



# St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

## Jet Gazette Newsletter

### March 3, 2023

#### News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

A five day week of school! We have jumped head first into “March is Reading Month!” The homeroom guest readers are steadily making appearances and today our third grade performed the annual “Who Was” presentations, Jeopardy style! I’m very proud of our third graders who made their presentations in front of the school and their parents. They did such a fantastic job. All in all it was a good week of school but it’s time to jump to the rundown because the snow is coming.

The First Friday of March Rundown:

- **NWEA MAP Data:** The Winter testing window closed in February and the principals of the GCCS dove into the data at our monthly meeting that took place yesterday afternoon at Powers Catholic. We were able to look at our schools combined and individually in comparison to the National data as well as the National Catholic school data, along with our school’s growth data. Looking at the Winter 2023 score in math, only two of the eight grades (kindergarten does not take the NWEA) fall just below the National norm, while three of our grades are above the Catholic School norm. Looking at our Winter ‘23 Reading data, all of our grades outperformed the National norm while five out of eight grades outperformed the national Catholic school norm. The data from both the reading and math MAP tests are extremely helpful as teachers dive deeper into the focus areas to uncover and understand the strengths and weaknesses of the students. The math data in particular across our GCCS schools is something we have obviously been monitoring from test to test and year to year and further justifies why collectively we have been searching for a new text series that will help us better reach the standards and benchmarks of our math curriculum. Professional development at the GCCS level is going to be hyper focused on instruction and student engagement to help our children effectively learn mathematics.
- **Another call for volunteers:** We could use more parent-volunteers during morning drop-off. We are also in desperate need of more lunchtime/recess supervisors. If you have some time to give between 7:40-8:05 or from 10:45-12:45, we would appreciate it if you contact Mrs. Anderson in the main office. Thank you!
- **40 Cans for Lent:** Knights of Columbus food drive to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. There are special item requests such as boxes of cereal, pancake mix, syrup, jelly, oatmeal, spaghetti noodles, cheeseburger helper, egg noodles, white rice, instant potatoes, Ramen noodles, Dinty Moore Beef Stew, corn, green beans, spaghetti sauce, pork and beans, chili, sloppy joe sauce, liquid laundry detergent, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes, floss, dish soap and toilet paper. The collection box will be outside the main office until Holy Week (week of April 2nd).

- GCCS Spelling Bee: We are very proud of all the SJS students that competed on Wednesday evening at Powers. A special congrats to Kiera Boike, Andy Fenton, Kaylee Widder, and Nadia Ferrari for advancing to the next level at the GISD.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences: Conferences will be during the afternoon and evening of Thursday, March 9. This round of conferences is by parent or teacher request only.
- Tuition Assistance Deadline: All families seeking tuition assistance for the 2023-24 school year, whether from the Diocese or from St. John, needs to submit a request application by March 10, 2023 through FACTS.
- Mass this Weekend: Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 8:30AM, 10AM, or 11:30AM (Youth Choir)
- Save the date: There will be a GCCS Middle School Fun Night at Powers Catholic High School on Friday, April 28 from 6-8pm. More information is coming soon!
- Spring Break: Only 21 more days!

We begin the second week of Lent this Sunday and will hear the Gospel of the Transfiguration of Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew. However, I want to focus on the passage from the second Letter to Timothy. "He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." This is a profound message of hope. Why then, do we as believers, fall into a negative mindset? It is amazing how quickly that negativity can unravel all the good that is happening in our lives. The negativity that we are inundated with affects us and in turn affects our families. Our children then learn from us how to focus on the negative and that then permeates their lives as well. In her book "Thrivers," Dr. Borba writes, "Optimistic kids view challenges and obstacles as temporary and able to overcome, and so they are more likely to succeed. But there is a dramatically opposing view; pessimism. Children who are pessimistic see challenges as permanent, like cement blocks that are impossible to move, and so they are more likely to quit." As Christians we have the ultimate story of optimism, the ultimate story of Hope! We need to be better, to change our perspective and pass on our belief in the hope of the Resurrection to our children. What better way to fight against the negative than with the love, Joe, and light of Christ? Let's pray for one another to be positive, to optimistic, to live in the joy, love, and light of Jesus Christ.

Have a blessed weekend.

