



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Jet Gazette Newsletter

April 16, 2021

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

Beach Day on a cold day in April. Great planning on my part. Oh well. Regardless, it was a fun spirit week at SJS, culminating with our Beach Party Day, promoting the upcoming PSA Cheeseburger in Paradise Auction on May 22.

Here's the April 16 rundown:

- Both of our 8th Grade homerooms have completed the Math and Reading portions of the ACT Aspire. We are now into our final standardized testing window of the school year! NWEA Map testing for 1st-8th Grades begins next week.
- Our enrollment for next school year is looking good. Currently we have 224 K-8 students and 37 preschool students registered for the 2021-22 academic year. Comparing next year to this school year, we have 233 K-8 students and 40 preschoolers. If you know any friends or family who are interested, please have them call the main office and we will gladly speak with them!
- Please remember to keep following our health and safety protocols. We are doing a great job of monitoring symptoms, social distancing and mask wearing. I want to remind everyone that our protocols also include not proceeding past the second set of doors in the school lobby when dropping off items or doing an early pick-up from school and avoiding third party lunch deliveries. June 11 (last day of school) is less than two months away. We can do this!
- Bishop Boyea has announced that effective July 1, Fr. Ryan will become the new chaplain at Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor. His current temporary assignment at St. Mary Magdalene will continue until then. Fr. Ryan was able to stop by during the week and visit each classroom. I didn't need visual confirmation that he was in the building. I could hear students screaming "Stay Awesome" from my office. I think I will help with Fr. Ryan's transition/conversion and purchase him a nice Maize and Blue hoodie. Please pray for Fr. Ryan's green soul. I mean, please pray for Fr. Ryan as God prepares him for his next assignment within the Diocese of Lansing.

One of my favorite bands not called Foo Fighters is MuteMath. They have a song entitled "Typical." The song is awesome, not only for its slick bassline and masterful drum work, but its over all lyrical message from the chorus. "Because I know there's got to be another level/Somewhere closer to the other side/and I'm feeling like it's now or never/Can I break the spell of the typical" Can we break the spell of the typical? Yes we can because of the death and resurrection of Jesus. In Sunday's Gospel according to Luke, we will hear the resurrection account of Jesus breaking the typical by appearing to his Apostles and opening their minds and hearts to God's revelation. It is important for us as Christians to remember that we have encountered the living God and our lives shouldn't be "typical" because of that encounter. I thank God daily for this school because what Amie and I are teaching our girls at home is reinforced by what they learn at school. Our Aidan had to go and visit the dentist the other day. She was not looking forward to it. However, she did great. When we were leaving the dentist's office, she said to me, "I wasn't afraid because I prayed for the dentist at the prayer table today." A littler learner in St. John's preschool made a profound statement. She is beginning to see what a difference a faith life can make.

Let's keep praying for our St. John School community. Have a blessed weekend.

God Bless,
Andrew Schmit

PARENT CALENDAR



April

- Thurs 22 Earth Day-Grounds Clean Up
Mon 26 Book Fair begins-Preview Day
Fri 30 Mary Crowning at Morning Mass-8th grade parents invited to attend

May

- Wed 5 Happy Birthday Ms. Brack!
Wed 12 Happy Birthday Ms. Judy!
Fri 14 Happy Birthday Ms. Bade!
Mon 17 First Communicants recognized at Morning Mass-2nd grade parents invited to attend

2021-2022 Calendar

We are working on preparations for the 2021-2022 school year, including finalizing our school calendar. That calendar will be released when it is complete, but here are a few dates that we are ready to share:

- Tuesday, August 24th** First Day of School (K-8)
(Half Day)
- Wednesday, August 25th** First Day of School (Preschool)
(Half Day for Preschool)
- December 20-December 31** Christmas Break
- March 28-April 1** Spring Break



Our Annual Book Fair will be held the week of April 26th in our school library. There will also be an online store that will be open beginning this Sunday, April 18 until May 1st. All online purchases will benefit the school, as well. You can access the online store here:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stjohnschool18>

Finally, please check on the ewallet feature at the above link. You can set up this cashless feature for your child to use at the in-school book fair.



Parish Grounds Clean-Up

Students will be participating in an Earth Day service project by doing a yard clean-up on the parish grounds next Thursday. Students may bring work gloves and yard rakes to school to help out with the project. **Please be sure anything you send to school is labeled!!** Also, we are in need of some paper lawn and leaf bags for Thursday if you have any to donate. Students may wear St. John Spiritwear for this activity.



