

## News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

I appreciate all who took time to recognize and show appreciation for this wonderful and amazing SJS Faculty and Staff. These dedicated professionals devote so much time and energy into taking care of and teaching our children. As a parent,, I am eternally grateful for the multitude of life lessons and experiences my girls have because of the love and commitment from their teachers. I am proud to be a member of St. John School because of them and am also proud to have the opportunity to lead them in this capacity. Blah blah blah enough of that sentimental stuff. Let's get to the rundown.

Kentucky Derby Weekend Rundown:

- **Fun Run:** Next week you will be receiving communication regarding the upcoming Fun Run that will be held on Friday, May 20. We have hired Booster to organize and execute this fun and exciting event that will help raise funds for our Upper Playground expansion along with going towards our athletic program. Approximately 50% of funds raised will go directly to support St. John School. You will have the opportunity to begin collecting pledges on May 11th for each of the laps your child runs on that day. Some of the grades will be paired together at specific times throughout the morning, culminating with a Color Fun Run for the Middle School. While the finishing touches are being put on the schedule of activities, I can say that the Knights of Columbus are going to be grilling a hotdog lunch, free for our students, staff and volunteers! Our homerooms will be having fun activities throughout the day in addition to partaking in the Fun Run. More information will be coming early next week.
- **Uniform:** We need to remember that Monday through Thursday students are to be in the SJS Dennis uniform. Fridays are Spirit Wear days. This means Spirit Wear top with a uniform bottom or jeans. Also, both boys and girls can wear shorts (uniform or jeans shorts for spirit days). Leggings are never to be worn, this includes preschool to 8th grade. When it comes to "out of uniform" days students can wear pretty much anything, except for leggings and crop tops. I haven't spent a lot of time on uniform expectations over the last year and half because of how much we were focused on covid protocols. However, we have been using the last several weeks of school to remind students regarding our uniform expectations.
- **Grandparents Mass:** We will be holding our annual Grandparents Mass on Wednesday, May 25th. So as to not confuse our current protocol during All School Mass I will withhold any further information regarding seating arrangements until we get closer to that special Mass. In the meantime, please mark your calendars.

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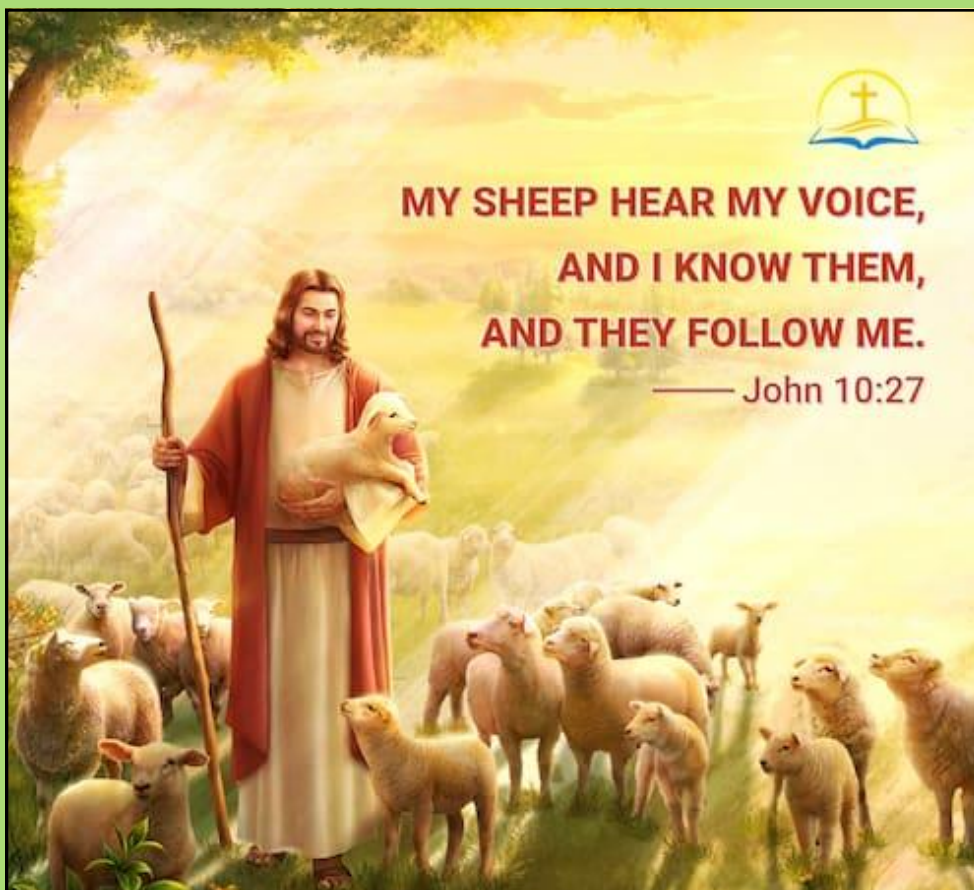
- Upcoming Youth Choir Masses: Our Youth Choir, now joined by several 3rd Graders, will be singing at the following Sunday Masses: May 15th at 11:30AM, May 29th at 11:30AM, and June 5th at 11:30AM. They will also be singing at the 8th Grade Graduation Mass on Wednesday, June 8.