Andrew Schmit  
Principal

# Dates to Remember



## MARCH

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	New Extended Deadline for Tuition Assistance Applications
Fri	10	Half-Day for Students and staff -11:30 Dismissal
Fri	17	Happy St. Patrick's Day!
Fri	17	Happy Birthday Mrs. Bragg!
Fri	24	11:30 AM Dismissal-Spring Break Begins at end of day

## APRIL

Mon	3	Classes Resume
Fri	7	Good Friday-No School
Sun	9	Happy Easter
Mon	10	Easter Monday-No School
Mon	24	Teacher PD-No School for Students
Sat	28	GCCS Middle School Fun Night 6-8 PM-More details coming soon

# READ FOR THE WIN

Complete next week's Reading Month challenges to earn another entry to participate in the Staff vs. Students Challenge Assembly.



## Fish Fry Volunteers Needed

Yesterday, we emailed a link a Lenten Fish Fry volunteer sign up for the K of C Fish Fry. We are overwhelmed at the response. All slots were quickly filled. I THANK YOU! If anything changes or more volunteers are needed, we will be sure to get the word out.

In the meantime, if you would still like to help, please consider making a Homemade Dessert for the dessert table. The K of C Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring the dessert table at Fish Fry and would be grateful for your donation. Any baked goods may be dropped off at the Activity Center on all Fridays in March. Thank you for your help!



## March Jeans Days

During the month of March, students may pay \$1 for the privilege of wearing jeans on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. All proceeds from this collection will go towards a schoolwide Lenten service project. Jeans must be free of rips and tears. Dennis Uniform shirts are still required. Students do not need to pay on Fridays which are already regular Spiritwear days. Students may pay \$1 daily or pay for all days in advance (\$10). **Students must be in full St. John Uniform on Wednesdays for Mass.**



The following days Jeans Days remain:

March 6, 7, 9

March 13, 14, 16

March 20, 21, 23

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. New families can find a link to register for the 2023-2024 school year on our website. You can also share that link with them by clicking [here](#).

**40 CANS FOR LENT**

Any student who donates 3 items on the same day will be given a coupon for 50% off a baker's dozen bag of cookies from Crust. This is a thank you from the K of C and Crust for giving back to community members in need!

**IMPORTANT REMINDER!**

Mr. Schmit first released this information in December. Please be sure to add it to your calendar. There is **NO SCHOOL** on Monday, April 24th due to a diocesan wide Teacher PD.



**FORTY CANS FOR 40 LENT**

SPECIAL REQUESTS:

BREAKFAST

- Box Cereals (all types)
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Jelly
- Oatmeal

DRY PASTA & POTATO

- Spaghetti Noodles
- Cheese Burger Helper
- Egg Noodles
- White Rice
- Instant Potatoes
- Ramen Noodles



CANNED ITEMS

- Dinty Moore Beef Stew
- Whole Kernel Corn
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Pork and Beans
- Chili, Tomato Sauce
- Canned Pasta
- Sloppy Joe Sauce
- Fruit, Tuna
- Green Beans

HYGIENE & HOUSEHOLD

- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Shampoo Toothpaste,
- Tooth Brush
- Dental Floss
- Dish soap
- 2-ply toilet paper

COLLECTION BOXES CAN BE FOUND AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCES, IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER, PARISH OFFICE, SJ SCHOOL, KNIGHTS HALL AND ALPINE GROCERY, LINDEN.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR  
**EVENT SPONSORS**

**GOLD BUCKLE**



**RHINESTONE RODEO**



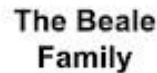
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**BRONZE BOOT**



**HORSESHOE**



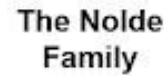
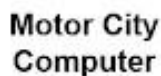
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**HOWDY PARTNER**



**WILD WEST**



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

ANDREW SCHMIT  
 ANGIE HAISS  
 CHERISH MIOTKE  
 (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!!!

# Celebrate National School Breakfast Week!

## March 6-10, 2023

**PARENTS:**  
Did you know? Your child can DIG IN to healthy breakfast options at school!

# DIG IN TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Be a School Breakfast Builder!



Studies show that students who eat school breakfast are more likely to:

- Reach higher levels of achievement in reading and math
- Score higher on standardized tests
- Have better concentration and memory
- Be more alert
- Maintain a healthy weight



Follow SNA and #NSBW23 on Social Media to learn more about #schoolbreakfast!



