



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

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News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

Half of the school year is in the books! I have a lot to say within the rundown so let's jump to it!

A January in Friday of a long weekend rundown:

- Current Family Re-Registration for next school year continues. 55% of our current students are already re-registered. If you haven't re-registered for next school year please do so by Sunday, January 15 to receive the half-off registration promotion. Here is a link to the registration form: <https://forms.gle/epXhC9dgud1cHhHK6>
- Tuition: Today's economic realities have forced us to once again raise tuition. The 2023-24 school year increase of 5% will help us adjust to the rising cost of insurance as well as cost of living. The drivers to a budget, whether we like it or not, are wages and benefits. Annually, nearly 85% of our budget is allocated to pay employees. The parish continues to subsidize tuition, as well as work with families in need in order to make Catholic education at St. John School is as affordable as possible.
- Tuition Assistance: The Diocesan deadline for Tuition Assistance is March 1. Tuition assistance is only available for Kindergarten through 12th Grade students. Application information is on Page 4.
- New Family Open House: If you have friends, neighbors, family members, co-workers who have been asking you about St. John School, invite them to attend our Open House on Thursday, February 2 from 5pm to 7pm. More information will be coming soon! Our Open Enrollment Period for new family registration opens on Thursday, February 2.
- Catholic Schools Week: Our annual Catholic Schools week begins on January 29. Our Catholic Schools Week committee has some fun activities planned for us throughout the week. More information will be sent next Friday. I do have one request right now: if there are any Dads who are Knights of Columbus members, we need volunteers to help with the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast for students and staff on Tuesday, January 31. Please email me if you are interested in helping us out that morning.
- Middle School Midterms: Our middle school students experienced the rigors of midterms as we brought back the semester tests for the first time in many years.
- NWEA TESTING WINDOW: Our winter NWEA MAP testing window opens next week.

- **Boots and Buckles Auction:** Now that we have moved into January we will be shifting our focus to the 2023 Auction. Last year the Auction netted us nearly \$185,000. If you look around the school, those funds helped us upgrade and add to our security camera system, purchase materials for classrooms, take out the mess of shrubbery behind the school, purchase chromebooks, replace some doors and windows, and do some necessary infrastructure maintenance within the school. There are so many opportunities to help as we are only 3 weeks away from the February 4th event. More information about our upcoming Auction can be found on page 5 of this week's Jet Gazette, in particular regarding raffle tickets, the tuition raffle, and day of event ticket sales. The PSA is also making a last call for sponsorships. See page 3 for information. Yeehaw!
- **Food Service:** Please be sure to check your child's account to make sure that it is in good standing.
- **Parking Lot:** Parents and staff members, please drive SLOWLY and follow the correct traffic patterns while driving through our parking lot, especially in the morning. We have had a couple of close calls since returning from Christmas break. If you are going to be entering the drop off lane, please use the second lane that runs directly in front of the Activity Center. If you are going to be driving through to park, please use the first lane that runs directly behind the Church.
- **Join us for Mass this weekend:** Our Mass times are 5pm on Saturday (Our Youth Choir will be singing), and 8:30, 10, and 11:30 on Sunday.
- **Principals for a Day:** Hello! This is Principal Lena McFarlane and Principal Julia McFarlane. Tuesday is an out of uniform day for the entire school. We love St. John School!

Are you still with me after all of that? Wow. That escalated quickly. Normally I end these articles with a reflection on the Sunday Mass scripture passages, or from something I've been reading and studying. However, I'm not going to lie, I'm tapped out this week. Besides, only like five people read this thing so...Hahaha. Let's take a moment to pray for the members of our school community that we will all find peace and joy in the love of Christ. Pray also that we all can be models of faith and love for our children.

Have a great weekend!

Andrew Schmit
Principal

Dates to Remember

JANUARY

Fri	13	End of 2nd Quarter
Sat	14	Happy Birthday Mrs. Roberts!
Sun	15	Happy Birthday Mr. Schmit!
Mon	16	Records Day-No School for students
Tues	17	Out of Uniform Day
Fri	20	2nd Quarter Report Cards Available Online
Sat	21	Daddy Daughter Dance
Sun	22	Mother Son Bowling Event
Tues	24	Protecting Young Eyes presentation at Powers 6:30 PM-8:00 PM
Sun	29	Catholic Schools Week begins

FEBRUARY

Thurs	2	Catholic Schools Week New Family Open House
Sat	4	PSA Boots and Buckles Auction-Buy your tickets now!
Mon	13	NO SCHOOL-Applefest Raffle Incentive Reward

LAST CALL for Auction Sponsors!!

