



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

Jet Gazette Newsletter

September 30, 2022

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

I cannot believe that we will be turning our calendars to October tomorrow. This September was jam packed with learning, Applefest, testing, and fun. The coming weeks and months will be filled with all kinds of great experiences for our students.

Before I jump to the rundown, I want to clarify the email I sent last evening. IF there is ever a threatening situation around the school, Fenton City Police will work in coordination with us and we will take the necessary precautions that go with our school safety plan.

Yesterday at no time was there a threat to our security or the school's safety during the K-9 police training that occurred in Bush Park. I spoke with Lieutenant Cross and he reassured me that although the training company did not alert the city of Fenton let alone the police department of this activity that it was strictly a training course. He pointed out that Bush Park and the St. John campus was probably the safest place to be in the city of Fenton yesterday afternoon because of the presence of all those agencies. Ok, now that I have that out of the way let's jump to the rundown.

Last Day of September Rundown:

- **New 4th Grade Teacher:** I am pleased to welcome Mr. Matthew Marion to our teaching staff and school community. Mr. Marion is excited to be joining our staff after serving for 11 years as a teacher and principal in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Mr. Marion will take over the homeroom in which Mrs. Minnick has been serving as a long-term substitute teacher. Mrs. Minnick took on the responsibility of starting the year in the classroom but will continue working in the school as a 4th Grade aide and substitute teacher.
- **Spirit Week:** See page 3 for details. Our Spirit Week festivities conclude with the Powers Catholic High School Homecoming Game against Alpena High School at Atwood Stadium. Please join us as we represent St. John School in the parade. We will meet at Powers Catholic next Friday at 5:15. The parade begins at 5:45 PM.
- **Pep Rally:** We will gather for a pep rally on Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 2:30 PM in the gym. The pep rally is in the middle of the week due to our 8th Graders visiting Powers Catholic on Friday.
- **Pet Blessing:** Fr. Gabriel Bilas, Rector of St. Mary Magdalene Eastern Orthodox Church and St. John School parent, will be leading us in a prayer of blessing over our pets on the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi on Tuesday morning, at 8:10 AM in the courtyard. Please drop off your children as usual. Students should go to class and will come out with their classroom teacher after announcements to meet you and pets in the

courtyard. All pets **MUST** be on a leash or in a cage/crate. All pets must go home after the blessing. For pets who do not travel well or families whose schedules do not allow you to bring your pet, we encourage your child to bring in a picture to be blessed.

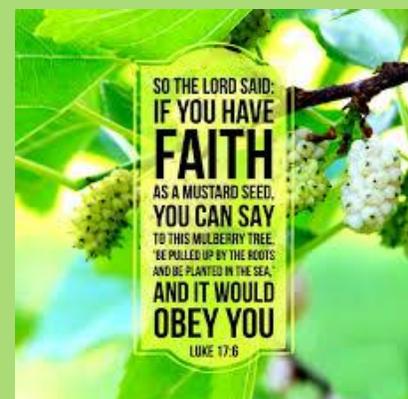
- Counselor: Marnee Weisbrod, MS, LLPC has office hours every Tuesday from 10 AM-12 PM. If you would like more information, if you have any questions, or if you want your child to speak with Mrs. Weisbrod, please contact her using the email: mweisbrod@sjseducation.com
- Surveillance System: The installation of our new surveillance system began this week and will continue for the next couple of weeks.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences: We will be moving Parent-Teacher conferences to the middle of October, PRIOR to the end of the First Marking Period. Conferences will be held the week of October 10th. We will have a half day of school on October 13 with a majority of conferences being held that afternoon. Due to this, we will have a day off from school on Friday, October 14.
- Join us for Mass this weekend: Please join us for prayer and worship as we experience the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist at either our 5:00 PM Saturday mass, or at one of the Sunday morning masses at 8:30, 10:00, or 11:30. Our Youth Choir will be singing at the Sunday 11:30 AM mass this weekend.

In this Sunday's Gospel we will hear Jesus' powerful statement about faith. In Luke's Gospel we read, "The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." I need to practice this in my backyard because there are a couple of trees that need to go! Seriously though, Jesus wasn't giving landscaping advice, he was talking about unhindered, obedient faith and what God can do if we are obedient and open to His direction. Recently someone informed me that a plan of mine wasn't working. I took that statement to prayer and was convinced that statement was correct. How often do we get in the way of God and aren't completely obedient to him because we try to figure things out on our own? How much better all our lives will be when we let go and let God. Let's work on letting God work as we support one another in our daily lives. We all need to become better versions of ourselves for the good of our children. In turn we will be allowing God to work which will allow this school community to flourish as Disciples of Jesus Christ.

I hope and pray that you have a blessed weekend.

See you next week!

