered, more competitive, and more prone to cut others down. Too little encouragement can erode self-esteem." Using positive labels that reinforce character can go a long way in children forming their moral identities. ("You're the kind of person who likes to help others." p34). As parents trying to help our children form moral identities through the use of positive labels, we need to employ the following strategies: Notice how your child responds to encouragement to gauge overpraising, align praise with character, use nouns not verbs (choose to be a helper vs choose to help), focus on character, not behavior ("You're the kind of person who likes to help other people"), and model it for your children. (Borba, 34-36). Please contact me if you want a copy of this book.

One of the bulletin boards in the main hallway is currently themed "Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart." Our students are going to have the opportunity to write down on heart shaped pieces of paper the things they are grateful for and hang these moments of gratitude on the display. Isn't it easy to go about our daily lives and forget to be thankful for the many blessings God has provided for us? At Mass this weekend we will hear the story from Sacred Scripture of the prophet Elijah who asked for a cup of water to drink and some bread to eat. The widow was about to make him bread from the last bit of ingredients she had left when he promised her that God would provide flour and oil for a year so she and her son could live. Let us take a moment as families to identify God's provision and blessings and thank the living God with grateful hearts.

Have a blessed weekend,

Andrew Schmit
Principal

Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER



Sunday	7	Fall Back! Daylight Saving Time ends-Set clocks back one hour
Sunday	7	Powers Catholic High School Open House 12 PM to 3 PM
Sunday	7	DEADLINE EXTENDED!!—Christmas Spiritwear Orders Due today!!
Monday	8	Picture Retake Day
Thursday	11	Half-Day for Students-11:30 AM Dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences
Friday	12	No School for Staff or Students
Saturday	20	Happy Birthday Mr. Garbutt!
Wednesday	24	No School-Thanksgiving Break Begins
Thursday	25	Happy Thanksgiving
Thursday	25	Happy Birthday Mrs. Wright!
Sunday	28	Advent Begins

How to View Report Cards

Our grades and attendance program is called PowerSchool. For new account setup, password resets, or other questions, please email Mrs. Wright at cwright@sjseducation.com.

Directions for Report Card Printing/Viewing from the PowerSchool Parent Portal

1. Log in to the parent portal (online report cards are NOT available in the mobile app)
2. Select the student from the upper left menu if multiple are available



3. Click on Report Card link from the left-side menu
 - A. Standards Based Report Card (K-3)
 - B. Traditional Report Card (4-8)



Select the Report Card appropriate to your child's grade level.

4. With the report card displayed on the screen, click on the printer icon in the top blue bar (if you wish to have a printed copy).



5. Use the browser print window to select the printer and print the report card



Picture Retake Day will be next Monday, November 8th. Pictures will be taken first thing in the morning. Any students who were absent on our first picture day will be photographed. Students who wish to get a retake should return their initial picture package. **If your student needs a retake, please email the office or your child's teacher so that we can be sure your child does get his or her picture taken.** If you have questions, please contact the office.

Reminder

Parent Teacher Conferences are next week (being held virtually). If you would like a conference with your child's teacher and have not scheduled one yet, please be sure to contact the teacher via email to set one up.

COLD WEATHER REMINDER



Colder weather is upon us!! Please be sure students come to school everyday prepared to go outside. Our policy is to have outside recess everyday as long as temperatures are 10 degrees or above (factoring in the wind chill). Please be sure your children bring warm coats or jackets for the cooler temperatures. It is also a good idea to label all items.

Spiritwear

We have restocked our new yellow and green tie-dye t-shirts in all sizes. Place your order today!



Order your SJS Christmas Spiritwear Now!

We are now taking orders for SJS Christmas PJs. Orders are being taken online. Please be sure to place your order by November 7th. Visit the spiritwear website [here](#) for pricing details and to place your order.



Save the Date

The Education Foundation Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on December 1st. Please join us. Cookies and hot cocoa will be provided.



8th Grade Fundraiser

To raise money for the 8th grade Washington DC trip, our 8th graders are selling Christmas poinsettias. Poinsettias are sold for \$10 per plant. They come in red, pink or white wrapped in holiday foil sold in a 6-inch pot. They make a perfect holiday gift or festive decoration. If you are interested in purchasing, please see an 8th grader in Ms. Feazel's homeroom class. Thank you and Happy Holidays!!

Log Your Volunteer Hours

To log your volunteer hours, go to our school website and click on the "Good Stewards" tab. Then, you can click on "Submit Parent Volunteer Hours." If you have questions, about how to log hours, please contact the office.



