

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

## Jet Gazette Newsletter

### October 13, 2022



#### The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of October 2022

**For a Church open to everyone:** We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

### News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

It was great seeing the parents in the building this week for parent-teacher conferences. I hope and pray that your discussions with teachers were enlightening and fruitful. As we move to the 3rd week of October I want to express my gratitude to the students and staff for how this learning community has rallied together to help bring about so many great things. Now that the NWEA MAP window is closed, our teachers will be working with their homerooms to establish their growth goals. Our students and staff continue to participate in our weekly "Encounter Jesus" initiative. We are beginning to see the benefits within our student body as a whole as students are becoming more understanding and compassionate of one another. Our weekly All School Masses are profoundly beautiful as so many students are participating in Mass by singing and reciting the prayers. The staff and students are genuinely striving to help make St. John School a great place to learn and live as Jesus did. I am definitely filled with hope as we push to the end of the first quarter.

#### 8th Week of School Rundown:

- Powers Homecoming Parade: Thank you to all the parents and students who represented St. John School during the Powers Homecoming Parade. A huge thank you goes out to Lindsay Carlson for spearheading the decorating of the float and getting the word out while another thank you goes out to Craig and Krystal Payne for supplying the truck and trailer. It was great to see our community represented along the parade route as well.
- 7th/8th Grade Football Players: Congratulations to the St. John's 7th and 8th grade boys on the GCCS Chargers for their big 8-6 win against Chesaning last night. Joey Pagnani scored a TD and Zach Bujak blocked a punt. Thank you to Mike Sterling and Scott McPeake for coaching the boys. Great season!
- Mr. Tucker's Performance: Mr. Freeman Tucker is performing in a concert of organ and piano duets and trios this Sunday at 4pm at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Fenton. You are invited to watch this performance.

- Cafeteria: Please work with your children to help them understand what it means to clean up after themselves. Our students do enjoy themselves during lunch and that is an important part of their social learning and development. However, helping the kids understand what it means to check their surroundings, making sure their area is cleaned up before lining up, will go a long way in helping all of us who clean the tables and floors in between lunches.
- Common Courtesies: Another area that our students can improve upon is greeting people in the morning. When our children leave the car, remind them to say “thank you” and “hello” to the drop-off volunteers, staff, and faculty. A smile and a “good morning” goes a long way and helps with our initiative of “Encounter Jesus.” I know it’s early and some of our wonderful students take some time to hatch in the morning. I do have to say that our middle school students do very well with this while our younger ones just need a gentle reminder.
- Contact for the Director of Genesee County Catholic Schools: The new Director of Genesee County of Catholic Schools is Mark Callahan. His email address is [mcallahan@powerscatholic.org](mailto:mcallahan@powerscatholic.org).

In Sunday’s first reading from the book of Exodus we will hear the story of the Israelite army led by Joshua, fighting in battle while Moses stood on the high ground (not a Star Wars reference), holding the Staff of the Lord while lifting his hands. The Israelite army prevailed as long as Moses’ hands were raised. The writer of the Book of Exodus points out that Moses grew tired and so his trusted advisors made sure he had something to sit on and they supported his hands so he could continue leading the people. The Israelites were victorious in battle that day because of all the people doing what they had to do to be of assistance to Moses as he followed the will of God. What a great story for this community to hear. We are a stronger community when people are supporting one another, doing their part to make sure that members of our community are loved and encouraged. Let’s be like Aaron and Hur for one another, as they were the ones who supported Moses’ arms, so we can help one another do what we are called to do, to become the best versions of ourselves.

Have a blessed weekend!

Andrew Schmit  
Principal



## Dates to Remember



### OCTOBER

Fri	14	No School for staff or students
Tues	18	Happy Birthday Mr. Marion!
Thurs	20	Happy Birthday Mrs. Holbrook!
Fri	21	Happy Birthday Mrs. Whitney!
Sat	22	Powers Trunk or Treat-4 PM to 6 PM-see attached flyer
Mon	24	Happy Birthday Mr. Willard!
Tues	25	Happy Birthday Mrs. Salerno!
Wed	26	Picture Retake Day
Wed	26	K of C Spelling Bee
Thurs	27	SJ Trunk or Treat-6 PM
Mon	31	Happy Halloween!

