



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

Jet Gazette Newsletter

August 25, 2022

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

After all the time spent on preparation for the school year it's hard to believe that we already have one week in the books. It was so wonderful to see everyone gather together on Monday evening for the Open House/Backpack Blessing and then again to gather in the courtyard on the First Day of School. Our SJS faculty and staff has been hard at it all week long from safety training with Premier Security on Monday morning, to final preparations Monday afternoon, to helping our children become acclimated to the learning environment for the 2022-23 school year. I hope and pray that they all get some well deserved rest this weekend! Let's jump to the rundown.

First Friday of the Year Rundown:

- **Drop-Off:** We are going to continue to monitor the drop-off line situation. I'm hoping that as students and parents become more accustomed to the procedures the loop line will become more efficient. We will make adjustments accordingly. Thank you for your patience.
- **Lunch Accounts:** We are going to only send the pink negative balance reminders home once a week on Fridays. Parents, please do everything you can to keep your students' lunch money account current. Take time to check on your child's account history as well.
- **All things Applefest:** Applefest is quickly approaching. We are still in need of volunteers. Applefest is an easy way to clock those school volunteer hours! I know one event that needs some volunteers and that event is the Pancake Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings of Applefest. The Schmit Family is chairing that event so please contact me if you want to help out and have a blast doing so! Also, the school will once again help out with the selling of raffle tickets. Raffle tickets will be going home with students on Monday. Last school year, school families sold over \$20,000 in tickets. We will have the same goal this year and if we reach that goal I will add an additional day off from school.
- **Encounter Jesus Time:** Every Monday our homerooms will begin the week with a focus on experiencing Jesus through relationship and empathy building while focusing on the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. We will be working to provide authentic opportunities for students to encounter Christ through service projects, Eucharistic Adoration, praying of the Rosary, Eucharistic Processions, and spending time with other Homerooms. Monday morning, our students will begin learning about the fruit of Faithfulness.

- Weekly Adoration: Our Adoration time in the school will be on Monday mornings from 8 AM to 10 AM this year. We will need parents to sign up to pray and spend time with Jesus. You can sign up [here](#).
- New Cleaning Company: St. John School has hired a new cleaning service. Hi-Tech Building Services will be providing us with cleaning services this school year.
- Resource Teacher: I am in the process of hiring a new resource teacher for St. John School to work with our K-5 students and support those working with our middle school students. I will update you soon on this.
- Sunday Mass Times: Join us for prayer and worship at Mass this weekend. Our weekend Mass times are Saturday at 5PM, and Sunday at 8:30AM, 10AM, 11:30AM.

At our All School Mass on Wednesday the students were singing the songs and participating in Fr. Robert's homily. Wednesday's mass was the Feast Day of St. Bartholomew, Apostle and Martyr. Fr. Robert asked the students why eleven of the twelve Apostles were so willing to give their lives for Jesus. I could feel the grace and presence of God and joy filled my heart as each of the students Fr. Robert called upon gave spot on answers; "Because he is God," "because he is real," "because they believe in him" were some of the answers spoken aloud. As we begin this school year, let us continue to call to mind why we send our children to this school. It is my hope and prayer that we all continue to grow in our Faith and allow God to use us to strengthen our families and help our children to grow and strengthen their relationships with Him as disciples of Jesus Christ. When our priorities are in line, everything else (academics, athletics, social) will make more sense.

Have a blessed weekend and see you all on Monday.

God bless,

Andrew Schmit
Principal



Dates to Remember

AUGUST		
Tues	30	Curriculum Night
SEPTEMBER		
Fri	2	No School-Labor Day Weekend
Mon	5	Labor Day-No School
Tues	6	Happy Birthday Mrs. Trollman and Mrs. Trecha!
Thurs	8	Happy Birthday Ms. Kozara!
Thurs	15	1st Day of Applefest
Fri	16	Teacher PD-No School

YOUTH CHOIR



Youth Choir will begin after Labor Day. Youth Choir is open to students in 2nd grade and older. This year, practice will be held on TUESDAYS right after school until 5 PM. Students will meet Mr. Tucker in the front lobby after school and will walk with him over to the church. Please email Mr. Tucker at freeman@sjseducation.com to sign up.

Welcome New Families and New Students!

We would like to wish a warm welcome to the new families and students who have recently registered!

The Burger Family, Noah-3rd, Abigail-2nd

The London Family, Sutton-1st, Rowan-PK

Curriculum Night

Our Annual Curriculum Night for parents will take place on Tuesday, August 30th. Please try to have at least one parent attend this important meeting.

5:00 PM **PK-5th Grade Classroom Meetings Begin**

Sessions will be at 5 PM, 5:20 PM, and 5:40 PM. (Sessions are repeated for parents with more than one elementary age child.)