From PSA President Michelle Pagnani

I hope this post finds you well. I am writing to remind you that our school auction is fast approaching and there is still time to become a sponsor. Your support is vital in making this event a success and helping to raise funds for our school.

As a sponsor, your business will be featured in our auction program and on our website, as well as being acknowledged during and after the event. We have several sponsorship levels available, starting at \$500 with increasing levels of recognition and benefits.

We are expecting a large attendance at the event and your sponsorship will provide a great opportunity for you to reach out to our community and showcase your business.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to become a sponsor. I would be happy to provide you with more information or discuss the sponsorship levels in more detail.

Thank you for your consideration and we hope to see you at the auction .

Protecting Young Eyes presents

“The Digital Culture of Kids: Building a Framework of Trust”

Open to all GCCS School Families Grades K-12

January 24th from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Powers High School Auditorium

Click [here](#) to register.

Technology can do so much good in the world. But if not used well, it can also do so much harm. Never before in human history have young people had the ability to so radically change the trajectory of each other's lives so quickly.

After 7+ years, over 1500 presentations, testifying in front of Congress, and countless conversations with parents, students, educators, and officers, PYE has discovered that parental controls alone don't work and instead, there are 5 traits that often determine digital success in many families. We call these 5 traits the Digital Trust Framework. What is Digital Trust? Do you have it? How does it apply to conversation about social media? Pornography? YouTube? TikTok? Our fast-paced talk will use stories, simple examples, and quick tips that will give your family immediate actions.

Our desired outcome include:

- Knowing the benefits of creating digital trust.
- Greater confidence leading your family in the digital age.
- Awareness of the hardware and software tools that support your digital goals.

Reminders about Missing School

- Please be sure to call or email the office if your child is going to be absent. If your child is absent more than one day, please notify us each day unless you have given us advance notice that he or she will be out for multiple days.
- Due to our increasing enrollment (a good thing!), we will be adopting new protocol in regards to absent homework. Teachers will provide homework upon request for parent pickup only if a student has been absent for **more than one day**. If a student is only absent one day, he or she can get absent work on the day of their return.

Catholic Schools Week

January 29th-February 4th

On January 30th, our students and staff will be participating in our annual Day of Service for Catholic Charities in Flint. To make this event successful, we are in need of donations. Please consider donating the following items:

- Toiletries-especially lip balm, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, and travel-size hand lotion
- New or gently used, clean socks (even those with no match)
- New or gently used, clean gloves (even those with no match)
- Fleece (2 pieces of 1 1/2 yards needed per blanket)
- Bags of individually wrapped candy (fun-size candy)
- Liquid Dish Soap
- Diapers in sizes 5 and 6

Stay tuned for more information regarding the daily activities during Catholic Schools Week.



IMPORTANT INFO!!

Calendar Change

The following days have been added to our calendar as NO SCHOOL days. Please mark your calendars.

Monday, February 13

Monday, April 24

2023-2024 Tuition Assistance

The window to apply for tuition assistance for the 2023-2024 school year is now open. **Applications are due by March 1, 2023** if you would like to be considered for grants from the Diocese of Lansing.

Both the St. John Scholarship Fund and the Diocese of Lansing Scholarship Program are need-based assistance programs. Need is determined by an independent, third party service, FACTS Management, which makes its assessment based on income and tax information. The application is only available online and requires a \$35 application fee. Families applying only need to fill out one application for consideration for both St. John and Diocese of Lansing assistance. You do not need to fill out an application for each child. **You must fill out this application to be considered for any form of tuition assistance from the St. John School Scholarship Fund or from the Diocese of Lansing Scholarship Program.** A link to the application is provided at the end of this email.

Grant Criteria eligibility for all grants:

Families must complete a FACTS financial aid application online **on or before March 1, 2023 to be considered for any of the Diocese of Lansing grants.** You may still apply for assistance from the St. John Scholarship Fund after this date.

Student must show a financial need of at least \$750.00.

The student must be Catholic, attend a Diocese of Lansing school, and belong to a parish in the Diocese of Lansing.

Please note that tuition assistance is only available for students in grades K-12. Preschool students are not eligible for tuition assistance.

Diocese of Lansing Grant:

Grades K-8 \$750 per student

Grades 9-12 \$1000 per student

Once the FACTS online form has been completed, the following information will need to be submitted to FACTS:

- Copies of your most recent Federal tax forms including all supporting tax schedules and W2's.
- Copies of supporting documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF.
- Copies of Federal Tax Forms from 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 (for business owners)
All supporting documentation must be uploaded online through the FACTS online form.

