



St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

Jet Gazette Newsletter

February 10, 2023

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

After an eventful couple of weeks at St. John School the day off on Monday (Apple Fest Raffle Incentive Award) will be much appreciated! I am thankful for how the students, faculty and staff continue to press on with their daily routines. I had to spend a majority of time this week doing things outside of a trained educator's comfort zone but was thankful to go into some classrooms and spend time sitting with students as they learned. Our children and teachers are amazing! I also need to add if you ever need a pick-me-up mid week, come to mass and pray with the school. Our Youth Choir belting out "Rise Up" as the concluding hymn is outstanding and spirit lifting! Let's jump to the rundown.

6 Fridays left until Spring Break Rundown:

- **PSA Auction:** THANK YOU to Cherish Miotke, Michelle Pagnani, Krystal Fatolitis-Payne, Kelli Doherty, Kim Rogers, Kristy Bray, Stephanie Claborn, Tara Nolde and Jillian Mackey for putting together an awesome auction last Saturday evening. Thank you also to Jamie Crawford and Wes Nolde for helping with set-up for the event. I also want to thank the Homeroom Parents for spearheading the classroom auction projects. We had a lot of beautiful pieces entered this year. Also, thank you to all who donated items to the silent auction. Finally, thank you to all who attended the festivities last Saturday. It truly was an enjoyable evening and a highlight of the school year.
- **Bathroom Behavior:** Parents of boys, particularly the 5th-8th grade boys attending St. John School: Please have a conversation with your son to remind him about unacceptable behavior in the middle school bathroom. The bathroom is not meant for hanging out, nor for practicing sharpie writing skills, spending time on their smartphones, or for decorating the inside of toilets and walls with wet paper towels. However, please reiterate that acceptable behavior includes flushing the toilet, washing of hands, and placing garbage in the trash bins. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.
- **Attendance:** Remember to call or email when your child is absent. Failure to notify the office regarding an absence results in the absence being qualified as "unexcused."
- **Morning Tardies:** Keep up the good work. The number of morning tardies were down this week.
- **Drop off:** Please remember that ALL students need to be dropped off in front of the school, utilizing the drop-off loop, unless parents need to drop something off in the main office or if a student needs special assistance to enter school (due to an injury, an upset student, etc). Parents, please pull as far forward as possible, allowing for the line to keep moving. ALSO, if you have time in the morning we could use more volunteers to help open doors for our younger students. If you are available for this volunteer activity, please contact Mrs. Anderson in the main office.
- **Enrollment for 2023-24:** Our Open Enrollment period is ongoing. Please continue to spread the word. As far as our re-registration numbers are concerned we have just over 90% of our current students enrolled for next school year! God is good.

- Early Childhood Info Night: We will host an Early Childhood/Kindergarten roundup night on Thursday, March 2 from 6pm-7pm. Follow this [link](#) to register or share with families who are interested in our preschool program or enrolling their child in kindergarten.
- Fish Fry: The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry will be back, in person, during Lent. St. John School has an opportunity to work with the Knights on three of the Fridays, to help with table service. The Knights do so much to support our school and I think it will be a great opportunity for us to give back to the Knights. We will need groups to help on March 3, March 10, and March 17. Please contact me if you are interested.
- Ash Wednesday: The school will have a special Ash Wednesday Mass at 10AM on February 22, 2023, outside of the Ash Wednesday Mass offerings for the parish.
- No School: There is no school on the upcoming days: Monday, February 13, Friday February 17, and Monday, February 20.

I was moved today when I read the first reading for this weekend's masses from the book of Sirach: "If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand." The phrase "if you trust in God, you too shall live" is an easy one to read but one that should stop us in our tracks. Trust in God. I needed to read these words and I hope you did as well. Trust in God. Let him lead, guide, direct, whatever word you want to use to describe letting go and letting God. All too often in this role as principal and even in my everyday life I get bent out of shape when things don't go "my way." Wow. My way! What is that? Really, I'm just a moron who wrote a check for tuition and spent extra time in school to get an advanced degree but wow, that degree doesn't help me know more than God. Haha. It's time for me to let go and trust in God and his commandments.

As I close this week's article, I want to reiterate how blessed we are at St. John School to have staff and parent-volunteers willing to do so many things for this school above and beyond expectations. Year in and year out people give of their time and resources to support this school because of how much they believe in it. As for this I am eternally grateful.

Have a blessed weekend and I will see you all on Tuesday.

God bless,
Andrew Schmit
Principal



Dates to Remember



FEBRUARY

Mon	13	NO SCHOOL-Applefest Raffle Incentive Reward
Tues	14	Happy Valentine's Day-Valentine Spiritwear Allowed
Fri	17	No School-Presidents Weekend
Mon	20	No School-Presidents Weekend
Wed	22	Ash Wednesday-All School Mass 10 AM

MARCH

Wed	1	Deadline to apply for Tuition Assistance
Thurs	2	Kindergarten Roundup and Info Night- More information coming soon!
Fri	3	Happy Birthday Ms. Adams!
Tues	7	Happy Birthday Mrs. Boyle!
Thurs	9	Happy Birthday Mrs. Cislo!
Thurs	9	Parent-Teacher Conferences-11:30 Dismissal
Fri	10	Happy Birthday Mrs. Anderson!
Fri	10	Half-Day for Students and staff -11:30 Dismissal
Fri	17	Happy St. Patrick's Day!
Fri	17	Happy Birthday Mrs. Bragg!

