



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

## Jet Gazette Newsletter

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### News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

Two awesome weeks of in-person learning. I believe we are all deserving of this upcoming four day break! The students, staff, and parents have all been doing their part to make sure we are staying healthy so face to face learning can continue to happen. I know parents have been performing daily health screenings. Please continue to do this each and every morning. On Tuesday, September 8th I will send out communication to go over some of the latest Genesee County Health Department updates so we are all on the same page with “close contact” and “quarantine” protocol going into the “Ber” months of the calendar year.

You all know how I love my bullet points to disseminate information. Here’s the latest...

- Thank you to all the parent volunteers who continue to help with our daily loop procedures and with our midday classroom and lunchroom cleaning protocols. All of you are awesome!
- Loop Lines and Auction Winners. We have two families that won the “First in Loop Line” auction item from our 2020 PSA Auction that was held in February. If you have noticed vehicles going to the front of the line in each of our loop lines, this is the reason why.
- Applefest is fast approaching (**September 18-20**). Although we will not be having our traditional carnival and other festivities we are still in need of volunteers. Applefest is a great way to accumulate time for the SJS family service hour requirement. Please go to page 4 for more information and/or check out the Applefest page at <https://stjohnfenton.org/applefest>.
- We are in need of homeroom parents. Please contact Mrs. Haiss if you are interested or have any questions about this volunteer opportunity.
- Middle School Spanish: We will continue our partnership with Oxford Virtual for middle school students, utilizing the Middlebury Spanish curriculum. Our students will once again be taught by an Oxford Virtual instructor. SJS middle school students will be given 30 minutes daily to work in the virtual Spanish program, while being supported by a designated SJS/OVA mentor. This is an excellent way for our students to become accustomed to remote learning, given the ongoing changes to education and instructional delivery we are experiencing from elementary all the way to post secondary.
- Our 4th through 8th grade students have all been assigned their own chromebooks. Our 3rd graders will receive their chromebooks once the next shipment arrives. Students will not be bringing home the chromebooks until we have our filter protection in place.
- All of the open positions at SJS have been filled. SJS students will once again have a full slate of “specials” classes! I will introduce our new STEAM teacher next week. We welcomed Mr. Forsleff (Art) and Mrs. Forsleff (Music) to our school this week. I again want to thank Ms. Jennings and Ms. Bade for supporting our socially distanced First and Second Grade classrooms during this first part of the school year. Ms. Bade will begin her resource schedule next week while Ms. Jennings will continue to work with our First Grade while our newly hired aides transition into life at SJS.
- Look for communication from me on Tuesday, September 8 to go over updates from the GCHD.
- Continue to monitor your child/ren over the weekend for symptoms. If your child has one of the following symptoms; fever, persistent cough, or shortness of breath, please email me.

Have a great break. Stay healthy and safe and I will see you all on Tuesday!

God bless,  
Andrew Schmit

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.* PHILIPPIANS 4: 4-7

# PARENT CALENDAR

## September



Fri	4	<b>NO SCHOOL-Labor Day Weekend</b>
Mon	7	<b>NO SCHOOL-Labor Day Weekend</b>
Wed	9	Spiritwear Sale
Fri	11	 Patriot Day-Students may wear Red, White, and Blue
Fri	18	<b>NO SCHOOL-Applefest Golf Outing</b>

### Spiritwear Sale



The PSA will be holding a Spiritwear Sale on Wednesday, September 9th. The sale will be held in the courtyard AFTER morning loop is over. In the event of inclement weather, the sale will take place in one of the learning tents near the

rectory. They will be selling items that are already in stock. We will share details about ordering new items as soon as information is available, probably closer to middle or late September.

### HELP WANTED

Thank you to our loop and lunch supervisors. You make it possible for us to execute our procedures safely. We are still in need of a few more loop and lunch supervisors, especially PM Loop. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Anderson in the office. You can call her or email her at [danderson@sjseducation.com](mailto:danderson@sjseducation.com).

# VISITOR PROCEDURES

- **Essential staff and students will be the only people allowed in the school building** unless special permission is granted in advance by administration
- The Uniform Closet will only be open and available to parents after school, beginning at 3:30 PM. You do not need an appointment.
- Adult guests entering the school will be screened for symptoms, wear a facial covering, and wash/sanitize hands prior to entering
- Sick students and early dismissal students will be escorted to the door to meet parent
- **Guests will not be permitted to join students for lunch**
- During this temporary time period, **no third party lunch deliveries**
- If an item from home needs to be delivered to a student, please leave the item on the table between the two sets of glass doors in the front lobby. Be sure the item is clearly labeled for the student to whom it belongs. Office staff will periodically check for items throughout the day.

