

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

Whew. This was a long week filled with the completion of our third NWEA testing window, the start-up of Fun Run, several field trips, an All Principals' Meeting at the Diocese for yours truly, a middle school kickball tournament on top of the day to day classroom instruction. We have had a whirlwind of activities so let's jump to the rundown.

2nd Friday of May Rundown:

- 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.
- Book Fair Recap: THANK YOU to Ms. Jennings for organizing and running last week's Book Fair. The Fair grossed over \$10,000 with roughly \$5,000 coming back to the school to help with the purchasing of books for the library and classrooms. Also, Ms. Jennings was proud that students donated \$100 in change to help purchase books for Whaley's Children Center. Thank you to Ms. Jennings, Mrs. Wright, and the parent volunteers who helped out each day.
- Run for the Roses Foundation Dinner: I want to take a moment to thank Barb Walstrom and her team for everything they did to help make last Saturday's Run for the Roses Derby Dinner a success. Thank you to Barb's staff of Marha Koenigsknecht and Rachel Peabody along with the Foundation's Board members for helping to create a memorable event and a good time for all who attended. Well done, Barb and team.
- 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.
- Fun Run: As your inboxes can confirm, we are very much into the Fun Run with only one week until the actual run. Boosterthon representatives (Ryan, Danielle, and Kelly) will continue with their presence in and around school until the completion of the event on Friday afternoon. They have been planning, organizing and executing this 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 with a goal of \$20,000. As of Friday morning we have already raised nearly \$7,000. While the finishing touches are being put on the schedule of activities for next Friday, I can say that the Fun Run runs will begin at around 9AM for the Pre-School, Kindergarten and 1st grade. The 2nd-5th grade will run starting at 10:05 and the Middle School Color Run will begin at 11:10. Come out and support the students of SJS next Friday! The Knights of Columbus are going to be grilling a hot dog lunch, free for our students, staff and volunteers! Also, a special Uncle Ray's Dairyland dessert will be provided for all. Our homerooms will be having fun activities throughout the day in addition to partaking in the Fun Run.

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As we are hitting the final strides for this particular school year (only 18 more days left) I feel our school community needs to be reminded of how much God loves us and how we are called to love one another. I have been having more and more conversations with students over the last couple of weeks regarding this topic so the Gospel passage that will be read at this Sunday's Mass is very appropriate. "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34) It's amazing how these words seem simple enough but are so difficult to follow. Think about Christ's command to us. Pray about it. Talk about it with your children.

Back in August I started this school year asking us to remember the passage from 1 John 4: 11, "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another." This is not a coincidence that we are being reminded of our call to love one another during Mass this weekend. If we work on this and live it out, people will be able to come to know Christ through how we treat one another, because that is what we are called to do especially because we are first and foremost a Catholic school. This message has me thinking (which is a dangerous activity for me). Our school families put a lot of time and energy into all kinds of wonderful and beautiful pursuits. I know mine does. We are a softball family and spend a lot of time on the diamond which seems like almost every night right now. In fact, I was talking with the other team's coach last night after my daughter's softball game and he told me about all the hours his own daughter dedicated over the winter to learn how to pitch. Let me tell you, it showed. That girl threw gas! I could go on and on about softball/ baseball so I'll stop. Yet, my point is if we had our children dedicate even a fraction of that time and energy into the pursuit of being holy, or loving one another, or living out our Baptismal calling we would be a vastly different community. Let us pray that we allow our hearts to be challenged and transformed so that we can better love one another as Christ loved us!

God bless and have a great weekend,

Andrew Schmit



Dates to Remember

MAY

Mon	16	PSA Volunteer Breakfast
Wed	18	All School Mass with special recognition of First Communicants
Fri	20	FUN RUN DAY!
Sun	22	Fr. Robert's Birthday Party-12:30 PM-RSVP required
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

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Please continue to follow our daily Fun Run updates and promote our event with family and friends. Thank you for continuing to support SJS!



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.

Log Your Volunteer Hours

Please remember to log your volunteer hours before the end of the school year. Go to our school website and click on the "Good Stewards" tab. Then, you can click on "Submit Parent Volunteer Hours." If you have questions, about how to log hours, please contact the office.

Eighteen volunteer hours are required per family. If you only have a preschool student, only 10 hours are required per family. Families with unfulfilled volunteer hours will be charged \$10 per hour.