WANTED

The STEAM lab is in need of paper tubes for upcoming projects. If you have any empty paper towel or toilet paper tubes ready to be upcycled, please bring them to Mr. Willard at any time.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

If we have enough student interest, Deacon Rich will schedule another altar server training session. If your child is in 4th grade or above and would like to become an altar server, please let the office know. Once there is enough interest, a session will be scheduled.



Open Enrollment is taking place now. If you know anyone looking to transfer schools or enroll their young child, please let them know about St. John School. Encourage them to set up a tour or call the office for more information. Your recommendations are our best form of marketing.

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.

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

Direct Your Dollars

St. John School participates in VG's Direct Your Dollars program. Save your VG's receipts and send them into school. We are getting close to our next \$1000 reward check!

We have just a couple more weeks to collect because the Direct Your Dollars program is ending. Be sure to get your receipts in soon!

Dear Friends and Families of SJS,

We would like to offer our sincere thanks for your support of the 2023 St. John School Boots and Buckles Auction. Your attendance, purchases and contributions helped us to raise much needed funds to support the students of St. John School. These resources will go directly towards programs, experiences and materials necessary to enhance a full, quality education for each one of our students.

One of the elements of our school that we are most proud of is our partnership with our families and community. This active and dynamic relationship is an essential piece to our continued success. On behalf of the students, staff and families of St. John School, THANK YOU for your ongoing support. We couldn't do it without you!

St. John School is a faith based community dedicated to teaching, learning and living as Jesus did. With your continued support we can carry forth with our mission.

God Bless!

From: The SJS PSA and Auction Committee



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR
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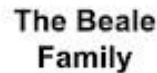
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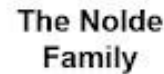
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SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THIS DAY HAPPEN

ANDREW SCHMIT
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 (AUCTION CHAIR)

MICHELLE PAGNANI
 KRISTAL FATOLITIS-PAYNE
 STEPHANIE CLABORN

KIM ROGERS
 JILLIAN MACKEY
 KELLI DOHERTY

Thank you to the amazing local businesses and families that sponsored the SJS Auction this year! Your generosity and belief in our cause is greatly appreciated and helps SJS continue to thrive. We couldn't do it with out you!!!



ATHLETICS

BASKETBALL

7/8 Grade

Sat. Feb. 11 vs. Holy Family/Elston 10:00 AM @ Powers
Thurs. Feb. 16 vs. Holy Family/Elston 6:00 PM @ St. John

5/6 Grade Green

Mon. Feb. 13 vs. Holy Family 1 5:00 PM @ Holy Family
Thurs. Feb. 16 vs. Holy Family 2 5:00 PM @ St. John

5/6 Grade Gold

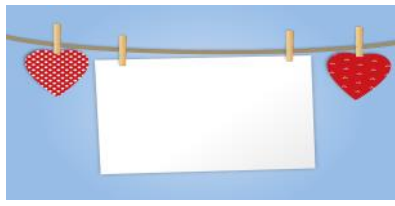
Mon. Feb. 13 vs. Holy Family 2 6:00 PM @ Holy Family
Thurs. Feb. 16 vs. St. Roberts 2 7:00 PM @ St. John

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

- Adult Open Gym - Sundays Co-Ed (30+), 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Cost is \$3.00 cash or check or card (through QR code on site)
- 3rd /4th grade open gym on Sundays, 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM. Sign up day of on site .



Spiritwear has been restocked. Place your order today. Click [here](#) to order.



ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Prayers:

- For the Fatolitis-Payne family on the loss of Marilyn Isaac, Tommy and Jenna's great-grandmother.

Thank You:

- To all families who donated to our Souper Bowl collection for the food pantry.



Congratulations:

- To the Gee family on the arrival of Kingsley's baby sister, Tatum Wilder, who was born on Wednesday. Welcome to our SJS family!



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

One of our SJS families is in need of after-school carpool transportation. They live in Fenton in the area of Swanee Beach Drive. Please contact the office for contact information if you may be interested. They are willing to compensate for the time.

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FEBRUARY 8, 2023

"In God's will, there is great peace."

-- SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

TODAY'S #MICROCHALLENGE
IF YOUR WEEK IS ALREADY FEELING HECTIC, TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO PRAY THE "OUR FATHER." MEDITATE ON THE PHRASE "THY WILL BE DONE."

Staff Spotlight

Yesterday was National Pizza Day. What is the perfect pizza?

Ms. Adams: BBQ Chicken Pizza from Milano's in Dayton, Ohio!

Mrs. Kromberg: Cheeseburger pizza from Jonna's!

Mrs. Salerno: Any pizza that is saucy and loaded with all the toppings, but no anchovies please!

Mrs. Salzano: Pepperoni that curls up and gets super crispy, pineapple, Cajun crust, deep dish Detroit style!

Mrs. Haiss: Delio's Deluxe, hold the ground beef (for all my old school Fenton people!)

Mr. Garbutt: Pepperoni and bacon

Mrs. Williams: IMO's Pizza in St. Louis, MO! They are made with a super crispy thin crust and Provel cheese. My favorite toppings are pepperoni, mushrooms, and jalapenos.

Mrs. Farella: The perfect pizza is a wood-fired veggie pizza.

Mrs. Wright: I love an all veggie pizza or a BBQ chicken pizza.

Mrs. Bragg: Bucilli's Pizza in Houghton Lake-fully loaded with all the toppings, and a side of Cilli Sticks!

Mrs. Trollman: Deep dish!!

Mrs. Adams: My perfect pizza would be the toppings of ham, mushrooms, green olives, and mild pepper rings.

Mr. Tucker: Chicago style deep dish!