I am having a difficult time this afternoon as I work to conclude my comments for this week's Jet Gazette because I have so much more to say. I could go the route of talking about how God called me to become a teacher. I could take the angle of how God called me to the vocation of Marriage since today is the 16th Anniversary of Amie and I declaring our love before God and His Church. I could also take a moment to talk about vocations and discernment since our school was visited on Wednesday by Fr. John Whitlock and Dawn Hausman who run the Vocations Office for the Diocese of Lansing. However, I don't need to spend my time going on and on and potentially boring you all any more than I already have due in part because all of these topics are related to our Gospel for this Sunday's Good Shepherd Sunday. "My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me." Let us pray that we can hear the voice of God and be open to following Him. Let us pray that our children will seek his voice and listen to His direction. God knows. Let's take a moment (or a few moments) and listen to HIM.

Happy Mothers Day to all mothers of our St. John School community.

God bless,

Andrew Schmit  
Principal



# Dates to Remember

## MAY

Fri	6	Yearbook Orders Due-See Below
Sat	7	"RUN FOR THE ROSES DERBY" St. John Education Foundation Annual Dinner
Thurs	12	Happy Birthday Ms. Judy!
Mon	16	PSA Volunteer Breakfast
Wed	18	All School Mass with special recognition of First Communicants
Fri	20	FUN RUN DAY!
Mon	23	Happy Birthday Ms. Werschky!
Tues	24	Happy Birthday Mrs. Minnick!
Wed	25	Happy Birthday Father Robert!
Wed	25	Grandparents Mass 8:20 AM
Fri	27	Half-Day 11:30 Dismissal
Mon	30	Memorial Day-No School


Its time to order your  
**YEARBOOK**

Type the following address into your web browser, or click direct link below  
**ospggo.com/1GMJ**  
\*Select your students name from the drop down menu

**ORDER DEADLINE:  
FRIDAY MAY 6**

Books will be delivered to St. John School at the end of May!

Use the URL above or  
scan this QR code  
to order



Questions about yearbooks: Call or text Emily at Signature Portraits 810-610-5439

## Exciting Changes for Youth Choir

Youth choir is now open for any third graders wishing to participate for the remainder of this school year! Rehearsals are on Mondays directly after school until 5 PM. If your child wants to participate, or you have any questions, please email Mr. Tucker at [freeman@stjohnfenton.org](mailto:freeman@stjohnfenton.org) before Monday.



**Someone you know will be the Big 5-Oh !**



Come Celebrate  
Fr. Robert's  
50th Birthday!  
Join us for Lunch  
(and Birthday Cake)  
Sunday, May 22,  
12:30p

To RSVP to Father Robert's birthday party, call the parish office or go to [stjohnfenton.org](http://stjohnfenton.org).

## FROM THE PSA



Calling all SJS volunteers!! Please join us for our St. John Volunteer Breakfast on May 16th. See attached flyer for details.

### Staff Appreciation

The PSA is working on their Staff Appreciation Week plan. If you are interested in helping to sponsor a meal for our staff, please use this [link](#). If you have any questions, please contact Krystal Payne at 248-602-1245.

## Athletics Update



The Girls Volleyball Skills Clinic will begin on Sunday, May 1st. Please see attached flyer for more details.