The link for the application is : <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>

Who doesn't love ARBY'S!!! They bring more than BEEF! Thank you so much to the Crawford families for always coming through for us at St. John School! We love you more than a tasty Jamocha Shake!! Our first Silver Bullet Sponsor goes to you!!! Thank you for making this year's auction possible! We truly couldn't do it without supporters like you!



We have another wonderful sponsor to announce!!! Thank you to the Widder family for being our Horseshoe Sponsor!!! Families like the Widders make St. John the Evangelist Catholic School a better place to be with their coaching skills, friendships and positivity!! Thank you for your continued support!



The Pros are here! Thank you so much to the Gibson family and Pro-Tech Machine for your amazing Horseshoe sponsorship!!! We are truly blessed with families, extended families and our overall community! Thank you Thank you Thank you!!! <https://protechmachine.net/>



Cheers to Sharp Funeral Homes for being a horseshoe Sponsor!!! You are always there for the community and for our school when we need it the most! Thank you for your support and kindness each and every year! Thank you to the Sharp family for your generosity. <https://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com/>



ST. JOHN SCHOOL PRESENTS

BOOTS & BUCKLES

SCAN FOR AUCTION INFO!

- **DONATE** - WHAT AND HOW
- **SPONSORSHIPS** - HIGHLIGHT YOUR BUSINESS OR FAMILY SUPPORT
- **TICKETS** - RESERVE YOUR TICKETS OR PURCHASE A TABLE FOR YOU AND FRIENDS
- **EVENT DETAILS** - BASKETS AND LIVE AUCTION ITEMS POSTED WEEKLY

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Click [here](#) to buy your tickets to attend the auction.

Auction Raffle Tickets will be coming home on Monday!

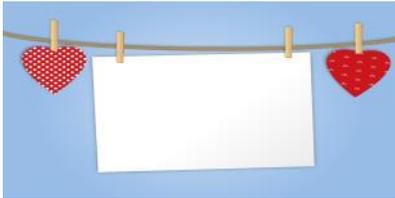
Thank you to Perani's Hockey World and the Ward family for being a HOWDY PARTNER Sponsor! Thank you for helping us achieve our GOALS!!! We are so grateful for your friendship and generosity this Auction Season and Beyond! <https://www.hockeyworld.com/>



ATHLETICS



- Open Gym returns on Sunday, January 15th.
- Practices for Boys Basketball have started. Game schedules will be released soon. Plan to come cheer on the Jets during basketball season!
- Jr. Jets Basketball will start in February.



ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Prayers:

- For Chloe, Bella, and Bailey Moore whose great-grandfather, Dominic Guadagni, passed away yesterday.

If you have any prayer requests you would like in the Jet Gazette, please email Mrs. Haiss.





Staff Spotlight

January is National Hobby Month. What are some of your favorite hobbies?



Mrs. Kromberg: Reading of course!

Ms. Adams: Crafting and going on hikes! I enjoy making homemade cards and other artwork with my Cricut and going on hikes with my dog, Juno.

Mrs. Farella: Some of my favorite hobbies are hiking, biking, and gardening.

Ms. Wharff: I have a lot of hobbies! I love to craft and create, refinish furniture, play violin, read, and go treasure hunting at antique shops!

Mrs. Trollman: I enjoy reading, knitting, boating on our lake, and spending time with my family.

Mrs. Roche: Reading, spending time with my family, and walking my dog top my list!

Mr. Garbutt: My favorite hobby is playing golf.

Mrs. Dawes: My favorite hobbies are reading, watching the birds and squirrels, and walking/hiking.

Mrs. Minnick: Reading true life novels.

Mrs. Adams: My two favorite hobbies are reading books and walking for exercise with my dog.

Mrs. Bragg: I love camping with my family, reading books, and cooking!

Mrs. Anderson: I love to crochet first and foremost, but I love crafting in general! My sister-in-law and I started a craft business and we attend multiple craft shows throughout the year.

Mrs. Wright: I enjoy reading, walking and hiking, playing the piano, crossword puzzles, and jigsaw puzzles.

Mr. Marion: Playing music (saxophone/guitar), travel, and ice hockey.

Mrs. Haiss: I love to read and I also love to cook, especially trying new recipes. There never seems to be enough time!

Mrs. Holbrook: Walking with friends in my neighborhood and playing games with my family.

Mrs. Williams: I love to read, write, and do a bit of running!

Mrs. Salzano: I like watercolor greeting cards, knitting different fun items, and working on my handwriting.

Mr. Tucker: Crocheting and baking.

