

## News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

Two weeks in the books and the time is flying. Let's get right to the rundown before you all get to enjoying your Labor Day Weekend!

- The Applefest Raffle Ticket Challenge is under way. I know many of you are already requesting extra packs of tickets. Thank you for helping the parish in this way!
- We only have 3 days of school next week due to the observance of Labor Day on Monday and the Applefest Golf Outing on Friday. There are still spots available for the kids golf clinic the morning of the outing. The sign up link is on Page 4 of this JG.
- Our teachers continue to work with our students on setting learning goals and NWEA goals as our schedules and routines are becoming more normalized. Our first NWEA MAP testing window opens on September 13.
- Thank you for participating in our virtual curriculum meetings that occurred throughout the week.
- Fr. Robert Copeland visited our 6th and 8th grade classrooms this week to go over reminders and expectations on how to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He will be in our 5th grade classrooms next week to go over the same.
- Thank you to Mr. Freeman Tucker, our parish music director, for helping out with parts of our 3rd-5th grade music classes this week as we are trying to figure out a scheduling conflict with Mr. Tripp's Powers Catholic High School schedule.
- Mrs. Ratke's First Grade class had the wonderful opportunity of taking a tour of our beautiful church with their tour guides being none other than Mr. Alan Day and Mr. Freeman Tucker.
- Athletics:

\*\*We are still looking for a 5th/6th grade flag football coach. Please contact Scott McPeake if you are interested.

\*\*We are still in need of a cross country coach. Please contact Scott McPeake if you are interested.

We are grateful for another week and countless opportunities to learn and grow so as to become the best versions of ourselves. Given these opportunities, God also gives us moments of grace to remind us of His love and mercy. I had a profound experience while at our All School Mass this week as the song "Oceans" was being played during Communion. Many of our students were singing and it was beautiful. "So I will call upon Your name/And keep my eyes above the waves/When oceans rise/My soul will rest in Your embrace/For I am Yours And You are mine." I needed to hear those words at that very moment and I felt God's love and peace. God never ceases to amaze me how he speaks, directs, and works!

Have a blessed four day weekend. You all deserve it!

God bless,

Andrew Schmit  
Principal

# Dates to Remember

## SEPTEMBER

Monday	6	Labor Day-No School
Monday	6	<b>Happy Birthday, Mrs. Trollman!</b>
Thursday	9	<b>Out of Uniform-Red, White, and Blue Day</b>
Friday	10	No School-Applefest Golf Outing
Saturday	18	Altar Server Training 9AM-More details will be provided next week
Monday	20	Picture Day

## OCTOBER

Friday	1	<b>No Hot Lunch —See Below</b>
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### Important Parent Information

- **Please be sure to return your Emergency Card if you haven't already done so.**
- **Report All Student Absences**

This is a must!!! Please be sure to let the office know of ALL absences whether due to illness or not. We have to follow up on all unreported absences, so it is helpful if you can let us know in the morning if your child is not coming to school. If the absence is due to illness, please let us know what symptoms your child is experiencing. To report an absence, you can call the school office or you can email Mrs. Haiss at [ahaiss@sjseducation.com](mailto:ahaiss@sjseducation.com). Please note:

- **Please be sure to be specific about symptoms in an email or voicemail. “Not feeling well” or “under the weather” requires a follow-up to inquire about symptoms.**
- **If you are reporting a fever (even if it's a low-grade fever), please provide the temperature that was recorded.**

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## Food Service

### LUNCH TIMES

Kindergarten and 1st grade:	10:50 AM-11:15 AM
2nd and 3rd grades:	11:20 AM-11:45 AM
4th and 5th grades:	11:50 AM-12:15 PM
Middle School:	12:25 PM-12:50 PM

Please remember that under our current protocols, no third party lunch deliveries will be accepted. If a parent needs to drop off a forgotten lunch, please label the lunch box and place it on the table between the two sets glass doors in the lobby. Students may also get hot lunch if they have forgotten their lunch at home.

Don't forget that all lunches and snacks should be nut free. If you are sending a sandwich made from a product such as “Wow” Butter, please label it as such so that our lunch helpers know that it is a nut-free product.

**There will be no hot lunch served on Friday, October 1st . Ala Carte items and snack line will still be available. Students who are unable to bring a cold lunch will be able to purchase a Wow butter sandwich with chips and a milk.**



School office hours are Monday-Friday 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM when school is in session.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The office will be **CLOSED DAILY** from 3:10-3:30 PM to allow office staff to assist with new dismissal procedures. Phones will still be open (you may have to leave a message), but the office will be closed to **ALL** visitors. Any students needing early dismissal will need to be picked up prior to 3:10. After 3:10 PM, all students will be sent to the preschool loop, upper loop, or Jets Club. Students may not wait by the office.