6:00 PM **General Presentation for all families**

6:40 PM **Middle School Classroom Meetings**

At this time, we cannot accept any more Jets Club registrations because we are at capacity. We may be able to accept occasional drop-ins. If you would like to be on the waiting list if a spot becomes available, please contact Mrs. Anderson at danderson@sjseducation.com. Please note that you must have signed paperwork turned in to be a drop-in.



School office hours are Monday-Friday 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM when school is in session.

PLEASE NOTE: The office will be **CLOSED DAILY** from 3:10-3:30 PM to allow office staff to assist with new dismissal procedures. Phones will still be open (you may have to leave a message), but the office will be closed to **ALL** visitors. Any students needing early dismissal will need to be picked up prior to 3:10. After 3:10 PM, all students will be sent to the preschool loop, upper loop, or Jets Club. Students may not wait by the office.

Food Service

LUNCH TIMES

Kindergarten and 1st grade:	10:55 AM-11:20 AM
2nd and 3rd grades:	11:25 AM-11:50 AM
4th and 5th grades:	11:55 AM-12:15 PM
Middle School:	12:20 PM-12:40 PM

Breakfast is available for purchase by the Main Office every morning from 7:45 until 8:00.

This year we are not accepting 3rd party lunch deliveries. Parents are welcome to drop off lunches as needed.

You may add money to your child's lunch account online through our Revtrak website: <https://stjohnschool.revtrak.net/>. You may also send in cash or check to the school office.

The cost of a student lunch is \$3.25.

The cost of student breakfast is \$2.00

A la carte items are available at breakfast and lunch and cost ranges from \$0.50 to \$1.25.

MEDICATIONS

Any medication for your child must be kept in the school office. Medications should be labeled. You must also fill out a medication authorization form before any medication can be given.

The form is available in the office or on the school website. The office does not keep extra medication on hand, such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen. It must be provided by the parent.



Important Parent Information

- **Please be sure to return your Emergency Card if you haven't already done so.**
- **Report All Student Absences**

This is a must!!! Please be sure to let the office know of ALL absences whether due to illness or not To report an absence, you can call the school office or you can email Mrs. Haiss at ahaiss@sjseducation.com.

Homeroom Parents for 2022-2023

THANK YOU!

Mrs. Roberts	Lindsay Carlson	Mrs. Cislo	Kari Hoekstra
Mrs. Boyle	Morgan Quick	Mrs. Salzano	Candice Kelso
Ms. Wharff	Christina Gainer	Mrs. Minnick	Monica Samples
Mrs. Konett	Cortney Gibson	Mrs. Farella	Heather Sutphen
Mrs. Bragg	Kristy Bray	Ms. Adams	Brook Stratton
Mrs. Kromberg	Melissa Dabrowski	Mrs. Whitney	Shannon White
Ms. Kozara	Jeff Gainer	Mrs. Dawes	Valarie Pickard
Mrs. Trollman	Leah Hunt	Mr. Garbutt	Sarah Sterling
Mrs. Roche	Kacie Sordyl		

PSA Board

Michelle Pagnani (President)

Krystal Fatolitis-Payne (Vice President)

Jessica Moore and Amie Schmit (Spiritwear Co-chairs)

The PSA will be collecting applications for the position of Secretary. If you are interested in volunteering to serve on the PSA Board, please see the attached information for description of the secretary's role and application form. Please submit applications by September 1st.

Thank you all for your continued service to our school!

Athletics Update

- Fall Sports Registration is open. Information sheet and registration info attached.
- Athletics Boosters Meeting will be held on September 8th. More info coming soon.
- First 7/8th grade Tackle Football game will be at Powers on Wednesday, September 7th at 5:30 PM. Please join us to cheer on your St. John athletes who are members of the GCCS Tackle Football Team



Spiritwear

On Spiritwear days, students may wear St. John School or Powers Catholic High School apparel with jeans or uniform bottoms. Jeans should be in good condition free from rips or tears. Students may not wear leggings to school on spiritwear days or out of uniform days. This applies to all students from preschool to 8th grade.



Students who are not wearing the appropriate uniform or spiritwear may be asked to change into something from the uniform closet or be asked to call home for a change of clothes.

If you need to order spiritwear, please visit our online Spiritwear store [here](#). More items are on order to restock our inventory.

Additional Dress Code Information

Please note that students are asked to adhere to the following guidelines as indicated in our Parent Student Handbook:

- Shirts should be tucked in at all times. (Age appropriate grade levels)
- Belts must be worn on Dennis Uniform items with belt loops. (Age appropriate grade levels)
- Socks or Tights must be worn at all times.
- Shoes must be secure on the foot with closed toe and closed heel. No Crocs or open-toe sandals may be worn. Outdoor boots must be removed outside the classroom and may not be worn throughout the school. Fashion boots such as UGGS, cowboy boots, etc. may be worn on Spirit Days only.
- Leggings may not be worn by students of any age (preschool-8th grade) on any uniform, spiritwear, or out of uniform day. The exception is leggings that are worn UNDERNEATH a uniform skirt.



