



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,

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers reading this edition. You all obviously deserve more than a day of recognition for all you do to keep your families on the straight and narrow!

- Thank you to all the families who contributed to the meals and snacks for the teachers throughout the week.
- Thank you to all the teachers at SJS! You are an amazing group of dedicated professionals who constantly and consistently go above and beyond for our children.
- Second grade parents are invited to attend our school Mass on Monday, May 17 at 8:20 AM. Our second graders are allowed to wear their First Communion best to Mass that morning. Parents, the back pews will be reserved for all of you. Parents only, please.
- The PSA Auction is only two weeks away! Registration information to attend or bid online is on page 3.
- Bishop Boyea is lifting the Holy Day of Obligation dispensation on Pentecost weekend. Starting with Masses on May 22 and 23rd, St. John will no longer have seating restrictions in the Church. However, masks will still be required. St. John will continue to provide three spaces for worship (Church, Activity Center, Parking Lot) throughout the summer. Although the church itself will not have the seating restrictions, the Activity Center will still be arranged with social distancing measures in place. School masses for the remainder of the school year will remain the same with socially distanced seating and only students and teachers in attendance.
- When it comes to quarantine procedures, we continue to follow the Genesee County Health Department's guidelines. I do not randomly pick and choose. According to the guidelines, if a student is deemed a "close contact" of a covid positive student that student will need to be quarantined. The now quarantined student's family members are not required to quarantine because those family members were not directly in contact with the covid positive student from this scenario. IF the quarantined student begins to exhibit symptoms, then at this point is when the rest of the family will be required to quarantine.

As this year has unfolded, we have all had to adapt to the challenges presented to us by being in-person during a pandemic. The biggest challenge for us in the office is the daily tracking of attendance and symptoms. Any decisions that are made, especially when it comes to quarantines, are based on what is reported to us and these decisions are made after much discussion and thought. There have been times when a decision has been made and those affected directly by that decision were contacted immediately. After that, a more general piece of communication was sent out to the larger community. I know that there will be speculation and questions when general notifications are sent to parents. With all of this, I'm asking for people to trust the process. If you have any questions or concerns about the decisions being made or the communications going out, please feel free to call or email. I'm writing this to you because misinformation and speculation is rampant in our school community right now and that misinformation is spreading outside of our community. A friend of mine in a neighboring school district's central office messaged me this morning and asked if everything was ok because "St. John has a ton of covid cases and half the school is quarantined." Talk about a game of "telephone" gone bad.

All in all this has been a fantastic year. We have all had to adjust to the challenges presented and we continue to move forward. We only have five weeks left. We can do this!

God bless,

Andrew Schmit

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." John 15:12

PARENT CALENDAR

May

Sun	9	Happy Mother's Day!
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
Sun	23	Happy Birthday Ms. Werschky!
Mon	24	Happy Birthday Mrs. Minnick!
Tue	25	Happy Birthday Father Robert!
Mon	31	No School-Memorial Day



This is a friendly reminder that SJS is a nut free school. Please remember to check labels and refrain from sending lunch items and/or snacks that contain nuts or are manufactured in a facility that processes nut products. This policy applies to both the cafeteria and the classrooms. Please contact us if you have any questions.

A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord we pray for all **MOTHERS**
Beautiful and wonderful
they fill the earth
Gracious in Your call they
carry life
In a bond of love they bring
forth a child.

We ask You to bless all
MOTHERS today
May they feel the joys of motherhood
everyday
In all their struggles giving us a livelihood
May Your **LOVE** and **COMPASSION**
be with them for good.

May every **MOTHER** feel today
The pride and beauty of a family they bear
Through all pain and sorrow Lord
deliver them
In Your **STRENGTH** and **GRACE**
may they always stay.
AMEN!

Read Full Prayer at christiansmt.com

REMINDER

Part of our pandemic protocols indicates that there are to be no third party lunch deliveries to the school. This includes deliveries from places like Panera, Jimmy Johns, Door Dash, etc. We have seen an increase in this happening over the last couple of weeks. Parents are welcome to drop off lunches including those purchased at a restaurant, however we are asking you to please not have a third-party deliver to the school.

Additionally, if you are visiting the school to drop something off or pick up your student, please remember to stop between the sets of doors in the lobby and wait for an office staff member to help you.



It's time to buy your 2020-2021 St. John Yearbook. The cost is \$15 and orders must be placed by May 7th. Use the following link to order:

<https://signatureportrait.orderschoolpix.com/43503/>

If you have multiple children, and need to order more than one book, you can submit separate orders (if you do this, you will need to enter your payment information separately each time) or you can just order multiple books under the same student name, and all the books will be sent home with that student. If you would rather not submit an online order, please call the Signature Portrait studio at 810-610-5439 and they will take your order over the phone.

Directions: You will NOT need to enter a password. Simply search for your student by name. You can type either their first or last name and you will see student names pop up. If you have multiple students please submit separate orders for each child. If you do not see your student's name, choose "New Person" and add their information during check out.

You DO NOT need to send the printed receipt to school. We will already have a record of your payment!

Auction 2021: Cheeseburger in Paradise is TWO WEEKS AWAY!!!!

Purchase tickets on our website to our in-person event: <https://sjpsa.ejoinme.org/2021>

You may also purchase raffle tickets. SPREAD THE WORD!: <https://sjpsa.ejoinme.org/2021>

If you need additional raffle tickets or \$100 TUITION RAFFLE tickets, they are available in the office. Please return all completed ticket stubs with payment to the office by Friday, May 21st. (Cash or check payable to St John PSA).