Please note that drop off begins at 7:40 AM each morning. Please do not drop your child off before 7:40. Please wait until the supervisors start to release from the cars. The lobby is reserved for the families of supervising parents. If you need to drop off your children prior to 7:40 AM, please take them to Jets Club.

## HELP WANTED

We are looking for volunteers to help out on Popcorn Fridays. If you are interested, please contact our popcorn chair, Jillian Arndt at [jillian.ski@tgmail.com](mailto:jillian.ski@tgmail.com). All volunteer requirements must be met.



## Athletics Information

### From the AD:

Save the Date : St John Athletics Booster Club is being formed and we are looking for parents to be involved . We will hold a meeting on Tuesday, September 14th at 7 pm in school cafeteria.

Powers Homecoming Parade-September 17th at 5:15. All Fall Sports teams invited to walk.

Still looking for Cross County Coach and 5/6 Football coach.

Please call if interested 810-869-4344 cell

Scott McPeake



## Spiritwear



Stay tuned for details regarding opportunities to purchase spiritwear.

On Spiritwear days, students may wear St. John School or Powers Catholic High School apparel with jeans or uniform bottoms. Jeans should be in good condition free from rips or tears. Students may not wear leggings to school on spiritwear days or out of uniform days. This applies to all students from preschool to 8th grade.

Students who are not wearing the appropriate uniform or spiritwear may be asked to change into something from the uniform closet or be asked to call home for a change of clothes.

## VISITOR PROCEDURES

- Essential staff and students will be the only people allowed in the school building unless special permission is granted in advance by administration
- The Uniform Closet will only be open and available to parents after school, beginning at 3:30 PM. You do not need an appointment.
- Adult guests entering the school must wear a facial covering and wash/sanitize hands prior to entering
- Guests will not be permitted to join students for lunch
- No third party lunch deliveries
- If an item from home needs to be delivered to a student, you may drop it off in the office or leave the item on the table between the two sets of glass doors in the front lobby. Be sure the item is clearly labeled for the student to whom it belongs. Office staff will periodically check for items throughout the day.

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## Requirements for Volunteers

The Diocese of Lansing requires that anyone who has contact with minor children receive Virtus Training, including all volunteers. In order to be a volunteer at St. John the Evangelist Catholic School, you must complete the following:

1. Register online at <https://www.virtusonline.org> to attend a "Protecting God's Children" presentation. You must attend the presentation for which you registered. Upcoming "Protecting God's Children" training sessions will be added to the website periodically. We will also keep you informed as additional sessions are added.
2. Read and sign the Diocese of Lansing Volunteer Code of Conduct. This form is available in the school office or you can print one [here](#).
3. Read and sign the Diocese of Lansing Criminal Background Check Form. This form is available in the school office or you can print one [here](#).

You may not participate in any volunteer positions until you have completed all requirements.

**Please note that any one who completed Virtus Training more than 5 years ago (2015 and prior) is required to complete an online refresher training course. You will receive notification of this in the next few weeks.**



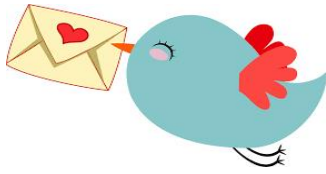
Please be on the look out for the Applefest tickets that each student brought home this week. There are many prizes to be had for selling LOTS of tickets!



## Kids Golf Clinic

Prior to the Applefest Golf Outing on September 10th, there will be a Kids Golf Clinic from 9 AM to 10 AM. Be sure to register soon because there are limited spots available. Click [here](#) to register for free.





# ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

## Thank You:

- To the Siwik family for purchasing a new Papal flag for the school.
- To the families who have already returned their Applefest tickets. We appreciate your support!

## Prayers:

- For all the service men and women who are stationed abroad.

## 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.

### 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>

## COMMUNICATIONS



The weekly Jet Gazette is sent via email every Friday when school is in session. Our school website, [www.stjohnfenton.com](http://www.stjohnfenton.com) and our Facebook page, *St. John the Evangelist Catholic School* are great resources for school information. Also be sure to check out our Instagram account! We also have our weekly parish bulletin which can be found on the parish website. The bulletins not only share the beauty of the Catholic faith and the wonderful things our church does for the community, but also highlights the amazing reasons our school is a great fit for your children.