**We love the
first week of
school!!**



Requirements for Volunteers

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> for an online training session.
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](#).

You may not participate in any volunteer positions until you have completed all requirements.

VISITOR PROCEDURES

- All visitors may enter through the Main Entrance only and must sign in at the Main Office.
- Visitors may not go to classrooms unless pre-arranged with the teacher.
- If an item from home has been forgotten, please deliver it to the office. Students will be called to the office periodically to pick up items.
- Guests will not be permitted to join students for lunch
- No third party lunch deliveries

Popcorn Fridays

We have popcorn Fridays a couple times each month. If you would like to volunteer to help with Popcorn Fridays, please sign up here: [Popcorn Friday Volunteers](#)



We still have a few 2021-2022 yearbooks for sale. If you would like to purchase one, please stop by the office. They are \$15 each, cash or check only.





APPLEFEST IS ALIVE AND WELL AND BACK AT ST. JOHN. THE APPLEFEST COMMITTEE AND ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE VERY EXCITED TO PRESENT APPLEFEST 2022 ON SEPTEMBER 15-18 TH.

WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME & TALENT TO MAKE THIS APPLEFEST COMEBACK A SUCCESS, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO SJAPPLEFEST@GMAIL.COM, OR CLICK [HERE](#) AND OFFER TO HELP! THIS IS A GREAT WAY FOR SCHOOL FAMILIES TO EARN YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS!

THANK YOU FROM YOUR APPLEFEST COMMITTEE

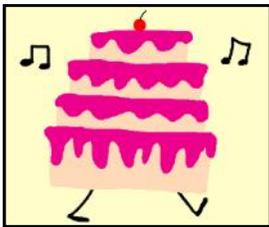
KIDDIE GAMES APPLEFEST VOLUNTEERS

School parents, Jeff and Katie Easlick, are chairing the Kiddie Games tent, which also includes face painting and the bounce house. If you would like to volunteer to work this event, please use the links below. This a great event to volunteer at with your children.

Kiddie Games: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CA8A62EA2FEC07-kiddie>

Bounce House: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CA8A62EA2FEC07-bounc>

Face Painting: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CA8A62EA2FEC07-face>



CAKE WALK VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed for the Applefest Cake Walk. Kids can earn ride tickets for every hour worked and Middle School/High School students can earn service hours. Younger kids must work with a parent. Use the link below to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F45ABAF2EA3F85-applefest>

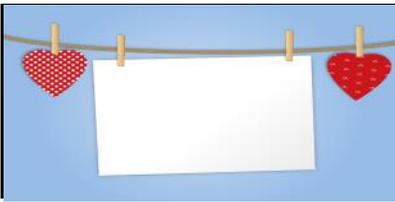
The Cake Walk booth is also in need of families to help hand out cake mixes after Mass the weekend before Applefest (September 10 and 11). If you are available to do this after mass, please contact Jillian Arndt at 810-624-2582 or via email at jillian.ski@gmail.com.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to volunteer at the Applefest Pancake Breakfast on Saturday or Sunday morning, please email Mr. Schmit at aschmit@sjseducation.com. We would love to have lots of school families helping out!



Look for your Applefest Raffle Ticket packets to come home next Monday!



ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Thank You:

- To the PSA for hosting our Parent Meet and Greet this morning. It was great to see so many new faces.
- To the PSA for providing breakfast for our staff on the first day of school.
- To Father Robert and Craig Payne for grilling hot dogs during our Meet the Teacher night.
- To all of our volunteers and supervisors who have helped our first week go so well. We couldn't do it without you!

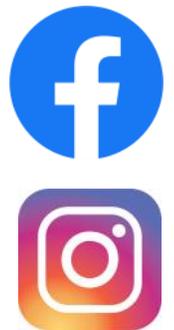
Prayers:

- Of sympathy the Gainer and Loy families whose great-grandmother, Mary Kelly, passed away
- Of sympathy for the Justice family whose great-grandmother, Pauline Smith, passed away



COMMUNICATIONS

The weekly Jet Gazette is sent via email every Friday when school is in session. Our school website, www.stjohnfenton.com and our Facebook page, *St. John the Evangelist Catholic School* are great resources for school information. Also be sure to check out our Instagram account! We also have our weekly parish bulletin which can be found on the parish website. The bulletins not only share the beauty of the Catholic faith and the wonderful things our church does for the community, but also highlights the amazing reasons our school is a great fit for your children. Link to parish bulletin: <https://www.stjohnfenton.org/bulletin.html>



*God, in your goodness,
you have made a
home for the poor.*

Psalm 68:11b



*But when you give a feast,
invite the poor, the
maimed, the lame, the
blind. And you will be
blessed, because they cannot
repay you; for you shall be
repaid at the resurrection of
the just."
Luke 14:13-14*