Athletics Update

Boys Basketball

It is time to register for 5/6 grade and 7/8 grade boys basketball. Registration forms are available in the school office and are also attached to this email. Registrations are due November 11th. A current sports physical dated April 15, 2021 or after is required. Fee to play is \$60. Practices will start the week of December 15th and games will begin after Christmas break.



We also are in need of basketball coaches. If you are interested, please contact Scott McPeake at 810-869-4344 or via email at gscottmcpaake@gmail.com.

Boys interested in playing may attend conditioning clinics starting the week of November 15th:

Mondays and Wednesdays:	6:40 PM—8 PM
Saturdays:	10 AM to 12 PM
Sundays:	4 PM to 6 PM

Volleyball

St. John Green

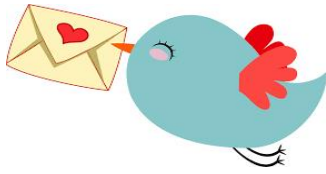
Tues 11/9 vs. Holy Family Blue	5PM @ Holy Family
Sat 11/13 vs. St. Robert Blue	9AM @ Powers
Sat 11/13 vs. Holy Family White	11AM @ Powers

St. John Gold

Tues 11/9 vs. St. John Vianney	6PM @ Holy Family
Sat 11/13 vs. Holy Family Blue	10AM @ Powers
Sat 11/13 vs. Holy Family Gold	12PM @ Powers

Congratulations on a fun season to our SJS Football players and Cheer squad!





ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Prayers:

- For Gabriela Lesneski who is recovering from an illness.

Thank You:

- To all who came out to participate in our Trunk or Treat Event.
- To the K of C, the PSA, the Education Foundation, and the parish Middle School Youth Group for helping support our Trunk or Treat Event.

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>



PSA AUCTION NEWS

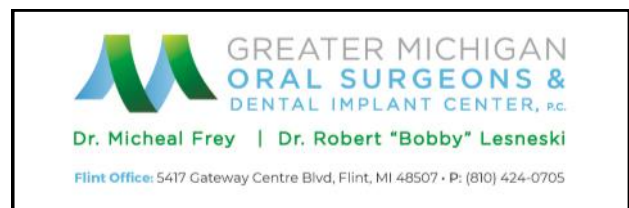
The Big Game

Be sure to save the date for our PSA Auction to be held on February 5, 2022.



The 2022 Auction Sponsorship season is opening with an incredibly generous donation of \$10,000!!!! The LESNESKI FAMILY donates their corporate Sponsorship on behalf of the **Greater Michigan Oral Surgeon & Dental Implant Center** to kick off our February 5th, 2022 Auction titled, The Big Game! THIS IS BEYOND EXTRAORDINARY AND OUR TOP NOTCH "STANLEY CUP" SIZED SPONSORSHIP LEVEL. On

behalf of the PSA, we were not expecting this unbelievable sponsorship and are extremely overwhelmed by your contribution. THANK YOU LESNESKI Family for supporting our school when your family needs our love and support more than ever. We thank you as a school, as fellow parents and as friends. To learn more about the Greater Michigan Oral Surgeon and Dental Implant Center please see their website. <https://greatermichiganoralsurgeons.com/>





Staff Spotlight

Ms. Bade

Resource Teacher

How long have you worked in education? This is my 3rd year as a teacher and 3rd year at SJS!

What is your alma mater? High School-Ladywood College-University of Dayton

What is your favorite thing about working in a Catholic school? Being able to go to church and pray as a school community.

Tell us about your family: I have the best mom and dad and an older brother. He is two years older.

Do you have any pets? I have two dogs. Vinnie, he's 8, and Izzy, she's 2!

What are your favorite hobbies? Teaching Pure Barre

What are your favorite foods? Mexican!! And any kind of rice.

What is one thing you will NOT eat? Tree nuts (I'm allergic!)

If you could go anywhere on vacation, where would you go? Greece

What is your favorite season and why? Fall. Football is back, I love when the leaves change colors, and the cooler weather.

What is your favorite movie? I love any good Rom-com.

What is one of your favorite Bible stories? The story of creation.

What is one of your favorite memories of being a student at SJS? Washington DC trip when I was in 8th grade.

What is one of your favorite family Thanksgiving traditions? Going to the movies after Thanksgiving dinner.

What is your MUST HAVE Thanksgiving dish? Stuffing!

What is something that you are thankful for? My family at home and my SJS family and my dogs, of course!!

This or that? THANKSGIVING EDITION

Watch Football or Go Shopping—This is way too hard! It depends on my mood!

Sweet Potatoes or Mashed Potatoes

Watch Movies or Play Games

Apple Pie or Pumpkin Pie

Dress Up or Comfy Clothes