HELP WANTED

We are already looking ahead to the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested in helping out with our morning or afternoon loop OR being a lunch supervisor, please email Mrs. Anderson at danderson@sjseducation.com. Supervisors can earn tuition credit or volunteer hours. You can work once a week or multiple days per week. We are willing to work around your schedule. We are looking to fill several open spots.



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 continue on Sunday.

Upcoming GCCS Track Meets

Mon 5/23 4:15 PM @ Davison MS

5/6th Grade Softball

Wed 5/18 vs. Holy Family 4:30 PM @ Bicentennial Park

5/6th Grade Baseball

Fri 5/13 vs. Holy Family 5:00 PM @ Bicentennial Park

GO JETS!!



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

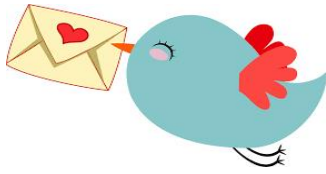


Adoration Sign Up for Parents

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 has participated in our Fun Run fundraiser so far by registering your child!
- To Jessica Moore who has been helping enhance our 4th graders' classroom experience by teaching them the process of incubation and egg hatching.
- To the 8th grade parents and local businesses who helped with our 8th grade Road Rally this afternoon.
- To Mrs. Barb Walstrom and the St. John Education Foundation for a fun night at "Run for the Roses" Kentucky Derby Dinner.

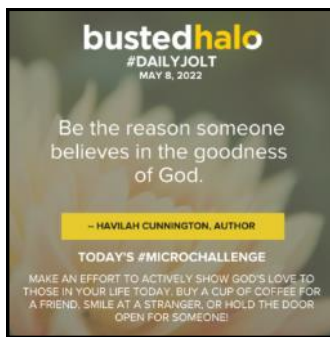


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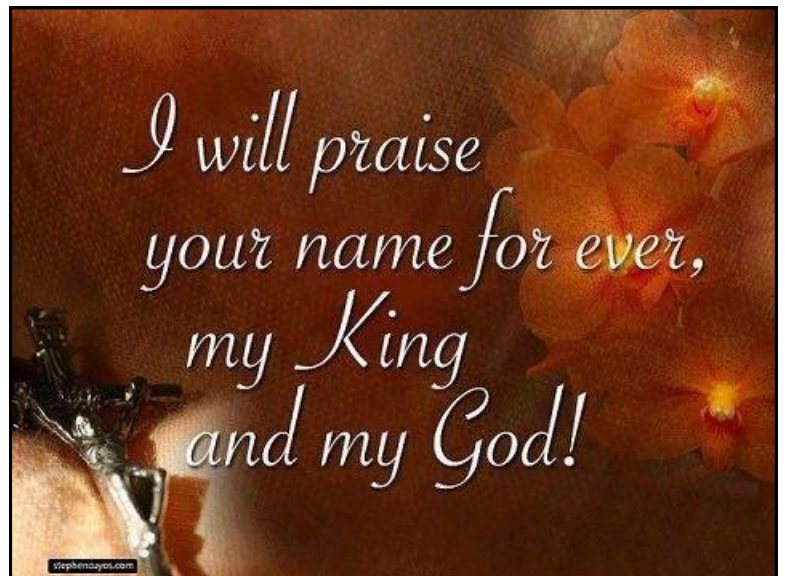
- For Kenneth Kennedy, Mrs. Anderson's father and Sam Anderson's grandfather, who is ill.

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://>





Staff Spotlight

Mrs. Farella

5th Grade

How long have you worked at St. John? 18 years

What is your alma mater? University of Michigan

What is your favorite thing about working in a Catholic school? Sharing our faith with the kids and praying together.

Tell us about your family: My husband, Mike, and I have a daughter, Christina, and a son, Nick.

Do you have any pets? Not anymore.

What are your favorite hobbies? Biking, hiking, and sailing

What are your favorite foods? Anything Italian!

What is one thing you will NOT eat? Raw fish!

If I could go anywhere on vacation, it would be: Back to Italy!

What is one of your favorite topics to do in 5th grade? Math, Reading, Writing, and Religion

What is your favorite season and why? Spring, summer, and fall

What is something you're looking forward to this summer? Enjoying all the summer activities and trips up north!

This or that?

Coffee or Tea

Tulips or Daffodils

Hot Dogs or Hamburgers

Puzzles or Board Games

Beach or Mountains