



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,

I hope your children have enjoyed the two days off from school this week. I felt like we have really hit our stride here in the school year but taking off two days for professional development has given our teaching staff an opportunity to pause, take a deep breath to learn, reflect, and receive blessings from God.

All of the Catholic schools of the Diocese took Thursday and Friday to accomplish some Professional Development because we were all scheduled to attend the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools annual conference, which was obviously canceled. I made the decision to tackle some of our ongoing catechetical training. On Thursday, the school staff along with several members of the parish staff attended the Kerygma Encounter (Kerygma refers to the initial proclamation of the Gospel by the Apostles), put on by representatives of the Diocese. This retreat was a dual purpose retreat; we were able to encounter Christ through reflection on the scriptures, opportunities for personal prayer, and in Adoration while learning how to present the Gospel to our students. On Friday, we participated in a virtual Theology of the Body professional development with every school within the Diocese of Lansing. Our teachers continue to do amazing things with all their day to day duties, while keeping their State of Michigan certifications up-to-date all while fulfilling Diocesan requirements. We are blessed to have these wonderful educators working daily with our students!

Here is my rundown for the end of Week 8:

- The end of the first quarter is fast approaching. The first marking period ends on October 30.
- On October 30 students can dress up for Halloween. We will have our class parties on this day. At the end of the day (11:30 dismissal), ALL STUDENTS will be picked up in UPPER LOOP and cars will proceed through the drive in front of the school where volunteers will be passing out candy to our families. I know this is an adjustment to how we have been handling our pick-up procedures but this "costume parade" is a simple way we can still have a "community celebration" at this time.
- Parent Teacher Conferences will be held over Zoom on November 12 (Half Day of School). More information to follow.
- Since we didn't have students in the building the last two days, work was able to resume with the ongoing second floor HVAC upgrade. Also, more preliminary work was done to get several more bottle filling stations installed.
- Please remain vigilant with health protocols. The GCHD sent out communication asking for all of us to do our part to help prevent the spread now that we are seeing an uptick in positive COVID cases across the state, in particular in Genesee County.

Have a great weekend. Continue lifting our school community up in prayer, praying that we all can truly know and experience God's deep and profound love for us.

God bless,
Andrew Schmit

PARENT CALENDAR



October

Wed	21	Happy Birthday Mrs. Whitney!
Sat	24	Happy Birthday Mr. Willard!
Sun	25	Happy Birthday Mrs. Salerno!
Fri	30	Half-Day for Students-11:30 AM Dismissal— upper loop only

November

Tues	3	No School-Records Day
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K of C Fundraiser

Next weekend, the Knights of Columbus is pairing up with Panera for a fundraiser. A portion of all proceeds will be given back to our local Knights of Columbus council. Purchases made on October 16-18 between 4 PM and 8 PM each day will be counted. See attached flyer for details.



HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS

Due to our Phase 4 protocols, we will not be having our traditional Halloween festivities. We will still be celebrating, it will just look a little different this year.

On Friday, October 30th, each classroom (preschool to 8th grade) will be having a scaled down version of a Halloween party. We will not have parent volunteers in the classrooms, but teachers will reach out to homeroom parents to help coordinate items the class might need.



Since this is a half-day of school, students may arrive to school in costume. Face coverings will still be required along with their costume. Costumes should be life-affirming and non-violent. The following items should not be sent to school: toy weapons, face paint, or cans of spray hair dye.

Due to our Safe Food Policy, please do not send in any homemade baked goods or other foods prepared at home such as chocolate covered fruits, pretzels, etc. Teachers and /or homeroom parents will communicate what items are needed and approved for classrooms.



IMPORTANT DISMISSAL INFORMATION FOR OCTOBER 30

All students will be dismissed in the Upper Loop on October 30th (half-day 11:30 dismissal). We will be wishing our students HAPPY HALLOWEEN and passing out goodies as families exit the loop. If you would like to donate candy for the goodie bags, please send your donation into the office no later than next Friday, October 23rd.

SPORTS CLINIC UPDATES

Football: Our football sports clinic will meet from 4:30 PM to 6 PM on **Monday only** next week due to instructor availability.



Volleyball: **Wednesday, Oct. 21** 5-7 PM for grades 5-8

Monday, Oct. 26 Grades 5-6 attend 5-6:30PM/ Grades 7-8 attend 5-7PM

Wednesday, Oct. 28 Grades 5-6 attend 5-6:30PM/ Grades 7-8 attend 5-7PM

Please note: Parents need to sign a permission slip at drop off if you did not sign one at the first session. Parents are not allowed to remain in the gym for safety reasons and to maintain social distancing. Please remain in cars during pick up time as well.

SCRIP PROGRAM



Are you taking advantage of the SCRIP program to earn tuition credits? If not, you definitely should be. With the holidays quickly approaching, now is a perfect time to start.

The SCRIP program allows families to earn rebates by purchasing gift cards to shop at a variety of businesses that we frequent on a daily basis (gas, grocery, restaurants, and retail). Families purchase gift cards at face value and the PSA Scrip Coordinator tracks purchases and rebates. Tuition credits accumulate (you can track this in your scrip account) and the office will apply them to your tuition account twice per year.

To get started, you need to create an account at shopwithscrip.com. Our school code is LE548F286872. You can explore the different retailers and gift cards available on the website. Please note that every retailer offers different rebates, different denominations, and some also offer e-gift cards in addition to the physical gift cards. E-gift cards are a GREAT option because you can purchase them right in the store and they will be delivered to your phone. (Or purchase them at home while you are online shopping).

