



St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

Jet Gazette Newsletter

February 24, 2023

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

We were brought back to the realities of Michigan Winters this week after those 50 degree, sunny days we had recently. Despite the snow days I was still able to serve on an accreditation site visit for St. Patrick in Brighton, although half of it was spent meeting virtually. It is always beneficial to serve on these visitation teams to garner ideas from schools across the Diocese of Lansing and see if we can emulate any of the exemplary best practices displayed.

Last Friday of February Rundown:

- 40 Cans of 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).
- Divine Mercy Chaplet: A small group of our students were recorded praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the St. John Alive studio. We posted a link to the audio recording on our social media. Every Friday during Lent at 3pm we will repost the link so you can pray the chaplet wherever you are, unified as a community.
- Preschool/Kindergarten Information and Roundup: The Preschool/Kindergarten information night is NEXT Thursday, March 2 from 5pm-6pm. Parents will be able to come and receive information about our programs and have the opportunity for a Q and A session. Children will be able to spend time in the classrooms to experience a snapshot of day in the life of a preschool/kindergarten student at St. John School. Register for this event [here](#).
- 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.
- Science Night: We will be hosting a Science Night at St. John, Thursday, March 16. More information will be coming soon. This night will also be an opportunity for everyone to see the Science Fair exhibits by our middle school students!
- Johnny The Eagle: We are beginning to work on our branding/marketing guidelines so we have clear rules for logos, color scheme, font size for spirit wear and athletic wear among other things. Over the last couple of years we decided to use the St. John parish logo on our spirit wear clothing along with creating a line of spirit wear with sayings to spread the evangelization mission of St. John School/Parish. However, we will begin once again incorporating St. John Jets into our spirit wear, through a unified look and color scheme. We have also decided to introduce a modified mascot into the branding package. With the start of our Junior Jets Basketball program we thought it was a great time to unveil "Johnny the Eagle" on the

Basketball jersey for our K-4 participants. Johnny the Eagle is outfitted in jet pilot attire, complete with a helmet and pair of goggles. See what we did there? But why an eagle? Aren't we the Jets? Glad you asked and it's a good thing I used to teach Sacred Scriptures to Juniors at Powers Catholic because the answer is rooted there! Each of the four Evangelists of the Gospels within the New Testament is denoted with a symbol. The symbol for Matthew is an angel, Mark is a Lion, Luke is an Ox, and John is an eagle. (Next time you are driving past the church on Adelaide Street take note of the statue out front. The statue is of the Evangelist John and at his feet stands an eagle.) So, in summary, we are still the St. John Jets but adding a new element to our branding. Go Jets!

- Tuition Assistance Deadline: All families seeking tuition assistance for the 2023-24 school year, whether from the Diocese or from St. John, need to submit a request application by March 1, 2023 through FACTS. Link to apply is [here](#).
- Mass this Weekend: Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 8:30AM, 10AM, or 11:30AM
- Spring Break: Only 28 more days!

Unfortunately due to the snow day on Wednesday we were not able to all be gathered together for our Ash Wednesday liturgy. During his homily on Wednesday, Fr. Robert introduced us to the image of the "earthen vessel" that will be used by Fr. and the Deacons throughout Lent to help show us the sanctifying grace of Christ's death and resurrection. The earthen vessel is a biblical image used to describe God creating humanity from the dust of the earth. Remember in the story of the Garden of Eden from Genesis 2, "the LORD God formed the man out of the dust of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being." This is why one of the phrases we hear from the priest during the distribution of ashes is "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." Apologies. I kind of went down a rabbit hole there. Back to the vessels...The outer vessel is beautiful and God's creation but not intended to last. What's inside the vessel is what counts. St. Paul in 2 Corinthians wrote, "therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day." With this verse in mind, we have a tremendous opportunity to take a hard look at ourselves to make sure we are filling up our "earthen vessel" with things that will help us on the path to holiness. This is partly why we "give up" things for Lent. However, with the Lenten observance we should be focused with what we are doing instead of that thing to help us on the path to holiness. For instance, I'm giving up technology after I get home from work and I will "fill in the blank" (spend more time in prayer, more time with my family, more time reading scripture). Let us use this holy season of Lent to work on renewing our inner selves and becoming better versions of ourselves so that we are better people, parents, spouses, employees, and so on.

God bless and let's use this weekend to get ready for a full five day week of school!