Testing Tips

We have started our final testing window for this year. Here are some suggestions to help make your child's testing experience positive and successful:

- Make sure your child gets a good night's rest.
- Have your child eat a healthy breakfast.
- Have your child pack a healthy lunch.
- Make sure your child arrives to school on time.
- Gently encourage your child to try their best.



Our Auction will SOON be upon us!! Here are the latest AUCTION UPDATES:

DID YOU KNOW?!?! There are MANY ways to support this year's auction!! THE SKY IS THE LIMIT!!

You don't need to be a business owner to SPONSOR the auction. We have many families who wish to be FRIENDS OF THE AUCTION and donate to this great cause at our sponsorship level.

BUT, if you don't wish to be a SPONSOR that's ok too!! If you would like to donate services, gift cards to your business (or even your favorite stores and eateries for non-business owners), an IN KIND item or basket to be auctioned, please reach out to Kelly Ahn or drop of your donation in the office by April 26, 2021. Monetary donations are always accepted and will be used solely to benefit St. John School.

We are still looking for donations on some specific items to complete our AWESOME raffle packages this year!! If you would like to donate one of these items or a monetary donation for this purpose, please let us know:

- \$150 Gift card to Storm Cloud Brewery
- \$150 Crystal Mountain Gift Card
- Apple AirPods
- Gift Card to Spymaker Escape Room for 8
- Gift card to Laser tag game for 8
- Polaroid Camera
- Grill
- Playstation, Nintendo Switch, or X-Box
- Instant Lottery Tickets
- Laptop or iPad
- Bicycle



Raffle tickets will soon be sent home with your students. (We'll let you know when you should CHECK their backpacks!!!) We ask that each family sell or donate the cost of a minimum of 10 raffle tickets. If you would like more, they will be available. The option to purchase raffle tickets on our auction website will SOON BE AVAILABLE!!!

All donations are due by April, 26, 2021. The SOONER THE BETTER!! Please turn in all classroom local donations to your homeroom parent and any other auction donations to the office as soon as possible, by April 26th. We gladly welcome your generous donations and appreciate your support. (Please check out our website DONATIONS page!!!: [https:// sjpsa.ejoinme.org/2021.](https://sjpsa.ejoinme.org/2021))

You may purchase tickets to our in-person event on our website. **Coming soon:** Online bidding, Raffle ticket purchase and much, much more. Also stay tuned to the St John School Fenton 2021 Auction Facebook page for the latest news regarding sponsors and auction details.

If you were wondering...this year's auction 'looks' a little different. As with MANY things these days, this year's auction has adopted a uniquely different 'style' than many of us are used to. (If you are NEW to St John: WELCOME! You won't bat an eyelash at this year's technologically SAVVY auction format!!) While we are still anticipating an in-person event on May 22nd (contingent on all up to the date CDC and Health Department regulations), you don't need to be present to BID on the auction items. ALL participants, in-person or otherwise, will be able to use a smart phone or other device to access the ONLINE BIDDING SITE for all baskets, packages, trips and classroom projects. Bidding will begin days in advance of the in-person event on May 22nd, so please STAY TUNED for more details on how you can bid!! You will need to register online to be an active bidder!! More details to come...but if you wish to be at the LIVE Cheeseburger event please order your tickets NOW! Masks and a health assessment upon arriving will be required. We will be social distancing and health and safety recommendations have all been considered to provide an enjoyable evening of food, dancing and fun! Auction items (including classroom projects) will be displayed at the in-person event.

High School students in need of SERVICE HOURS!!: We have some available options on May 22nd (and potentially during set up leading up to the big event). Please reach out to Kelly Ahn for further details.

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Michelle Pagnani: michellepagnani@yahoo.com.

For auction questions or to inquire about volunteering, please contact Kelly Ahn (313.300.8841 or kahn@stout.com).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!