### Upcoming GCCS Track Meets

Mon 5/9 4:15 PM @ Davison MS

Thurs 5/12 @ White Pine MS

## GO JETS!!

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

From Annie Kitching

**I LOVE TO SEE THE CHILDREN** at Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays! This is a special offering for children that occurs *each* Sunday during this Mass. Our goal is to offer a form of the Liturgy of the Word (Readings and homily) that will be more meaningful for children. Children come to Mass and sit with you; after the Opening Prayer, Father Robert invites all school-aged children to join me in the Gospel Room. While the presentation is generally aimed at children from K-5th grade, the older children are a big help as they offer their insights and good example to the younger ones. Children return during the Presentation of Gifts (bringing forward their gifts for the grocery cart, if they have them) and then return to you for the remainder of the Mass.



Join us for  
**Grandparents Mass**  
**Wednesday, May 25**  
**8:20 AM**

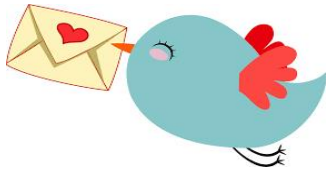


### Adoration Sign Up for Parents

Please consider joining us in our Prayer Room for Adoration. We must always have one person remain in the Prayer Room with Jesus as students enter and exit. If you are interested in coming to pray before the Blessed Sacrament, please sign up for a time using the links below.

[Prayer Room Sign Up for May and June](#)





# ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

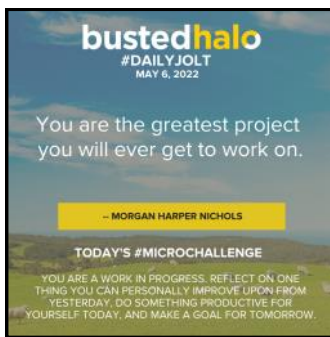
## Thank You:

- To everyone who blessed our staff with kindness on this Teacher Appreciation Week!
- To the Kelso, Ruddy, Sterling, Sage, and Reed families for the yummy breakfasts and lunches you provided this week.
- To Ms. Jennings and her tireless volunteers for another amazing Book Fair event.
- To the PSA for providing the ice cream for our Family Book Fair event!
- To Melanie McPeake for leading our Drama Club to a spectacular weekend on stage!



## Building Foundations of 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://www.stjohnfenton.org/bulletin.html>



# HAPPY *Mother's Day*

## Staff Spotlight

What is a good piece of advice your mother has given you?



**Mr. Forsleff**

My mom told me not to squint when I spoke. She also said that I was good at handling pressure and that she trusted me to make good decisions.



**Mrs. Roche**

Kill 'em with kindness, don't talk about people, and just wait it out.



**Ms. Bade**

My mom always tells me to be true to myself and love me for myself because that's how God made me.



**Mrs. Ratke**

The best advice my mom gave me is you can catch more flies with honey than vinegar.



**Mrs. Boyle**

"No matter where you go, there you are!" She is the best Grandma to my Natalie. She also makes the best spaghetti sauce.



**Ms. Wharff**

My mom has many, many words of wisdom which always seem to come at the perfect moment. The best advice: Pray!



**Mrs. Roberts**

Sparkle and Shine in all  
you think and do and say!!  
Be true to yourself!



**Mrs. Farella**

This too shall pass!!



**Mrs. Salerno**

She always said to  
"give 100% in all  
that you do and  
do it with a  
smile."



**Ms. Jennings**

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mom gave me is you  
can catch more flies  
with honey than  
vinegar.



**Mrs. Anderson**

"Smile and the world  
smiles with you!" My mom  
was nicknamed "smiley" so  
she instilled that into us!



**Mr. Schmit**

Pray often!



**Mrs. Cislo**

Many hands make light work.  
Be kind.



**Ms. Feazel**

"Life is too short  
to live with regrets.  
Be confident in  
your abilities and  
chase your dreams."

**Mrs. Whitney:** It wasn't really advice, but  
just how she lived. She always helped others,  
even when she was struggling. She showed  
the importance of love and taking care of  
one another.



**Mrs. Haiss**

Life is short. Don't  
wait to do the  
things you want to  
do.