



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

We have had another outstanding week at St. John School. Since my comments below are lengthy, let us jump right into the Day 85 rundown:

- The Michigan Association of Non-public Schools Accreditation visit is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday of this coming week. Please keep the team in prayer as they review our documentation in order to make the appropriate recommendation for accreditation.
- Our 4th-8th Grade Social Studies Curriculum and 7th and 8th Grade Math Curriculum have been in need of updating. We have been doing our research but have needed the financial backing to make the change in curriculum for both subjects. I am pleased to announce that we will be able to upgrade both our social studies curriculum and math curriculum due to a generous contribution made by Mr. and Mrs. Randy and Kathy Wise. Their contribution along with the current fundraising initiatives of the Education Foundation will allow St. John to successfully update both areas of need and be ready for next school year.
- NWEA Map Celebration: Both of our 6th Grade homerooms showed significant growth from the Fall to the Winter test in their Math NWEA Map scores. Both homerooms increased by an average of 4 points each. Our 7th grade homeroom achieved an average of 7 points of growth. Our first through eighth grade NWEA MAP Math and Reading assessments will continue throughout the next two weeks.
- SJS 5th-8th Grade Athletics has been on pause since mid-November. The GCCS principals have been meeting over the last two months to determine how to proceed if and when athletics are allowed. It has been an arduous conversation because of the unknowns and knowing how essential athletics are for our developing students, all while not wanting anything to compromise our day-to-day in-person instruction. In the end, I had to make the difficult decision to keep St. John School out of the Flint Area Catholic Schools League for the upcoming girls volleyball season and more than likely the boys and girls basketball seasons. I made the decision to protect the health and well being of our students while knowing each of these seasons will need to be abbreviated in order to get them completed for an eventual spring athletic season. With that being stated, **SJS WILL STILL HOST OUR OWN athletic opportunities over the coming weeks.** (Please see page 2 for more Athletic information). I am extremely grateful for Scott McPeake and our volunteer coaches for coming up with a plan so our students can still participate in volleyball, basketball, and cheer squad this winter.

Back in the beginning of August our enrollment was slightly over 190 K-8 students. On Monday, we will have over 230 students K-8 students enrolled, with a number of grades at capacity to keep our 2020-21 protocols in place. We have had a number of new families join our school this year, but as I go around to the classrooms or visit with the students during lunch it is difficult to pinpoint which student is new and which student has been here for years. The students and staff have been able to overcome the distancing and mask wearing obstacles and establish a true sense of community. I am incredibly grateful.

Let us continue to pray for the staff, students, and families as we maneuver through this crazy but beautiful school year.

God bless,
Andrew Schmit

PARENT CALENDAR



January

Fri	15	Happy Birthday Mr. Schmit!
Fri	15	End of 2nd Quarter
Mon	18	No School for Students-Records Day
Tues	19	MANS Accreditation Site Visit
Tues	19	National Michigan Day Lunch
Wed	20	MANS Accreditation Site Visit
Sun	31	Catholic Schools Week Begins

NATIONAL MICHIGAN DAY

National Michigan Day is January 18. We will be celebrating on Tuesday due to Records Day on Monday. To celebrate our great state, students may be out of uniform to wear t-shirts/sweatshirts that celebrate our state. They may wear something that represents one of their favorite Michigan teams or one of their favorite Michigan cities. Students who do not wish to wear something Michigan related should wear their St. John uniforms.

Our cafeteria will also be offering a special Michigan made lunch on Tuesday. We will be serving Koegel hot dogs and Better Made chips.

HELP WANTED

We are looking for a few more parent volunteers to assist with Popcorn Fridays. If you are interested in helping, please contact our popcorn chairperson, Jillian Arndt at jillian.ski@gmail.com. All volunteer requirements must be met in order to volunteer.



POWERS REGISTRATION

8TH GRADE PARENTS

If you were unable to attend a December meeting to register for 9th grade at Powers Catholic High School, it is not too late. Make-up registration appointments are taking place next Thursday, January 21st from 3-8 PM (virtual and in-person). Please contact Val Sunday at Powers to set up an appointment time. (810) 591-4741, ext 6 or admissions@powerscatholic.org.

If you have already registered, please be sure to return your paperwork to Powers as soon as possible.



ATHLETICS UPDATE

Our sports skills and conditioning clinics will be resuming next week. We will be offering Cheer, Volleyball and Boys Basketball clinics. There is no registration form necessary to attend.

- Volleyball will begin next Wednesday for students in grades 5-8. It will be held from 5:30 to 7:15 PM on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Boys Basketball is offered for boys in grades 5-8 starting next Wednesday. Basketball clinics will be held on Mondays and Wednesday from 4:00 -5:20 PM.
- Cheer will take place on Tuesdays after school until 5 PM and on Saturday mornings from 8-10 AM.

Just a reminder that all students are required to wear a mask and should bring their own water bottle. Parents should wait outside for their students to be dismissed. Parents are not allowed in the gym at this time.

We also putting together an Athletics Boosters club and looking for interested parents that would like to participate on the Boosters board. If you are interested, please send your contact information to: Athleticdirector@sjseducation.com

IMPORTANT AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

We hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday break and embraced the time to recharge your battery! Welcome to a NEW YEAR bursting with auction excitement!! **Remember to MARK YOUR CALENDAR with this year's SPRING DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021!!!** Thank you to those of you who have reached out to help with this year's event. We appreciate your time, talent and treasure!!! We are still looking for volunteers to help with the auction. Please contact Kelly Ahn (PSA Auction Chair) at 313.300.8841 or kahn@stout.com. Assistance in ALL areas is needed!!!: Acquisitions, Corporate Sponsorships, IT, Marketing, Social Media, Decorations, Entertainment, Distribution, Set-Up, Clean Up, etc. Please let us know how you would like to be a part of this great event!! Homeroom parents should be currently working on class projects. We THANK YOU for your time and effort in creating these beautiful projects with the students. If you are interested in being an Auction Sponsor, donating items or services or have any questions at all about this beneficial opportunity for SJS please don't hesitate to reach out. Please stay tuned for exciting details on this year's auction theme, ways we can all help support our school AND local businesses during this time of need and much, much more FUN for our students in preparation of AUCTION 2021!!!