### NOVEMBER

Tues	1	No School-Teacher PD
Thurs	3	No School-MANS Conference
Fri	4	No School-MANS Conference
Sat	12	Athletic Boosters Craft Show-see attached flyer
Sat	19	Athletic Boosters Trivia Night-see attached flyer

### Adoration Sign Up for Parents



We still have Adoration in our Prayer Room every Monday from 8 AM until 10 AM. In order for us to have Adoration, we must always have one person remain in the Prayer Room with Jesus as students enter and exit. If you are interested in coming to pray before the Blessed Sacrament, please sign up for a time [here](#). This sign up includes dates through December.

### LUNCH MENU CHANGE

Due to supply chain issues, mini pancakes remain unavailable. On Monday, Eggo mini chocolate chip French toast will be served instead.

## Trunk or Treat

Our Annual Trunk or Treat will take place next Thursday, October 27th in the Knights of Columbus Parking Lot (aka the Lower Loop). Trick or Treating will take place from 6 PM to 7 PM. Families who would like to host a vehicle can arrive for set-up beginning at 5:15 PM. You do not have to host a vehicle to bring your family for trick or treating. Please use the link below to RSVP. Please respond by Friday, October 21st.

The K of C will be serving hot dogs at this event. We could use a couple parent volunteers to help them set up. If you are available, please contact the office.

**Please be sure to RSVP so we can plan for enough candy and hot dogs!**

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.



## HALLOWEEN

- All students may wear their costumes to school on Halloween. Spiritwear may also be worn, if desired.
- **Halloween costumes MUST be life-affirming and non-violent.** No weapons, hair dye, or face paint should be brought to school. Students may have face paint, make up, or temporary hair dye as part of their costumes, but please apply these items before school.
- Specific classroom party details will be communicated by your classroom teacher.

### PARTY FOOD AND CLASSROOM TREATS

Please do not send in party food or classroom treats unless you have been assigned an item by the teacher or homeroom parent. If you wish, you may send in non-food items for your student to share with classmates.

# ATHLETICS



**Join us at the following events to cheer on your SJ Jets!**

## **Flag Football**

Sun. Oct. 16 vs. Holy Family Panthers 1:30 PM @ Powers HS

## **Girls Basketball**

### **7/8 Grade**

Mon. Oct. 17 vs. Holy Family Blue 7:00 PM @ St. Roberts

Sat. Oct. 22 vs. Holy Family Gold 9:00 AM @ Powers

### **5/6 Grade**

Thurs. Oct. 20 vs. Holy Family 2 5:00 PM @ Holy Family

## **Volleyball Registration Now Open**

Volleyball registration is now open for girls in 6th-8th grades. The season will start the week of November 1st. Games will be on Tuesdays or Thursdays at the GCCS schools and Saturdays at Powers. To register, please download the SportsEngine App and register here: <https://st-john-the-evangelist-catholic-school.sportngin.com/register/form/150355883>



**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**Athletic Booster Trivia Night**

**November 19th**

**See Attached Flyer for details**

**Click [here](#) to register.**



**JOIN US FOR A FUN FAMILY EVENING** to celebrate the Feasts of **All Saints** and **All Souls**! On Friday evening, October 28, join other parish families for pizza, games and prayer. We'll meet at 6 PM in the school cafeteria, for pizza, veggies and chips (free-will donation). After that we've planned some *fun games* - Saints' Bingo, St. Peter's Fishing Hole and more. After dessert, to conclude, we'll remember those in our family who have gone before us "marked with the sign of faith", and we'll head into the cemetery with candles to pray for the beloved dead of our parish before heading home around 7:30.



We encourage any kids who wish to come **dressed as a saint!** (Prizes will be given for the most effective!)

And prizes for the best faith-themed pumpkin carving!

**SIGN UP ON THE PARISH WEBSITE!**



For questions regarding Dinner and Discover, please contact Barb Walstrom with the Education Foundation at (248) 250-2036 or [blwalstrom@stjohnfenton.org](mailto:blwalstrom@stjohnfenton.org).

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OCTOBER 20 | 6:00 PM

THE LAUNDRY ROOM  
125 W Shiawassee Ave, Fenton, MI 48430

### Stay In Your Seat

Can professional researchers reliably identify investment opportunities for above-average gains? How helpful are financial journalists who seek to bring such "experts" to our attention? This presentation offers a light-hearted look at the world of conventional investment advice and suggests that ignoring the experts may be the most fruitful strategy of all.

