



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

Jet Gazette Newsletter

February 5, 2021

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Happy Snow Day,

We had a beautiful week celebrating our Catholic school capped off with a Friday Snow Day! I hope that our students are able to bundle up and enjoy the winter weather this weekend so they are ready for more learning adventures next week! We have had a great Catholic Schools Week, highlighted by our Day of Service, our first almost-All School Mass since last March, celebrated by Bishop Boyea, and the all school rosary. As I reflect upon the week and look forward to what is to come, it is amazing how far God has brought us but also that we are intensely planning things that are going to happen in March.

I'll try to keep this brief this week, since everyone more than likely is busy enjoying the weekend while not really wanting to hear from me. HA! Here's the rundown for the snow day after the 97th day:

- We will push our final day of Catholic Schools Week celebration to Thursday, February 11. Next Thursday, we will still have Soup-er Bowl collection and students can still wear the team apparel of their choice if they bring in a can of soup (or any canned item for that matter). We will provide the pizza lunch to the students, going with the same plan that was supposed to happen today.
- Reminder, we have a half day of school on February 12 and no school on February 15.
- The holy season of Lent is just around the corner. The school-only Ash Wednesday Mass will be at 10AM on February 17 in the Church. Our 2nd-8th Grade will attend in-person while one of our clergy will come over to the school to distribute ashes to our Preschool, Kindergarten and First Grades. During Lent, we will have two school-wide Stations of the Cross services along with learning about prayer, fasting and almsgiving in our homerooms.
- The parish will continue to provide for the celebration of Sunday Mass in the church, in the activity center, and in the parking lot for the foreseeable future. Mass times are 5 PM Saturday and Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM, 10 AM and 11:30 AM. Please join us.
- We will have a half day of school on March 4, allowing for afternoon and evening parent-teacher conferences. Unlike the fall, these conferences are by request only. Look for more information coming from your homeroom teachers regarding conferences.
- Friday, March 5 is now a NO SCHOOL day. The school and parish staff will be attending a Professional Development workshop that day.
- Finally, I want to celebrate an NWEA MAP Reading achievement for one of our third grade classes where nearly all students not only met their Winter 2021 growth goal, but reached high achievement status. Way to go, third graders!

Thank you for your continued patience, support and understanding as we navigate around all the obstacles being tossed our way to make in-person learning a reality during this memorable 2020-21 school year. You are all in my prayers. Have a blessed weekend.

God bless,

Andrew Schmit

PARENT CALENDAR



February

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| Wed | 10 | Count Day-see details below |
| Thurs | 11 | Souper Bowl Day and Student Appreciation Lunch |
| Fri | 12 | Half-Day for students-- 11:30 AM Dismissal |
| Fri | 12 | Valentine Spiritwear Day |
| Sun | 14 | Happy Valentine's Day |
| Mon | 15 | Presidents' Day-No School |

ATHLETICS UPDATE

We are anticipating that the plumbing issues in the Activity Center will be resolved in time for our clinics next week. However, we are asking all families to be prepared for clinics to be postponed in the event that the work is not able to be completed in time.

Basketball Clinic Info for Grades 3 and 4

- **Boys:** Our boys clinic for grades 3 and 4 will be held on Tuesdays from 6 PM to 7:20 PM. Please email Jamie Crawford (crawfordskibum@yahoo.com) to let him know your son will be attending.
- **Girls:** Our girls clinic for grades 3 and 4 will be held on Thursdays from 6 PM to 7 PM. Please email Chris Wise (chris@randywiseteam.com) to let him know your daughter is attending.

Other Clinic Info

- Boys Basketball is offered for boys in grades 5-8. Basketball clinics will be held on Mondays and Wednesday from 4:00 PM - 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

The deadline to submit your FACTS application for Tuition Assistance for the 2021-2022 school year is March 1, 2021. Application fee is \$35.

Please use this link: <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

REMINDER: The office will be **CLOSED DAILY** from 3:10-3:30 PM to allow office staff to assist with dismissal procedures. Phones will still be open (you may have to leave a message), but the office will be closed to **ALL** visitors (unless you have scheduled an appointment). 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 loop or Jets Club. Students may not wait by the office.



Rescheduled CSW Events

Due to today's snow day, we have rescheduled our Student Appreciation Lunch for next Thursday, February 11th. We will also have our Souper Bowl spiritwear day next Thursday. Students who bring a can of soup for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry may wear the team apparel of their choice.



Count Day Information

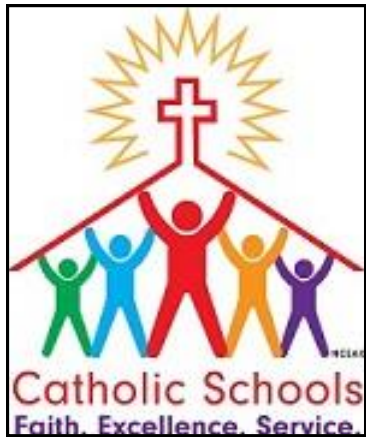
This Wednesday, February 10th, is Count Day. Students will be completing activities in PASS (1st-8th grades), Spanish (middle school), and Coding (3rd-5th grades) on Wednesday to fulfill the Oxford Virtual Academy requirement for count day. Further information regarding count day will be sent out on Monday.