Andrew Schmit
Principal



Dates to Remember



OCTOBER

Mon	3	Dress Like Your Favorite Season Day
Tues	4	USA/Camo Day
Tues	4	Pet Blessing-8:10 AM
Tues	4	8th Grade Washington DC Informational Meeting-6PM
Wed	5	Class Color Day
Wed	5	Pep Rally-2:30 in the SJ gym
Thurs	6	Decades Day
Fri	7	Super Spirit Day
Fri	7	Powers Homecoming Parade-5:45 PM
Thurs	13	Half-Day for Parent Teacher Conferences-11:30 AM Dismissal
Fri	14	No School for staff or students
Wed	26	Picture Retake Day
Thurs	27	Trunk or Treat-6 PM More details coming soon!

Homecoming



- MONDAY:** Dress Like Your Favorite Season
- TUESDAY:** USA/Camo Day
- WEDNESDAY:** Class Color Day (see below)
- THURSDAY:** Decades Day
- FRIDAY:** Super Spirit Day

Preschool	Yellow
Kindergarten	Pink
1st Grade	Orange
2nd Grade	Purple
3rd Grade	Black
4th Grade	White
5th Grade	Gray
6th Grade	Red
7th Grade	Green
8th Grade	Blue

PET BLESSING



Join us for our annual Pet Blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. This will take place on Monday, October 4th at 8:10 AM in the courtyard. All pets **MUST** be on a leash or in a cage/crate. Also, all pets must go home after the

blessing. For pets who do not travel well or families whose schedule does not allow you to bring your pet, we encourage your child to bring in a picture to be blessed. A stuffed animal may also be brought as a stand-in for a pet.



Students should go to class as normal and will come out after announcements to meet parents and pets in the courtyard.



Students participating in Spirit Week may wear jeans, shorts, and/or other clothing that fits the theme but still complies with our dress code, meaning clothing choices should still be appropriate for the school setting and no leggings should be worn. Students who are not participating in the daily theme should wear their regular St. John uniform.

HOMECOMING PARADE

St. John families are invited to the Powers Catholic Homecoming Parade after school on Friday. You are invited to either watch the parade or walk behind the St. John banner in the parade with other St. John families. The parade will begin at Powers at 5:45 PM and process to Atwood Stadium. Kids in St. John or Powers spiritwear can get into the game for free. If you are going to walk in the parade, please arrive at Powers by 5:15 PM.

ATHLETICS



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

Tackle Football

Wed. Oct. 5 vs. New Lothrop 5:30 PM @ New Lothrop

Flag Football

Sun. Oct. 2 vs. Holy Family Panthers 1:30 PM @ Powers HS

Sun. Oct. 2 vs. Holy Family Blue 2:30 PM @ Powers HS

Girls Basketball

7/8 Grade

Mon. Oct. 3 vs. St. John Vianney 7:00 PM @ St. John Fenton

Sat. Oct. 8 vs. St. Roberts 9:00 AM @ Powers HS

5/6 Grade

Mon. Oct. 3 vs. Holy Family 2 5:00 PM @ St. John Fenton

Thurs. Oct. 6 vs. Holy Family 3 6:00 PM @ Holy Family

Volleyball Registration Now Open

Volleyball registration is now open for girls in 7th and 8th grade. The season will start at the end of October with games beginning in November. More details will be coming soon! To register, please download the SportsEngine App and register here: <https://st-john-the-evangelist-catholic-school.sportngin.com/register/form/150355883>



Monday, October 10
5:30pm Freshman/JV game
7:00pm Varsity game
@ Powers Catholic High School

Join the Powers Catholic Community to honor all of those who have conquered, are battling, or have lost their fight with cancer in a volleyball match to raise funds for cancer research.

****Special Opportunity!****
All GCCS 7th & 8th Grade girls
\$15 per student includes:

- ★ 4:15PM-5:15PM Varsity-led volleyball clinic
- ★ "Dig Pink" T-shirt
- ★ Pizza dinner
- ★ Admission to the games
- ★ Shag balls for Varsity warm ups
- ★ Reserved seating for GCCS girls!

Please RSVP and pay here!
<https://forms.gle/73811c52F7Nmmd12>

Questions? Contact:
Sarah
sarahmbushey16@gmail.com
Krisy
kdsafford7@gmail.com

Be part of the Team

Live Auction fundraiser for NEW Basketball Hoops at the St. John Catholic School Gymnasium

To the highest bidder:

4 tickets for U of M vs. Penn State

Saturday, October 15 at The Big House

A Tailgate Basket is included to get the party started

Click on the link below to place your bid.

