



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

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All Saints Day

On All Saints Day, we remember our connection to the “Communion of Saints” and we celebrate all the saints who intercede before the Father on our behalf. The saints are holy people whose ordinary lives were transformed by their decision to follow Jesus’s teachings and live according to his word. We can all strive towards living a saintly life.

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

The First Quarter of our 2022-23 school year ended with some great community events. Last evening we welcomed everyone to the Knights of Columbus parking lot for the annual St. John Trunk or Treat. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for providing the hotdogs, popcorn and water. Another thank you goes out to the Education Foundation for providing the donuts and apple cider. Then, this morning 10 families participated in a pumpkin chunkin contest by designing and building pumpkin launchers. All of our students and staff were able to go out back and watch pumpkins flying through the air. It was great to see the products of ingenuity and creativity of families working together to make the catapults, trebuchets, and slingshots. We are hoping to bring the event back next year. Needless to say this week was exhausting but rewarding. Let’s jump to the rundown.

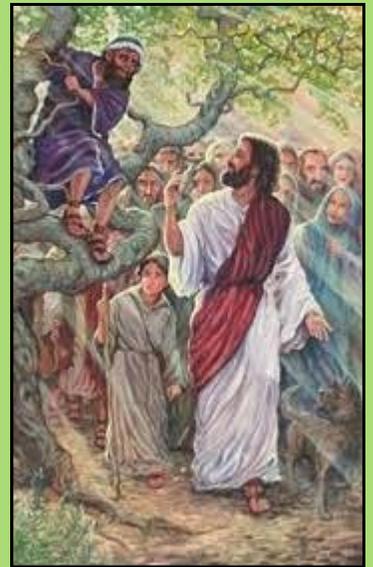
End of the First Quarter Rundown:

- Powers Catholic Open House: Powers Catholic High School’s Open House is Sunday, October 30, 2022 from 12pm-3pm. This is a great opportunity to take the time to tour the school regardless if you have a middle school student or a preschool student.
- End of the Quarter: End of the 1st Quarter is today October 28. The parent portal is now closed. Electronic Report Cards will be available on Tuesday, November 8.
- Halloween Parade: The Preschool-5th Grade Costume parade will be Monday morning at 9:15 around the campus. The parade will head north on Adelaide, enter the parking lot between the cemetery and the Church and head back to the school through the parking lot before finishing in the courtyard. Feel free to line the parade route.
- Next Week Reminder: We will have full days of school on Monday, October 31 and Wednesday, November 2. The staff will be attending professional development with Dr. Borba on Tuesday and attending the Michigan Association of Non Public Schools Conference on Thursday and Friday where we will hear a keynote from Gerry Brooks.

- Feast of All Saints: Tuesday, November 1 is the Feast of All Saints and a Holy Day of Obligation. We do not have school on Tuesday. Mass times are 8:20 AM in the morning and 6:00 PM in the evening.
- Thanksgiving Feast: We are bringing back the Thanksgiving Feast on Thursday, November 10 for students and families. We will accept RSVPs to the Feast until November 2. See Page 3 to RSVP.
- Trivia Night: Get together your smartest friends and join us for Trivia Night on Saturday, November 19 in the Activity Center. The cost is \$100 per table (8 seats). Sign up information is on page 4. Proceeds go to benefit the SJS Athletic Boosters.
- Christmas Concert: The St. John School Christmas Concert will be Wednesday, December 14 at 6 PM in the Church.
- Mass this weekend: Join us for Mass this weekend. Come pray and worship with us either at 5:00pm Saturday evening or at 8:30, 10:00, or 11:30am on Sunday Morning. This week the Youth Choir will be signing at the 11:30am Sunday Mass.

This week I had the awesome privilege to fill in as a teacher for the 8th Grade Religion Class. It was a great experience for me because it reminded me of why I became a teacher in the first place.

However, more importantly it reminded me of the mission of this school, which is to live and learn as Jesus did. Why I write this is because as I had conversations with our 8th graders I witnessed first hand how badly they want to understand their faith and grow in relationship with Jesus. It was awesome. This all brings me to this weekend's Gospel taken from the 19th Chapter of Luke; the story of Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus and despite what others thought about him and his inability to see over the crowd, he did everything he could to be able to see Jesus by climbing a tree just to catch a glimpse of the Messiah. Our families, this school, and the Church need to be the trees to which our children climb so they themselves can witness Jesus and experience his love, mercy, and forgiveness. Zacchaeus was able to break bread with Jesus after his tree climbing expedition and because of his encounter he promised to live his life in service of Jesus by helping others. Please join me in praying that we become the sturdy foundation our children need in their lives so they in turn will know, love, and serve Jesus.