- The student who sells the most \$15 raffle tickets will win an OUT OF UNIFORM day!!
- The CLASS who sells the most \$15 raffle tickets will win a PIZZA PARTY!!
- The student who sells the most \$100 TUITION RAFFLE tickets will win an Uncle Ray's prize basket!!

On Friday, 5/14 we will host a DRIVE THRU raffle ticket ROUND UP in AM and PM loop lines. As a convenience, you may drop off your completed raffle tickets with payment. You may also purchase additional \$15 raffle tickets or \$100 tuition raffle tickets (Cash or check payable to St John PSA). If you would like to volunteer to help with loop line raffle tickets sales, please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054CAFAD28ABF94-loop> or text Kelli Doherty with any questions: 810.513.5505.

ALL participants (in-person or otherwise) have the ability to access the ONLINE BIDDING SITE for all available items. We still anticipate an in-person event on May 22nd, but you don't need to be present to BID on the auction items. Bidding is anticipated to begin MONDAY, MAY 17TH. STAY TUNED for registration details. **YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO BID!!**

THANK YOU for your continued support of St. John School!!





"Take it all in... it's as big as it seems. Count all your blessings. Remember your dreams." Jimmy Buffett

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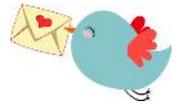
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ON A PERSONAL NOTE



Thank you:

- To everyone who made our staff feel so appreciated this week. There were so many kind gestures and notes...and so much food that no one could've left hungry.
- To Jessica Moore for bringing a little piece of the farm to SJS. Our students loved to watch the eggs hatch into little baby chicks.

Prayers:

- For Mrs. Forsleff who has health complications.



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

Share a favorite memory of your mom.



Mr. Forsleff: My mom was a warm, loving mom who taught be how to play the violin and read me 1,000 stories. :)

Mrs. Salzano: My favorite memory with my mom is going to the new Kmart in town (in the early 90s) and getting a slice of Little Caesar's pizza to share while we shopped!

Mrs. Ratke: Singing oldies in the car with her and dressing up as Mrs. Potts and I was Chip in the Fantasy of Lights Parade when I was little.

Ms. Jacoby: Throughout elementary, middle, and high school, my mother would always read a chapter book to my siblings and me in the afternoon. I really enjoyed spending that time with her, especially because she is a great narrator.

Mrs. Davidson: My mom was my best friend. The memories are too numerous, but if I close my eyes I can see and hear her cooking and trying to feed anyone that came through our front door. She loved listening to Ernie Harwell broadcast the Tigers game, while sitting in her corner of the couching, drinking her nighttime whiskey and water! And most of all, she was a sweet, talkative lady that loved everyone!

Mr. Schmit: One of my favorite memories of my mom is when she would get out her accordion, which pretty much as big as her, and play polka tunes for us. Even to this day, Mom can still play a mean "Roll Out the Barrel."

Mrs. Wright: There are so many wonderful memories of my mom that are dear to my heart. One thing about my mom that speaks a lot about who she was is her selfless care of others as she raised 5 kids, cared for 20 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren, and was instrumental in the development of St. Vincent de Paul food pantry of St. Mary in Charlotte, MI along with feeding others at weekly community dinners and mobile meals. She was such a great role model and loved very dearly. Happy Mother's Day, Mom.

Mrs. Anderson: My favorite memory of my mom is of when I was very young. She would always let me help with baking. We would bake cookies, cakes and pies....especially during the holidays. I always loved it when my mom would set aside some of the batter for cakes and allowed me to make my own mini cake (larger than a cup cake). I have mainly taken over the baking now but sometimes we get together and make special baked goods at Christmas time.

Ms. Bade: Spa days and girl trips!

Mrs. Roberts: I used to LOVE spending my Saturdays with my mom, no matter what was on our agenda for the day!!!

Mrs. Whitney: She ALWAYS had time for me.

Mrs. Boyle: My mom was able to be there for the birth of Natalie, born 2 years ago Monday. It was one of MANY special memories I have of my mom. I'm eternally grateful for her love, support, and guidance.

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Ms. Adams: Happy Mother's Day weekend to all the mothers out there! I wanted to do an appreciation post for my mom. My mom carted me around to every single one of my activities when I was a kid, and I was involved in a lot! She took me from soccer practice straight to dance recital rehearsals. I specifically remember the late night dance classes on Monday nights that went until well after 9pm and Delilah Cars 108 would be on the radio while my mom was driving home and I'd sleep in the car. Moms sacrifice so much for their children and family. I appreciate you and love you, Mom (Mrs. Adams)!

Mr. Garbutt: My mom was great at always greeting me with a smile and a hug after every hockey game: win or lose.

Mr. Willard: I'm the oldest of four boys, and my mom was fiercely proud of us. We all played tackle football and I can still hear the sound of her cheering loudly for us from the stands. She was our biggest fan, to be sure.

Mrs. Haiss: One of my favorite things about my mom is the way she laughs when she thinks something is REALLY funny. She only does it once in a while and it is such a unique, indescribable sound. It leaves everyone in the room laughing until tears run down their cheeks. It's one of those things that we tell people about and they don't believe it until they experience it for themselves. It is THE best!

Mrs. Adams: I remember my mom giving me advice, and listening to her, but not always following what she advised. In the end, I learned I should have followed what she said, she was right!

Ms. Wharff: One of my favorite memories of my mom is when my brother and I were little, sitting in her lap while she read to us in the evening. I still remember rifling through our books to pick out 2 that I wanted to read together, while my brother got to pick his 2. The three of us would snuggle in and enjoy stories before we went to bed. Cherished memories for sure!

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The People
Who Know Us
The Best And
Love Us The
Most



Best Mom Ever