



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Jet Gazette Newsletter

September 16, 2022

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings:

Happy Applefest Weekend! It was so fantastic to see our community coming together to enjoy the opening of the 50th Applefest. Although this week was hectic it was wonderful to see how the students were looking forward to this weekend's festivities. It's great to have the Applefest back again.

Applefest Weekend Rundown:

- Applefest Loop: We will continue with Applefest Loop on Monday and Tuesday.
- NWEA MAP: Fall testing begins on Monday.
- GCCS Football: Congratulations to our boys and coaches from SJS who helped lead our combined team to an 8-6 victory over the Railroaders from Durand! Their next game is Wednesday, 5:30pm against the Montrose Rams.
- Girls Basketball: Our 5th-6th and 7th-8th grade teams have been practicing, preparing for their upcoming games. Our 5th-6th grade team plays Holy Family at 5PM on 9/22 and our 7th-8th team plays Holy Family on Sept 24 at Powers. Good luck, girls!
- Parent-Teacher Conferences: We will be moving Parent-Teacher conferences to the middle of October, PRIOR to the end of the First Marking Period. Conferences will be held the week of October 10th. We will have a half day of school on October 13 with a majority of conferences being held that afternoon. Due to this we will have a day off from school on Friday, October 14.
- THANK YOU: Thank you to all who have contributed your time, energy, and financial resources to the success of the Applefest. Our school community raised over \$30,000 in Raffle Ticket Sales, far surpassing the Applefest Committee's goal of \$20,000. I will finalize the bonus day off from school and officially announce it soon.

I love how God uses simple things to remind us that he has a plan and is in control. I have a tendency to focus on the negative, allowing that to cloud my perceptions. Yet, during All School Mass I was overcome with God's joy, love and grace while our forty plus member Youth Choir sang "Goodness of God." I could not sing that beautiful song because I was too busy smiling through the tears. Over the last week, I saw God's "goodness running after me" as I saw how a boy in the lunchroom noticed one of his classmates sitting by himself and moved from his seat at a different table and the two sat for the rest of the lunchtime talking and laughing. I saw His goodness as a group of 8th grade boys were working together on a Social Studies assignment and everyone was engaged in an academic (and historically correct) conversation. I experienced God's goodness when it was reported to me that an older middle school student stood up for a younger middle school student. God's goodness is abundant as our children actively participate in the prayers and songs during Mass. I saw God's goodness in how this community came together to support Applefest with their time along with their financial resources. God's goodness is all around us. Look for it.

Have a blessed and enjoyable weekend.

God bless,
Andrew Schmit
Principal



Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER

Fri	16	Teacher PD-No School
Sat	17	Happy Birthday Ms. Monica!
Fri	23	Popcorn Day
Sun	25	Auction Planning Meeting 4 PM
Mon	26	School Picture Day
Mon	26	Homeroom Parent Meeting 6PM-Library

OCTOBER

Thurs	13	Half-Day for Parent Teacher Conferences-11:30 AM Dismissal
Fri	14	No School for staff or students

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 free-man@sjseducation.com to sign up.



PSA

AUCTION PLANNING MEETING

The first Auction Planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 25th, at 4 PM in the School Library. If you are considering getting involved with planning the Auction, please join us. The meeting is open to everyone! The theme will also be announced at this meeting! The Auction Committee looks forward to new parents getting involved. If you have questions, please contact Cherish Miotke at 810-618-4900.

PowerSchool

PowerSchool is our grades and attendance program.

Website: <https://dol.clgpsedu.com/public>

Mobile App: District Code is BSQN

Information on logging into PowerSchool was emailed to new K-8 families last week. If you need a password reset or are having trouble logging in, please call the school office or email Mrs. Wright at cwright@sjseducation.com.



ATHLETICS

Congrats to our 7/8th grade GCCS Tackle Football Team on your win over Durand yesterday!! Join us at the following events to cheer on your SJ Jets!

Tackle Football

Wed. Sept. 21 vs. Montrose 5:30 PM @ Montrose

Flag Football

Sun. Sept. 25 vs. Holy Family Gold 2:30 PM @ Powers HS

Girls Basketball

7/8 Grade

Sat. Sept. 24 vs. Holy Family Gold 10:00 AM @ Powers HS

5/6 Grade

'Thurs. Sept. 22 vs. Holy Family 1 5:00 PM @ Holy Family



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 is a great event to volunteer at with your children.