NSBW resources are made possible by:





## ATHLETICS

### BASKETBALL

#### 7/8 Grade

Mon. Mar. 6 vs. Holy Rosary 7:00 PM @ St. John  
Thurs. Mar. 9 vs. St. Roberts 7:00 PM @ St. Robert  
Sat. Mar. 11 vs. Holy Family/LeBeau 9:00 AM @ Powers

#### 5/6 Grade Green

Mon. Mar. 6 vs. Holy Family 1 5:00 PM @ St. John

#### 5/6 Grade Gold

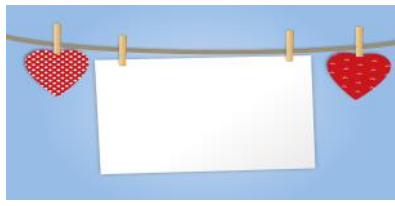
Mon. Mar. 6 vs. St. Robert 1 5:00 PM @ St. Robert  
Thurs. Mar. 9 vs. Holy Family 1 7:00 PM @ Holy Family

### 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 all the victims of the MSU shooting, especially for former SJS student, Nate Statly. There is a GoFundMe account set up to support his family for those who wish to donate. Click [here](#) to access the GoFundMe page.
- For Mrs. Bragg's one-month old nephew, Holton, who needs surgery.

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.

## Thank You:

- To the families who attended our Kindergarten and Preschool Information Night.
- To Kiera Boike, Andersen Pillow, Ashley Niles, and Mia Medawar for volunteering to help out at the Information Night.

## Congratulations:

- To Kiera Boike, Madeline Widder, Sophia Sage, Andy Fenton, Mikey Pagnani, Paul Follett, Lilly Rogers, Kaylee Widder, Cooper Gartland and Nadia Ferrari for representing SJS at the GCCS Spelling Bee and special congrats to Kiera Boike, Andy Fenton, Kaylee Widder, and Nadia Ferrari for advancing to the next level at the GISD.



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

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#DAILYJOLT  
MARCH 2, 2023

The greatness of a community  
is most accurately measured  
by the compassionate actions  
of its members.

— CORETTA SCOTT KING

**TODAY'S #MICROCHALLENGE**

GIVE YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION TO A MARGINALIZED  
COMMUNITY IN YOUR AREA. FIND OUT THEIR GREATEST  
NEED AND MAKE A PLAN TO SUPPORT THEM.



# Staff Spotlight

## March is Reading Month

### What was one of your favorite books as a child?

**Mrs. Kromberg:** Green Eggs and Ham will always be my favorite!

**Ms. Adams:** All of Junie B. Jones!

**Mr. Willard:** David and the Phoenix, by David Ormondroyd. Reading it felt like experiencing magic.

**Mrs. Trollman:** I loved Anne of Green Gables!

**Mrs. Dawes:** My all time favorite book was Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House in the Big Woods, but I also loved the Nancy Drew Mystery series.

**Mrs. Bragg:** A Giraffe and Half by Shel Silverstein.

**Mrs. Haiss:** Where the Red Fern Grows and Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs

**Mrs. Farella:** A few of my favorite children's books are Good Night Moon, Stellaluna, and Where the Wild Things Are

**Mrs. Minnick:** The Monster at the End of the Book!

**Ms. Wharff:** My favorite childhood book is Charlotte's Web! That story was one of the first that I fell in love with and sparked my love of reading. Wilbur the pig is my favorite character!

**Mrs. Roche:** Anne of Green Gables will always be my favorite, but before Anne it was Matilda by Roald Dahl. I read it in one sitting in 5th grade...I remember getting in trouble because I didn't do my jobs or come down for dinner.

**Mr. Marion:** R.L. Stine-Goosebumps: The Curse of the Mummy's Tomb

**Mr. Forsleff:** Are You My Mother? By PD Eastman

**Mr. Garbutt:** I loved reading The BoxCar Children and Where the Wild Things Are.

**Mrs. Adams:** When I was young, I liked reading the Little House on the Prairie books and the Nancy Drew Mystery books.

**Mr. Tucker:** A Small Miracle by Peter Collington

**Mrs. Salerno:** Caps For Sale, I read it over and over again.