Here at St. John School, our Scrip parent volunteers process weekly family orders. If you want to purchase physical gift cards, you must process your order this way. You log into your account to place your order. You must place this order and turn in a copy of your order to the office by 9 AM Monday morning. The gift cards will be delivered to the school and sent home on Friday afternoons. You can pay for these orders by sending a check to the school office with your order.

For instant access to e-gift cards, you can sign up for Presto-Pay by connecting your bank information to your Scrip account. Please note that it can take a couple of days to confirm your Presto-Pay information. There is a 15¢ fee per order to use Presto-Pay. You can also use Presto-Pay to pay for weekly orders so you do not have to send in a check.

Finally, once you have created an account, you can download the app "RaiseRight" for easier ordering from your phone. The app will also store all of your E-gift cards in one place. If you have questions about this program, please contact our Scrip Coordinator Candice Kelso at 810-691-8358 or contact the office.

Some examples of retailers are listed below:

Meijer	3% rebate
Bath and Body Works	12% rebate
The Laundry/Crust	10% rebate
Home Depot	4% rebate
Amazon	2.25% rebate
Walmart	2.5% rebate
Speedway/Marathon	up to 4% rebate
Starbucks	7% rebate
Lands' End	15% rebate

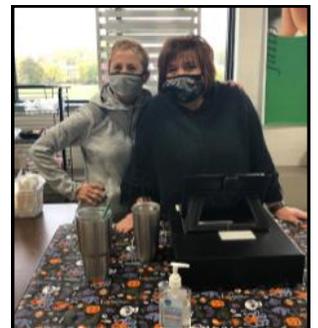


Thank you to everyone who participated in National School Lunch Week. We had a successful week in our Food Service Department and sold a record number of student lunches for this year. We had fun giving away prizes to those who participated.

Thank you to Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Olkowski, and Mrs. Flannery for all you do to keep our cafeteria running smoothly and providing daily meals for our students.



*I'm a
LUNCH LADY
what's your
superpower?*

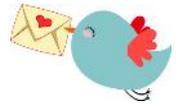


Masks for Sale

Face masks with the St. John School logo are for sale in the school office. The cost is \$8 per mask. We have adult and child sizes. If you would like to purchase one, please send cash or check in an envelope and specify which size you would like. We will send them home with your student. You can also let us know by email if you would like to order one.



ON A PERSONAL NOTE



Thank you:

- To Robin Dybata, Rebecca Yake, Father Ryan, the Bade family, and Candice Kelso who have all dropped off treats for the teachers lounge over the past few weeks.

Congrats:

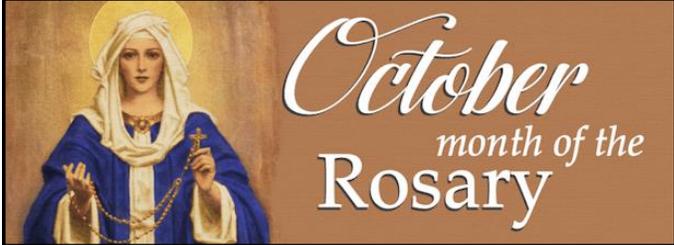
- To Mr. Garbutt and his family on the birth of Eli and Patrick's new brother, Noah.
- To the Bittering family on the birth of Dawson's new sister, Juliana.

Prayers:

- For Robin Dybata and family on the death of her sister, Annette

Building Foundations of Faith

As Catholic parents, we are called to provide moral education and spiritual growth for our children. What better example than to learn and grow in faith yourself? Visit this Jet Gazette feature weekly for thoughts, articles, and tips to strengthen and deepen your understanding of our Catholic faith.



October is the month of the Rosary. Watch this quick video, [The Rosary in 2 minutes](#), from Busted Halo for a quick lesson on the how and why to pray this simple prayer.

Today's #microchallenge from bustedhalo.com



To stay up to date with parish events, here is a link to the weekly parish bulletin: <https://stjohnfenton.org/bulletins>

Staff Spotlight

What is your favorite Halloween treat?



Mrs. Dawes: My favorites are Almond Joy and Mounds!

Mrs. Anderson: I LOVE Tootsie Rolls and Almond Joy.

Mrs. Whitney: Reese's Peanut Butter Cups

Mr. Forsleff: KitKats

Mr. Garbutt: Twix or Gummy Bears or Purple Skittles

Mrs. Boyle: Sour Patch Kids. We would always sort and trade our candy on Halloween night.

Ms. Wharff: My favorite Halloween treats are the pumpkin shaped Reese's peanut butter cups. YUM!

Mrs. Ratke: Twix and Milky Way

Mrs. Marinelli: Reese's Peanut Butter cups

Mrs. Salzano: Reese's pumpkins

Ms. Adams: My top two favorite candies (because I couldn't just pick one) are Reese's and Sour Patch Kids.

Ms. Bade: Snickers :)

Mrs. Wright: I don't eat much in the way of sweets, generally, but I do love homemade caramel corn. My mom always made it into popcorn balls for Halloween.

Mrs. Davidson: Mine would have to be Almond Joy or 100 Grand bar. I won't pass up peanut M&Ms either.

Ms. Jennings: My favorite Halloween treat is candy corn!

Ms. Werschky: Butterfinger candy bars and Brach's candy corn

Mrs. Haiss: Sour Patch Kids and Mounds bars

Mrs. Forsleff: Caramel apples

Mrs. Adams: My two favorite candy bars are Snickers and Butterfingers. As a kid, I also liked the peanut butter chewy taffy candies you received at Halloween.

Mrs. Roche: My favorite is pizza because it is our family Halloween tradition to order pizza from Gina's in Flushing.