<https://sjc-auction.web.app/#/>

Bidding closes on: **Friday, October 7th at 11:59 PM**

BE PART OF THE TEAM!
Join us in a LIVE AUCTION fundraiser for NEW Basketball Hoops at the St. John Catholic School Gymnasium

GRATEFUL CHALLENGE

JOIN OUR LIVE AUCTION TO WIN 4 GAME DAY TICKETS TO:

MICHIGAN vs PennState

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

Package includes: 4 tickets on the 26 yard line, section 3 row 12.
St. John Foundation will provide tailgate goodies for the full game day experience

Starting Bid is \$1,500.00. To participate in the live auction just click the button below to get started with the mobile bidding application. **GOOD LUCK!**

If you would like more information please contact Barb Walstrom at (248) 250-2036 or blwalstrom@stjohnfenton.org

Fr. Harvey Legacy Society | ACORN WEALTH ADVISORS

ST. JOHN'S FR. HARVEY LEGACY SOCIETY INVITES YOU TO

WITH SPECIAL GUEST

Dinner & Discover

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
Vice President
Dimensional

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 column, Down to the Wire, appears regularly on Dimensional's client website.

Prior to joining Dimensional in 1995, Weston was director of research at JPL 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.

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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?

GENESIS

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

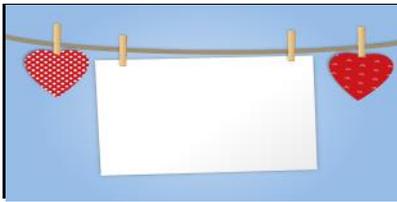
A two day Spiritual Retreat with no overnight stay
Includes witness testimonies, theme activities, sharing of Scripture, prayerful reflection time.

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
Marie: 810.813.2282
Please register by October 15th

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

stjohnfenton.org/women



ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Thank You:

- To the White and Butler families for donating books to the school library.
- To the Pagnani and Sterling families for donating science kits to our STEAM classroom.

Congratulations:



- To Mrs. Adams on the birth of her first grandchild, Ari James, who was born on Wednesday. Congratulations also to Ms. Adams who is a proud aunt.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN "Sunday School" is available during the 10 AM Mass beginning October 2nd! If you feel your young child would do better having fun with peers and learning about Jesus at their own level, rather than attending Mass, then you are more than welcome to sign them up. To register go to: [stjohnfenton/children](https://stjohnfenton.org/children) and the registration button is at the bottom of the page. Cost for the entire year is \$65 per child.

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SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

I realized that sometimes the best thing we can do for each other is talk honestly about being wrong.

-- NADIA BOLZ WEBER, PASTOR AND AUTHOR

TODAY'S #MICROCHALLENGE

SHARE WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED FROM A MISTAKE OR MISSTEP WITH SOMEONE ELSE TODAY.

FIGHT LIKE
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TEXT FIGHTLIKEHEAVEN
TO 84576

DIocese of Lansing

Staff Spotlight

In honor of the upcoming Pet Blessing on the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, we asked our staff to share about their family pets.



Ms. Wharff: Beauregard is my 3 year old labradoodle! He's always ready for a treat, a walk, or some snuggles. :)



Mrs. Salzano: This is Hank Salzano. He is the best boy and loves his mom and dad. He enjoys cuddling with bears

and toys, and getting lots of attention.

Mrs. Roberts: Rosie girl!! Our 3 year old Saint Bernard.



Ms. Bade: Winnie has the blue bandanna and he is 9! Izzy has the pink bow and she is 2!



Ms. Adams and Mrs. Adams: Juno is a 2-year old cream Bernedoodle. She has a sassy and stubborn side at times, but she makes up for it with her energetic, sweet, and loving personality. She brightens our day. :)

Ms. Kozara: I have two dogs, Waffle and Winston. Both of them are rescued from a shelter. They like taking long naps, going on walks, and getting dressed up for Halloween!



Mrs. Konett: We have two dogs, Violet and Teddy. Violet is a gentle giant (dane/mastiff) and Teddy is a very loyal rescue of unknown breed. We also have a horse named Louie.



Staff Spotlight

Mrs. Kromberg:

Rusty is my wonderful dog! He is a Sharpei Pug mix.



Mrs. Dawes. I have two kitties. Henry, my 11 month old miniature panther, and his sweet momma,



Mrs. Anderson: Mr. Purr, Bella, and Bentley



Mr. Tucker: My dog's name is Ahsoka. She's a German shepherd and rough collie cross, and will be 2 in January. She loves people, car rides, and walks, but people most of all.



Mrs. Haiss: We have a 10-year old cat and Hank, a yellow lab. The cat thinks she is queen of the castle and Hank needs a lot of Jesus!



Mrs. Farella: Our family pet was Moxie, an awesome miniature poodle. Now, Luna, a toy poodle, has become our grandpuppy!



Mrs. Roche: We have a bearded dragon named Marcus. He's clumsy and pretty chill. Our dog, Bonnie, is a golden retriever.



Mr. Schmit Max is our six year old Goldendoodle who thinks he runs the family.