“Take it all in... it’s as big as it seems. Count all your blessings. Remember your dreams.” Jimmy Buffett

Giving with a purpose is what this local family is all about! A Biggest Package you can find Thank you is in order for the Landaal Family from Landaal Packaging!!! We are blessed to have them in our community with multiple sponsorships and unwavering support! They think out of the box in everything they do and it clearly shows they have the schools best interest at heart. We are Jumping for Joy (Bubble Wrap Style Jumping) with the level of excitement for your sponsorship! Yahoo! <https://www.landaal.com/>



Every once in a while we are blessed by a brand new family jumping in with both feet! Well that is what we have with the Foote family! Thank you to Robert and Jennifer Foote and their children who have joined our wonderful St. John Community this year. We thank you for your sponsorship and hope to keep you a part of our community forever! St. John school is truly a family and we are so blessed you have joined in on the fun!! Thank you Thank

The Jury is Out and it is in our favor! A huge THANK YOU to Attorney Matthew Norwood for sponsoring this year's auction! Our community is made up of the most hardworking and dependable professionals in the area and we thank Matthew for his sponsorship! If you find yourself or someone you love in a bind be sure to call Matthew Norwood!! Thank you



We are VIBING! A Large Smoothie THANK YOU is in order for Jen Ream and Christine Landaal who continue to support our school and community with Fenton's own VIBE WELL! Thank you so much for donating to our school year after year! You guys are Always Fresh and Always Organic and we LOVE YOU!!!! Head over to Vibe Well Today! <https://www.vibewell.com>



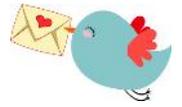
We cannot thank our sponsors enough for making the 2021 Cheeseburger in Paradise Auction possible. We are asking for final sponsorships, so we can plan this fantastic evening accordingly. This year has been difficult at best but the parents, businesses and community have continued to keep St. John school thriving. We are looking forward to a wonderful night of food, laughter, and friendship (socially distanced of course) as we continue to support our school. Thank you from the 2021 Auction Committee for being a part of our wonderful family

LAST CHANCE

Last chance to sponsor the 2021 Cheeseburger in Paradise Auction!




ON A PERSONAL NOTE



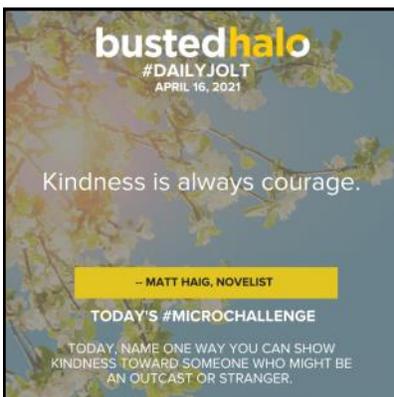
Prayers:

- For the Kang and Hamp families on the passing of their grandfather, Michael Hamp.
- For Mrs. Forsleff who has health complications.

Please spread the word to your family and friends that our New Family Registration is now open on our school website. If they would like to visit our school, invite them call the school to schedule a tour.



Today's #microchallenge from bustedhalo.com



To stay up to date with parish events, click [here](#) for a link to the weekly parish bulletin .

DRIVE-IN MASS

Available during all weekend mass times

How it works:

- + Park in the designated parking area in the north parking lot during any of our weekend Masses
- + Tune your car's radio to 88.3 FM
- + Watch the Mass on our outdoor screen as it is happening live in the Church
- + During communion, Extraordinary Ministers will come to your vehicle to distribute Holy Communion.

Staff Spotlight

What are your favorite television shows?



Ms. Bade: I enjoy reality TV. :)

Mrs. Ratke: Oh, I love my shows. My favorites are Grey's Anatomy, Station 19, American Housewife, and The Walking Dead.

Mrs. Wright: Currently, I am watching season 2 of White Collar. I also enjoy watching Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives and Delicious Destinations.

Mr. Garbutt: I enjoy watching anything related to golf, but usually I end up watching Paw Patrol and Super Wings.

Mrs. Dawes: I really don't watch a lot of TV, but I am enjoying the series, "The Chosen."

Mrs. Minnick: The Office. I could watch reruns every day!

Mr. Schmit: If my memory serves me correctly, I remember watching the heck out of Seinfeld, The Office, and Parks and Rec but nowadays it's HGTV and Disney, all day, every day.

Mrs. Adams: I still love Grey's Anatomy. I also like This is Us, but do not get a chance to watch it much.

Mrs. Haiss: I am still hooked on Law and Order: SVU all the way into the current 22nd season. I also love Top Chef and Call the Midwife.

Ms. Adams: This is Us, New Girl, The Office, Gilmore Girls

Mr. Tripp: Right now, Falcon and The Winter Soldier!

Mrs. Anderson: I love Flea Market Flip!