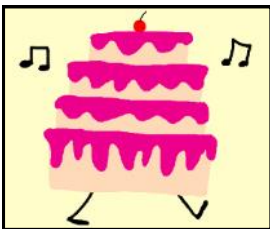
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Face Painting: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CA8A62EA2FEC07-face>



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!



ROAD RACE VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in volunteering at the Applefest Road Race, please contact Meghan Schmelzer at 810-287-1523.

ROAD RACE START TIMES

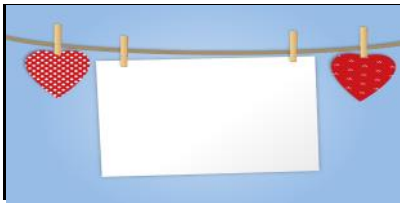
8:00 AM	10K Run
8:15 AM	5K Run/Walk
9:00 AM	Apple Core 1 Mile Run
9:30 AM	Apple Core-ter Mile

ROAD RACE PACKET PICK UP

Thursday, September 15: 4-5:30 PM in front of SJS

Friday, September 16 6-8:30 PM in front of SJS

Saturday, September 17 from 7-8:30 AM in front of the Fenton City Police Department



ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Prayers:

- For a safe and successful Applefest weekend!
- For Mrs. Farella and her family on the passing of her mother, Rosetta Belliveau.

Thank You:

- All families for participating in our Applefest Raffle Contest.
- All families for your continued patience with Applefest Loop this week.
- To Angie Loy and Alan and Genevieve Day for coming extra early to help set up Applefest Loop.



First grade has been busy learning about The Design Process in Science. This week, they practiced all of the steps by building houses that could withstand the strong winds of "Sunyside Subdivision". They had so much fun, planning, designing, building, and revising their houses!!



Staff Spotlight

What are you most looking forward to at Applefest?



Mrs. Anderson: Elephant Ears!

Mr. Tucker: The busyness, excitement, and people!

Ms. Bade: All things apples!! Apple pie, apple crisp, apple Cider!

Mrs. Kromberg: All the rides!

Mrs. Wright: I'm excited to work at Applefest in the food tent at the Chili, Elephant Ear, and Apple Pie booths, eat some yummy festival food, and shop at the Chapel Treasures!

Mrs. Bragg: I'm excited to see my students having fun, and I'm looking forward to bringing my own kids to have fun too!

Mrs. Whitney: 100% Elephant Ears!

Ms. Wharff: I'm looking forward to Elephant Ears and fireworks!

Mr. Garbutt: I am looking forward to the atmosphere and all the excitement that Applefest brings.

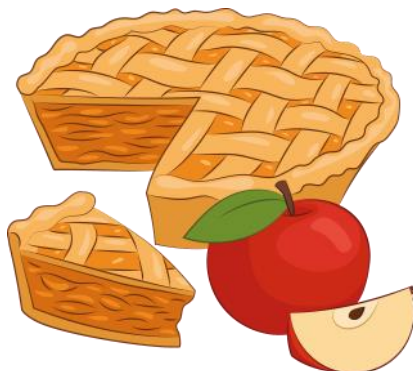
Mrs. Williams: My family is most excited about attending Applefest this year! It will be our first time! Can't forget about the Elephant Ears. :)

Mrs. Salzano: Working in the beer tent on Saturday with the other teachers and serving our school parents some well deserved beverages!

Ms. Adams: Seeing our entire community together again and have a blast while supporting our parish and school. Also, I can't wait to face paint at the kiddie tent (see you from 12-2 PM on Saturday)!

Mrs. Dawes: I love to watch the people, especially the kids. The kids get so excited! I also love the chili and apple pie!

Mrs. Farella: A nice, piping hot bowl of Padre's chili and sweet apple pie!



Mrs. Haiss: I'm excited to see friends and also to watch so many members of our school and parish come together to make Applefest memories happen. And definitely for the Elephant ears!

Mrs. Adams: I love most things about Applefest, especially apple pie, apple crisp, Padre's chili, walking the 5K Walk, and all the smiling faces!