



St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

Jet Gazette Newsletter

March 17, 2023

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

This month is flying by as our students and faculty continue to engage in the day to day learning, on top of enjoying the activities of March is Reading Month, while experiencing the spiritual benefits of the holy season of Lent. This afternoon our 8th graders, 6th grade altar servers, and Youth Choir members prayerfully lead the school in Stations of the Cross. It was a beautiful and moving experience. We only have one more week remaining in the 3rd marking period for the 2022-23 academic year. Let's jump to the rundown.

The St. Patrick's Day Rundown:

- **NWEA Scores:** NWEA MAP Winter 2023 results went home this week. I'm excited that Mr. Mark Callahan, Director of Genesee County Catholic Schools was in our building on Thursday meeting with teachers to dig deeper into the data, to effectively engage our teachers in helping form instructional goals. This ongoing dialogue is going to help propel our school's growth forward this year and into next school year.
- **Enrollment news for 2023-24:** Our re-registration/retention rate is at nearly 92% for the upcoming school year. Our new family registration continues. We've hosted our Catholic Schools week Open House and our Preschool/Kindergarten Information Night but we are always open to meeting with prospective families. Interested families can contact the main office to set up a tour or a student shadow visit. Several families that have toured our school over the past several weeks have commented on how St. John "just feels different" in a good way after their visits. Keep spreading the word to family and friends!
- **Monday Morning Adoration:** The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration every Monday morning in the school's prayer room from 8-10AM. Stop by to spend time with Jesus.
- **40 Cans of Lent:** Knights of Columbus food drive to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry continues until the week after Spring Break (HOLY WEEK).
- **Mass this Weekend:** It is great seeing our families at St. John masses. This Sunday is the 4th Sunday of Lent. Join us at either the Saturday 5pm (Youth Choir Mass) and Sunday 8:30AM, 10AM, or 11:30 AM masses.
- **Stations of the Cross:** Next week members of St. John student ministries will be leading the parish Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm. Come and pray with us and bring a friend.

- Save the date: On Thursday, April 27, we will be hosting a Family Fun Night from 4pm -6pm. We are in the planning stages of this event but it will be held in conjunction with the upcoming book fair at the end of April.
- Save another 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!
- March 24 is a Half Day: We will be closing the office at 11:45 on Friday, March 24. Please be on time to pick up your child/ren that day. There will NOT be Jets Club offered.
- Spring Break: Only 7 more days!

This Sunday is the 4th Sunday of Lent. During the Liturgy of the Word we will hear the Old Testament story of the anointing of Jesse's son David by the prophet Samuel as the next King of Israel. "The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David." (1 Samuel 16) The message of anointing is fitting for our parish right now. On Tuesday, Bishop Boyea will be conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 9th graders from our parish during a 6pm mass. Additionally, a number of 8th and 9th graders from St. John parish went over to Holy Family to receive their confirmation last week (congratulations to the 8th graders from the school who made their confirmation). So, this theme of anointing from the scripture passage is being experienced in the life of our church through the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation isn't the end of religious education or the culmination of years of Catholic school. It's the continuation of a life lived for Jesus. Confirmation is being sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that a person is equipped to go out and engage in the life, work, and mission of the church. I remember when I was Confirmed as a senior in high school how my life was changed. Looking back now I can see how that moment was one of those specific moments of God leading and guiding me and I am forever grateful. I'm looking forward to how God will use all of these young people to further the mission of His church!

Enjoy this last weekend of Winter! God bless and see you on Monday.

Andrew Schmit
Principal

Dates to Remember



MARCH

Fri	17	Happy St. Patrick's Day!
Fri	17	Happy Birthday Mrs. Bragg!
Fri	24	End of 3rd Quarter
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
Tues	25	Book Fair Week begins
Thur	27	Family Fun Night
Sat	28	GCCS Middle School Fun Night 6-8 PM-More details coming soon

2023-2024 Registration Fees

During the re-registration process, most families elect to have their registration fee rolled into their tuition payment for the next school year. If you elected to pay your registration fee up front instead of rolling it in to tuition, please be sure to send in your payment to the office by March 24th. After spring break, all unpaid registration fees will be rolled into the tuition payments.

The registration fee is \$200. If you registered prior to January 15th, your registration fee was discounted to \$100. If you are not sure, please contact Mrs. Haiss for the amount.

Congratulations to the Monty Morgan family who were the lucky winners in our drawing to have the registration fee completely waived by registering early!