### FOOD SERVICE INFO

Starting next week, our cafeteria will have a breakfast cart each morning with Grab and Go items for students who need breakfast. Please be sure to contact Mrs. Davidson if you have questions about breakfast.

A September Lunch Menu is attached to this newsletter.

**PLEASE NOTE: The office will be CLOSED DAILY from 3:10-3:30 PM to allow office staff to assist with new dismissal procedures. Phones will still be open (you may have to leave a message), but the office will be closed to ALL visitors. Any students needing early dismissal will need to be picked up prior to 3:10. After 3:10 PM, all students will be sent to the preschool loop, upper loop, or Jets Club. Students may not wait by the office.**



**School office hours are Monday-Friday 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM when school is in session.**

**Please note that drop off begins at 7:40 AM each morning. Please do not drop your child off before 7:40. Please wait until the supervisors start to release from the cars. The lobby is reserved for the families of supervising parents. If you need to drop off your child prior to 7:40 AM, please take them to Jets Club.**



## PowerSchool

Our grades and attendance program is called PowerSchool.

New family account information will be send via email next week. If you have any questions or need a password reset, please call the school office or email Mrs. Wright [cwright@sjseducation.com](mailto:cwright@sjseducation.com).

PowerSchool online link: <https://dol.clgpsedu.com/public>

PowerSchool mobile app: District Code is BSQN

### DON'T FORGET

#### TO TURN IN YOUR FORMS

If you have not yet returned your EMERGENCY CARD, please be sure to send it back on Tuesday!

#### Forms required from New Families

Birth Certificate  
Immunization Records

#### Jets Club Registration Forms

Due to changing circumstances this year, drop-in Jets Club will be extremely limited and must be pre-approved through the office before 3 PM each day. Please be sure to register for Jets Club if you think you may need extended care at any time throughout the school year. Please contact Mrs. Anderson at [danderson@sjseducation.com](mailto:danderson@sjseducation.com) for more information or if you have any questions.

### Masks for Sale

Face masks with the St. John School logo are for sale in the school office. The cost is \$8 per mask. We have adult and child sizes. If you would like to purchase one, please send cash or check in an envelope and specify which size you would like. We will send them home with your student. You can also let us know by email if you would like to order one.



## MEDICATIONS

Any medication for your child must be kept in the school office. Medications should be labeled. You must also fill out a medication authorization form before any medication can be given. The form is available in the office or on the school website.



### Report All Student Absences

When a student is absent, the parent or guardian MUST call the school office no later than 8:45 AM or email Mrs. Haiss at: [ahaiss@sjseducation.com](mailto:ahaiss@sjseducation.com). **This year, we need to follow up on all absences. To cut down on the number of follow up phone calls, we kindly ask that you report all absences.** If the student absence is due to illness, please report the nature of the illness to the school office when you call. Please refer to Page 23 of our Phase 4 plan regarding our general sick policy. If your child is feeling ill for any reason, please be sure to keep him or her at home. If you are feeling unsure about whether or not to keep your child at home, please refer to the COVID decision tree attachment or call your doctor's office.

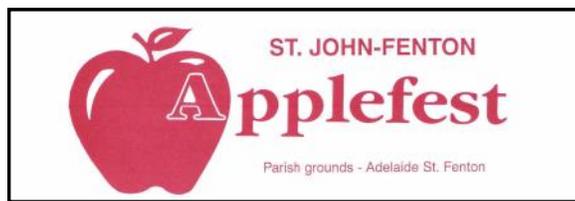
## LUNCH TIMES

<b>Kindergarten and 1st grade:</b>	<b>10:50 AM-11:15 AM</b>
<b>2nd and 3rd grades:</b>	<b>11:20 AM-11:45 AM</b>
<b>4th and 5th grades:</b>	<b>11:50 AM-12:15 PM</b>
<b>Middle School:</b>	<b>12:25 PM-12:50 PM</b>

Please remember that during our Phase 4 Plan, no third party deliveries will be accepted. If a parent needs to drop off a forgotten lunch, please label the lunch box and place it on the table between the two sets glass doors in the lobby. Students may also get hot lunch if they have forgotten their lunch at home.

St. John remains committed to being a Nut Free School. We have several students with life threatening allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. Please remember when packing lunches and snacks that our classes and lunchroom are nut free. Thank you for helping to keep our learning environment safe for all our students.





Due to Covid restrictions and state mandates, the traditional Applefest will not be happening this year. We are asking our families to please support our parish festival in any way that you can. Please refer to events below to learn more and participate.