Thank you for your continued support!!!
Kelly Ahn & SJS PSA -

Dear friends and families,

The PSA would like to offer our sincere thanks for your support of the 2019/2020 St. John School AUCTION. Your attendance, purchases and contributions helped us to raise much needed funds to support the students of St. John School. The funds raised at last years auction went directly towards programs, experiences and materials necessary to assure a full, quality education for each one of our students.

Now planning is underway for the 2020/2021 school AUCTION. We know times are tough and challenging right now. We are so very thankful that our children are in school! Our kids are growing, thriving and learning in person. While many schools are closed and only offering remote learning our SJS staff is working hard to make an impact and they are succeeding. They are going above and beyond. The SJS staff is dedicated to providing a quality academic and spiritual education for your students. We are so blessed to have this advantage!

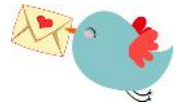
One of the elements of our school that we are most proud of is our partnership with our families and community. This active and dynamic relationship is an essential piece to our continued success. On behalf of the students, staff and families of St. John School, thank you for your ongoing support. We couldn't do it without you!

How can we give back? How can we show the staff at SJS how grateful we are? One way it to support the AUCTION [on May 22nd, 2021](#). You can donate to, volunteer for and/or sponsor this years auction!!

Thank you to our 2020 sponsors listed below! We are truly thankful for your overwhelming support. If you would like to sponsor the upcoming 2021 auction or if you have ideas/suggestions for sponsorships please let me know.



ON A PERSONAL NOTE



Happy Birthday Mr. Schmit!!



Prayers:

- For Mrs. Forsleff who has health complications.

Building Foundations of Faith

As Catholic parents, we are called to provide moral education and spiritual growth for our children. What better example than to learn and grow in faith yourself? Visit this Jet Gazette feature weekly for thoughts, articles, and tips to strengthen and deepen your understanding of our Catholic faith.

Today's #microchallenge from bustedhalo.com



To stay up to date with parish events, here is a link to the weekly parish bulletin: <https://stjohnfenton.org/bulletins>



Staff Spotlight

Monday is National Michigan Day. What are some of your favorite things about Michigan?



Ms. Bade: I love that we get all the different seasons and all the lakes found in Michigan! And the University of Michigan. :)

Mrs. Ratke: I love our seasons even though I do not like the cold.

Mr. Willard: The Great Lakes, Buddy's Pizza, the fall season, and Michigan left turns

Mrs. Wright: My favorite things about Michigan are the four seasons, Mackinac Island, and Upper Peninsula destinations like Tahquamenon Falls, Sault Ste. Marie, Whitefish Point, and I could go on forever!

Mrs. Salzano: Michigan's lakes, forests, hills, and fields are my favorite!

Mrs. Roche: Little Traverse Bay in the summer and MSU football tailgates are at the top of my MI Favorites list!

Mrs. Farella: My most favorite thing about Michigan is the Great Lakes.

Mrs. Salerno: All the beautiful lakes we have in Michigan to enjoy

Mrs. Davidson: My favorite thing about Michigan is summer. I love sitting on the front porch swing drinking coffee. I love the beautiful evening walks. Going up north. Seeing everybody out and about in Fenton and wearing shorts and flip flops AND not wearing a winter coat.

Mrs. Whitney: The Great Lakes

Mrs. Adams: I love all the water that we have around us in Michigan; the Great Lakes, all the inland lakes; and the four seasons we enjoy in Michigan. One of my favorite places to visit is Mackinac Island, and when my children were young we visited the island three times a year.

Mrs. Haiss: Nothing beats a sunny Michigan summer day out on the lake, Koegel hot dogs, and a Tigers game on the radio!

Mrs. Dawes: My favorite things about Michigan are the changing seasons, especially Fall, the Great Lakes, and Mackinac Island!

Mrs. Boyle: We love the beauty of the four seasons, especially fall. We love going up north, especially Mackinac Island. We also grew up watching and rooting for the Detroit Tigers, Red Wings, and Lions, no matter how many times they broke our hearts!

Mrs. Anderson: I love the four seasons!! Michigan has so much to offer year round...never a dull moment!

Ms. Adams: I love how Michigan experiences all four seasons. Each season has its own uniqueness and sense of magic. Michigan has the best summers! Lake days and up north adventures spent hiking and exploring are my most favorite things about Michigan.

Mr. Forsleff: The many beautiful lakes and the Great Lakes, as well as the variety of natural beauty in both peninsulas.

Mr. Garbutt: I love all the golf courses that Michigan has to offer. It is crazy that I can play a course on the bluffs on Lake Michigan and then play a course that you can see from US-23, all in the same day.

Ms. Wharff: My favorite things about Michigan include: travelling our beautiful state, enjoying small town charm, and exploring our coastlines. The shores of Lake Superior are my happy place!

Ms. Jennings: My favorite things about Michigan are the beautiful lakes and the change of seasons.

Mr. Schmit: The changing of the seasons and U of M Football!