Weston Wellington, a Vice President with Dimensional, is one of the firm's market research experts. He works closely with financial advisors in the US, Canada, Europe, and Australia, showing them how a research-based "equilibrium" strategy may be a good way to pursue investment success and why their clients are unlikely to hear about this approach from the usual sources of financial advice. One of the firm's most engaging speakers, Weston also is an accomplished writer whose columns, Down to the Wire, appear regularly on Dimensional's client website.

Prior to joining Dimensional in 1995, Weston was director of research at LPL Financial Services, Inc. in Boston, and he has accumulated over 40 years of experience in the investment industry. He holds a BA in history from Yale University.

## - MEN -

Sick and tired of all the noise going on in the world today?

Do you find it hard to shut it all down?

Have you felt adrift the past couple of years?

Are you ready for a new beginning?

Please join us October 22nd and 23rd at the St. John Activity Center for our **Genesis Men's Retreat**

It will be a time to get recentered in our faith, develop relationships with other men, and most importantly your relationship with Jesus!

For more information call Will Stiverson at **810-610-2397**.

## Women's Retreat at St. John

### "Come and See"

John 1:39

Saturday & Sunday  
October 29 & 30

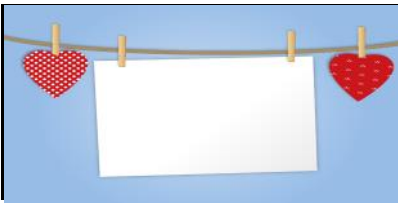
A two day Spiritual Retreat with no overnight stay  
Includes witness testimonies, theme activities, sharing of Scripture, prayerful reflection time.

This weekend is open to all women 18 years and older who want to begin, renew and strengthen their relationship with our Lord.

For information or to register:  
[stjohnfenton.org/women](mailto:stjohnfenton.org/women)  
Marie: 810.813.2282  
Please register by October 15th

St. John the Evangelist / 600 N. Adelaide St. / Fenton, MI 48430

[stjohnfenton.org/women](http://stjohnfenton.org/women)



# ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

## Thank You:

- To the PSA for providing lunch for staff today during Parent Teacher Conferences.
- To the many parents who have been chaperoning our recent field trips!

## Congratulations:

- To our 7/8th grade GCCS football team on a big win at your last football game this week. Go Chargers!!



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#DAILYJOLT  
OCTOBER 13, 2022

I am not defined by my scars  
but by the incredible  
ability to heal.

-- LEMN SISSAY, AUTHOR

**TODAY'S #MICROCHALLENGE**

TRY MAKING A LIST OF YOUR POSITIVE QUALITIES  
AND WAYS IN WHICH YOU HAVE GROWN  
OR OVERCOME OBSTACLES.

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# Staff Spotlight

What is your favorite Halloween candy?



Mr. Tucker: Snickers and Twix

Mr. Marion: Snickers Peanut Butter square

Mrs. Trollman: Kit Kat or Reese's cups

Mr. Garbutt: Twix or Gummy Bears

Mrs. Kromberg: My favorite Halloween candy is M&Ms!

Mrs. Williams: Snickers, Reese's peanut butter cups, Reese's pieces. All the chocolate!

Mrs. Minnick: Peanut butter ghost

Mrs. Anderson: Scarecrow Crunch from Target

Mrs. Salzano: When I was a kid, Three Musketeers. Now-Starburst or Reese's PB pumpkins!

Mrs. Boyle: SOUR PATCH KIDS. My friends love to save me some from trick or treating and bring them to Mrs. Boyle. :)

Ms. Kozara: Nerds are my favorite Halloween candy.

Mrs. Dawes: My favorite Halloween candies are Mounds, Almond Joy, and Peanut M&Ms!

Mrs. Bragg: Caramel Apple Pops! The BEST!!!

Mrs. Whitney: Reese's peanut butter cups

Mrs. Wright: My favorites are Peanut M&Ms, Almond Joy, and Caramels.

Mr. Willard: Besides the chocolate bars (of course!), I loved getting Chick-o-sticks, Kraft Caramels, and red licorice in my pillowcase when I was a kid.

Mr. Forsleff: Twix

Ms. Brack: Peppermint Patties

Ms. Wharff: Reese's peanut butter pumpkins are "hands down" the best Halloween candy.

Mrs. Holbrook: Reese's Pieces and M&Ms.

Mrs. Roche: Baby Ruth

Mr. Schmit: Twix. We all know Twix is the only candy with the cookie crunch.

Ms. Adams: Reese's and Sour Patch Kids!

Mrs. Haiss: Sour Patch Kids or Mounds bars!