- Raffle – The parish goal is \$100,000. We need to work overtime to achieve this goal! The 2019 raffle proceeds were \$70,000. **Additional tickets are available to pick up and/or purchase in the parish office.** Raffle Drawing will be Sunday, September 20th at 5.p.m. Join us Livestream!
- Golf Outing – Inaugural Golf Outing, in loving memory of Ron Lockwood, is scheduled for Friday, September 18th, 2020, at Coyote Preserve. **Hole Sponsors are still available for \$250. Needed – auction items and volunteers!!!**
  - \*4 People needed for registration beginning at 11 AM
  - \*4 people for 50/50
  - \*2 people for silent auction
  - \*4 people for floating throughout the day.
- Kids Golf Clinic by golf pro Shane Riley - Free! For kids from Kindergarten—8th grade, limited to the first 20 registrants. September 18th, 9 a.m.—10 a.m. Coyote Preserve.
- Virtual Road Race – please refer to the following link to sign up on our website under Applefest, or go to: <https://register.chronotrack.com/r/58933>
- Pie/Crisp Sales – 350 available, Please visit <https://stjohnfenton.org/applefest> to place your order. \$15 per order or \$25/two. **Final orders are due Friday, September 11th.** Pick ups will occur after masses on September 19th and 20th – location on parish grounds to be determined.
- Pie Baking Volunteers needed. Contact Amy Blissett @ 810-394-5964 or [blissett2002@gmail.com](mailto:blissett2002@gmail.com) This will take place in the Activity Center: Peeling, prepping and assembly of pies/crisps on Saturday, September 12 8:30AM-5PM and Sunday, September 13 from 9AM-1PM
- Pie Distribution: 4 volunteers needed after each mass on Saturday and Sunday of Applefest weekend
- Pie Auction – **BIDDING IS NOW LIVE!**



Three local guests will be featured in this year's pie auction:

Crust - Chad Brennan

The Feast – Sean Gartland

St. John Pastor - Robert Copeland

**To learn more or to volunteer for the Golf Outing, Apple Pie Baking and Pie Distribution. Sign up on our Applefest website**  
**[www.stjohnfenton.org/applefest](http://www.stjohnfenton.org/applefest)**

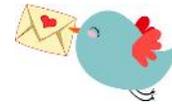
# Homeroom Parents for 2020-2021

If you are interested in being a homeroom parent for this school year, please email Mrs. Haiss as soon as possible. We did have a few parents who volunteered during registration in February, however, we know circumstances have changed for many families in the past several months. Therefore, even if you expressed interest in the past, please be sure to contact us if you are still interested.

Preschool  
Kindergarten  
Grade 1  
Grade 2  
Grade 3  
Grade 4  
Grade 5  
Grade 6  
Grade 7  
Grade 8



## ON A PERSONAL NOTE



### Thank you:

- To the Knights of Columbus for setting up two tents on the parish grounds so that our students can enjoy outdoor classes. They enjoy the opportunity to be mask free in the tents!

### Prayers:

- For Mrs. Boyle who is recovering from surgery. We wish you a speedy and restful recovery!
- For the Beale family on the passing of their great-grandmother, Peggy Szafranski.

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## 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.

Click [HERE](#) for a 9-Day Back-to-School Prayer Challenge: A Novena for the Start of the School Year.

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

The Staff Spotlight is back, BUT this week we are already turning it over to the students. We asked students "What is the best thing about being back to school?" Here's what some of them had to say:



**Charlie Morgan (4th grade):** Being able to see my friends.

**Charlei Peabody (5th grade):** The best part of being back to school for me is seeing all my friends and that I get to go to school each day in person.

**Adam Sterling (8th grade):** Seeing each other in person!

**Matt Crawford (1st grade):** Meeting new friends.

**Paige Gordley (6th grade):** Seeing my friends and teachers.

**Dominic Fatolitis (7th grade):** Not doing online school stuff and seeing my friends.

**Michael Miotke (Preschool):** I just like being here.

**Julia McFarlane (Kindergarten):** Seeing all of my friends.

**Maryssa Safford (8th grade):** I like the interaction with people. I am more of a visual learner so its more helpful to be here at school.

**Sam Anderson (3rd grade):** I get to see all of my friends.

**Caleb Miller (3rd grade):** Making new friends, seeing friends, and being with my favorite teacher again!

**Noah Bilas (Preschool):** Making new friends and playing with them.

**Ellie Miller (2nd grade):** Spending time with my teacher and my friends.