Volunteer Hours

Don't forget to log your volunteer hours. The form to log hours can be found on the school website under the "Good Stewards" tab. As a reminder, families are charged \$10 per unfulfilled volunteer hour. Thank you for all the time you give to make our school and parish a wonderful place.

VIRTUS Refresher Training

All employees and volunteers in the Diocese of Lansing who work with children are required to take the Protecting God's Children Virtus Training course. Anyone who has taken the course (online or in person) prior to 2019 is required to take an online refresher course. If you fall in that category, you should have received an email from Virtus with a link to the online training. Please be sure to complete the training so that you may continue to volunteer. The training takes approximately 30 minutes. Our school must be compliant with diocesan requirements so anyone who does not complete the refresher course by the deadline given in the email will not be able to continue to volunteer until the course is complete. Please contact the school office if you have any questions. To repeat, this only applies to those who have done the initial training prior to 2019 and receive an email link from Virtus.

Book Fair Coming Soon

Week of April 25th



You can sign up to volunteer at the Book Fair [here](#).

The Hole in One Family Challenge is being postponed until April. We will showcase them at our Family Fun Night on April 27th. Details will be out soon.



St. John Student Ministries is hosting the Lenten Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 24th at 5:30 PM. Come pray with us and bring a friend.

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 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.



ATHLETICS

BASKETBALL

5/6 Grade Green

Sat. Mar. 18 vs. Holy Family 1

12:00 PM @ Holy Family

5/6 Grade Gold

Sat. Mar. 18 vs. Holy Family 2

10:00 AM @ Holy Family

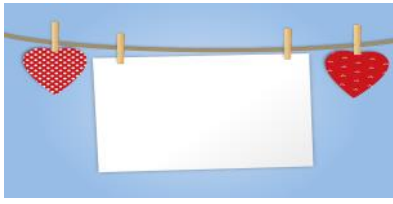
Please see attachment regarding GCCS Track and Field for students in Grades 6-8. Practice starts April 11th.

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.

Congratulations:

- To the following students who were winners of the Ancient Order of Hibernians St. Patrick's Day Coloring Contest for Genesee County:

Luci Lesneski	3rd place in the 4th grade category
Olivia Agnone	2nd place in the 3rd grade category
Jonathan Gibson	1st place in the Kindergarten category



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

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MARCH 15, 2023

[Christ] joined the guests at the
wedding-feast,
He joined the fasters in the temptation,
He joined the watchers in toil,
He was a teacher in the sanctuary.

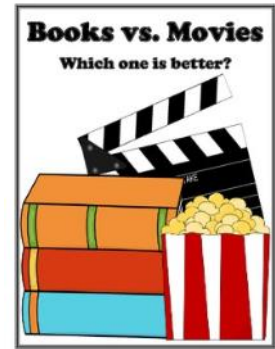
— ST. EPHREM THE SYRIAN

TODAY'S #MICROCHALLENGE
FAST: INVITE CHRIST INTO YOUR FAST TODAY,
ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING. CHRIST FASTED.
HE KNOWS THE TEMPTATIONS TOO, AND WILL HELP.

Staff Spotlight

March is Reading Month

Who is one of your favorite book/movie combos?



Mr. Forsleff: The Fellowship of the Ring trilogy by Tolkien. I first read them in middle school. :)

Ms. Adams: Divergent series

Mrs. Kromberg: Horton Hears a Who

Mrs. Dawes: My favorite book/movie combo is Anne of Green Gables

Mr. Marion: Jurassic Park

Mrs. Salzano: The Chronicles of Narnia, The Time Traveler's Wife, The One and Only Ivan

Mrs. Salerno: The Help

Mrs. Wright: The Harry Potter series is one my favorites!

Ms. Brack: Harry Potter

Mrs. Williams: I can't pick just one! All of Harry Potter, all of the Twilight series, and the Hunger Games series.

Mrs. Roche:

Mrs. Adams: The Notebook, the book and movie are both great!

Ms. Wharff: I really love the book, Where the Crawdads Sing, and thought they did a nice job with the movie! However, my all time favorite is Tolkien's Lord of the Rings book/movie combo!

Mrs. Anderson: My favorite book/movie combo is The Notebook. It's a tearjerker but I love the story!

Mrs. Whitney: It's a tie between Wizard of Oz and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Mrs. Bragg: The Giver by Lois Lowry

Mrs. Holbrook: Charlotte's Web

Mr. Garbutt: Clearly The Notebook is my favorite, but a close second is The Harry Potter series, fantastic books and movies.