COLD WEATHER REMINDER

Colder weather is upon us!! Please be sure students come to school everyday prepared to go outside. Our policy is to have outside recess everyday as long as temperatures are 10 degrees or above (factoring in the wind chill). Please be sure your children bring warm coats, hats, and gloves.



PLEASE BE SURE TO LABEL ALL ITEMS!



Take a peek of some of our Catholic Schools Week fun!



High School Registration Information for Incoming Freshmen

8th grade students who have not yet registered for Powers Catholic High School for next year, please contact Ms. Sunday at vsunday@powerscatholic.org.

8th grade students who are planning to attend Fenton High School, please read the registration information found in newsletter attached to this link: <https://www.smore.com/bdz1n>



**ST JOHN FENTON
PRESENTS**

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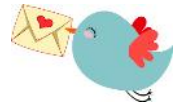


Annual Auction
Saturday, May 22, 2021 @ 5 PM
Join us for our Annual Auction to benefit St John Catholic School



See attachments for Sponsorship Information and Opportunities. There are lots of perks to sponsoring the SJS auction.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE



Thank You:

- To everyone who helped make Catholic Schools Week a success.
- Thank you to our families for the abundance of donations. We are able to help hundreds of people through our different service projects.
- To Father Robert and Father Ryan for giving your time to answer our student questions. We can't wait to make Episode 2.
- To Alan Day and Freeman Tucker for helping create our CSW videos.
- To everyone who prays for the success of our school and students.

Prayers:

- For Mrs. Forsleff who has health complications.

A GIFT FROM THE PARISH

Probably the most valuable education resource that our parish provides is available to everyone, and geared toward everyone - people of all ages. It's not a "kid's program" or "youth group" or a Bible Study. It is FORMED. The parish has purchased a parish subscription to FORMED, because we believe it is an extraordinarily valuable, trustworthy and accessible way for everyone in the parish to come closer to Jesus and His Church - and to become holier. FORMED offers much of the best Catholic content in one place. FORMED is a mission of the Augustine Institute, and as such we can trust the content to be true to authentic Catholic teaching. It is also quality content with first-rate speakers and production value. There are entertaining movies, enlightening programs, inspiring talks, educational courses, resources for Sunday Mass, fun and educational children's videos, and a great selection of popular ebooks—all you have to do is have a computer or a smart phone. Or - even ROKU or Apple TV. If you are not accessing FORMED you are really missing out. There is truly something for everyone. I have been enjoying the series on the Gospel of Mark - it is just what we need to get the most out of the Sunday readings. Signing up used to be more difficult - but now nothing could be easier! There are 3 easy steps for you to sign up on FORMED:

- Visit <http://signup.formed.org/>
- Enter our parish zip code 48430
- Enter your name and email

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.

Student Spotlight

What is your favorite thing about being a student in a Catholic School?



Noah Bilas (preschool): I like the centers, working, and religion.

Sadie Watterson (preschool): I like that Jesus is nice and I love him.

Blakelynn Badgley (preschool): Because I like all my nice friends!

Patrick Garbutt (preschool): I like learning about Jesus!

Jackson Mounger (Kindergarten): I like that there's lots of grades here.'

Maria Tirrell (Kindergarten): That we have so much fun at centers.

Britain Mounger (2nd grade): I like learning about the Bible during Bible study.

Derek Rheingans (2nd grade): I like that we get to go to church more with our friends.

Aubrey Hanna (2nd grade): I love learning about Jesus and doing fun projects.

Breonna Mulligan (3rd grade): My favorite part is getting the Eucharist as Mass.

Max Yakushenko (3rd grade): My favorite part about going to a Catholic School is learning about Jesus.

Fianna Doherty (4th grade): The religion aspect of it.

Dahlia Wentworth (4th grade): I get to learn about God and go to Mass every week.

Melanie Jensen (5th grade): I like going a Catholic school because I like learning about all the stories and interesting things about Jesus' life and my faith. I also like Catholic schools week.

Charlei Peabody (5th grade): My favorite thing about my Catholic schools is all the wonderful service projects and other things our school gets to do . We get to celebrate being a Catholic in many ways and learn about Jesus.

Sophia Sage (5th grade): I like going to a Catholic school and learning about Jesus, helping others in need, and wearing fun outfits during Catholic Schools Week. As we help those in need, God's grace is reflected upon our school.

Joey Pagnani (6th grade): Learning about God.

Elise Sage (6th grade): If you are having problems or issues with a friend or someone in school, the office staff and teachers try to help you. They don't just push you aside to make you handle it on your own.

Mary McPeake (6th grade): My favorite thing about being a student at a Catholic school is that I get the opportunity to learn about my Catholic faith on a daily basis.

Jaidynn Willey (6th grade): My favorite thing about being a student in a catholic school is learning about God/Jesus and how Jesus died for us. I also like learning about religion; our baptism and first communion.

Annie Warner (8th grade): My favorite part about being at a Catholic school is the friendly community and the love that I see every day. I love all the teachers and of course my friends.

Maryssa Safford (8th grade): My favorite part of going to a Catholic school is that I can practice my faith not just at home and church, but at school as well. I get to learn about my faith.