Andrew Schmit
Principal

Dates to Remember



MARCH

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| Wed | 1 | Deadline to apply for Tuition Assistance |
| Wed | 1 | March is Reading Month begins |
| Thurs | 2 | Kindergarten Roundup and Info Night |
| 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! |

March Is Reading Month

The calendar for March is Reading Month is attached to the Jet Gazette email. The month is filled with fun reading-centered activities. You may hear from your child's teacher regarding additional reading month activities. This year's theme is:

READ FOR THE WIN!



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 are considered Jeans Days:

- March 2
- 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](#).

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.

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.



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!

Monday is the final deadline for all VG's receipts!



FORTY CANS FOR 40 LENT

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| <p><u>SPECIAL REQUESTS:</u></p> <p><u>BREAKFAST</u> Box Cereals (all types) Pancake Mix Syrup Jelly Oatmeal</p> <p><u>DRY PASTA & POTATO</u> Spaghetti Noodles Cheese Burger Helper Egg Noodles White Rice Instant Potatoes Ramen Noodles</p> | <p><u>CANNED ITEMS</u> Dinty Moore Beef Stew Whole Kernel Corn Spaghetti Sauce Pork and Beans Chili, Tomato Sauce Canned Pasta Sloppy Joe Sauce Fruit, Tuna Green Beans</p> <p><u>HYGIENE & HOUSEHOLD</u> Liquid Laundry Detergent Shampoo Toothpaste, Tooth Brush Dental Floss Dish soap 2-ply toilet paper</p> |
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COLLECTION BOXES CAN BE FOUND AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCES, IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER, PARISH OFFICE, SJ SCHOOL, KNIGHTS HALL AND ALPINE GROCERY, LINDEN.

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!

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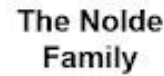
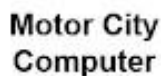
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SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THIS DAY HAPPEN

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!!!



ATHLETICS

BASKETBALL

7/8 Grade

Sat. Feb. 25 vs. Holy Family/Miller 10:00 AM @ Powers
Mon. Feb 27 vs. Holy Family/Elston 5:00 PM @ Holy Family
Thurs. Mar. 2 vs. Holy Family/Miller 6:00 PM @ St. John

5/6 Grade Green

Mon. Feb. 27 vs. St. Robert Blue 5:00 PM @ St. Robert
Thurs. Mar.2 vs. Holy Rosary 5:00 PM @ St. John

5/6 Grade Gold

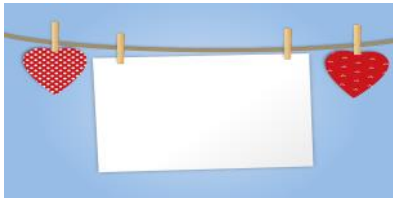
Mon. Feb. 27 vs. Holy Family 1 6:00 PM @ Holy Family
Thurs. Mar. 2 vs. Holy Family 2 7:00 PM @ St. John

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 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.

Thank You:

- To the Reed family for bringing Fat Tuesday treats for the staff lounge!

Congratulations:

- To the Smith family on the arrival of Emmeline's baby sister, Eloise Elizabeth, who was born on February 12th. 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 22, 2023

Remember that Lent and Ash Wednesday are not just about putting away the bad things. It is more about creating good things and helping the poor and the needy, being kind to people, and much more.

-- JACOB WINTERS

TODAY'S #MICROCHALLENGE

FAST: INSTEAD OF GIVING SOMETHING UP, YOU CAN GIVE AWAY FOR LENT. FOCUS ON ADDING PRAYER OR COMMUNITY SERVICE TO YOUR LIFE!



Staff Spotlight

Snow days are perfect for watching movies. What is your favorite DISNEY movie?

Mr. Tucker: The Apple Dumpling Gang

Mrs. Kromberg: Finding Nemo!

Mr. Garbutt: Miracle or Brave

Mrs. Williams: My all time favorite Disney movie is Aladdin! I am also a huge fan of the live remake!

Mrs. Roberts: Beauty and the Beast

Mrs. Bragg: The Lion King!

Mrs. Whitney: Well, since Star Wars is now part of the Disney universe, I'd say Revenge of the Sith.

Mrs. Haiss: I love Beauty and the Beast and Frozen (the music is what makes it for me).

Mr. Forsleff: Hercules

Ms. Kozara: The Lion King!

Ms. Adams: There are so many good ones! I can't pick just one, so I'll pick three, in no particular order: Mulan (original), The Lion King (original) and Finding Nemo.

Mrs. Salzano: Hook is a great live action movie and Pocahontas or The Little Mermaid are my favorite cartoon movies!

Mr. Marion: Luca

Mrs. Roche: Mary Poppins and Cinderella

Mr. Willard: The Incredibles-the mid-century vibe is perfect and the action is non-stop!