Hail to the Victors! You got to pump it Up! I'm Mr. Brightside! Go Blue!

Have a blessed weekend,

Andrew Schmit
Principal



Dates to Remember



OCTOBER

Sun	30	Powers Catholic HS Open House 12-3 PM
Mon	31	Happy Halloween!
Mon	31	Halloween Parade-9:15 AM



NOVEMBER

Tues	1	No School-Teacher PD
Thurs	3	No School-MANS Conference
Fri	4	No School-MANS Conference
Tues	8	Reports Cards available online
Thurs	10	Thanksgiving Feast
Sat	12	Athletic Boosters Craft Show-see attached flyer
Sat	19	Athletic Boosters Trivia Night-see attached flyer

HALLOWEEN

- All students may wear their costumes to school on Halloween. Spiritwear may also be worn, if desired.
- **Halloween costumes MUST be life-affirming and non-violent.** No weapons, hair dye, or face paint should be brought to school. Students may have face paint, make up, or temporary hair dye as part of their costumes, but please apply these items before school.

- Specific classroom party details will be communicated by your classroom teacher.



PARTY FOOD AND CLASSROOM TREATS

Please do not send in party food or classroom treats unless you have been assigned an item by the teacher or homeroom parent. If you wish, you may send in non-food items for your student to share with classmates.

The Halloween Parade will begin at 9:15 AM. Preschool-5th grade will be walking in the parade. Students will exit the front doors, head north on Adelaide on the sidewalk, walk to the church, and return to the school through the main parking lot. We will reenter the building through the courtyard. Parents are invited to watch anywhere along the parade route outside. In the event of bad weather, the parade will be inside the school. Parents will be invited to watch in the cafeteria. We will send a text alert if the parade is to be held inside.



THANKSGIVING FEAST

Our annual Thanksgiving Feast will take place on Thursday, November 10th. We are happy to be able to extend an invitation to families once again for the first time since 2019! Due to space and supply chain concerns, we are limiting each family to a maximum of two guests. The cost for lunch is \$5 for guests. St. John students can pay using their lunch accounts in the cafeteria like normal. **All guests must purchase a ticket in the lobby the day of the feast (cash or check only).** We are unable to charge student lunch accounts for their guests' tickets.

The menu will include: turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, corn, rolls, cranberries, fresh fruit, salad bar, and pumpkin pie. This will be the only lunch choice available on this day. Pizza will not be served. The times for each grade level are:

- Kindergarten and 1st grade: 11 AM-11:30 AM
- Preschool, 2nd-3rd grade: 11:30 AM-12 PM
- 4th and 5th grade: 12 PM-12:30 PM
- 6th, 7th, and 8th grade: 12:30 PM-1 PM

Guests are welcome to stay and visit over multiple lunch periods. This is a fun event that promotes fellowship among our school community. It is also a big event for our food service program. **Therefore, we kindly ask that visitors refrain from bringing in food from outside vendors on this day.**

Please use this link to RSVP: <https://forms.gle/myVFuhkpoDNjRc9>.

ATHLETICS



Athletics Boosters Craft Show

Saturday, November 12

Volunteers are needed to help with the craft show. Please click [here](#) to sign up. St. John athletes are strongly encouraged to volunteer. 5th/6th grade athletes need a parent volunteer to accompany them. Please note that athletes cannot volunteer for the admissions/raffle table due to state raffle laws.



Don't Miss Out – Trivia Night – November 19th

Please join the Athletic Boosters on November 19th at 6:45 PM at the Activity Center for a fun night of Trivia! Earn bragging rights as a Trivia Champion and have fun, all while supporting our athletic programs! For additional information and to reserve your table, click the link below:

Click [here](#) to register.



Ornament Decorating for Tree Lighting Ceremony

If your child plans to attend one of the ornament decorating sessions for the St. John Education Foundation Tree Lighting Ceremony, please remember to send in the form as soon as possible. Sessions are being held after school on Monday, November 14th, and Thursday, November 17th. The Tree Lighting Ceremony will be at 6 PM on November 29. Extra forms are available in the school office.



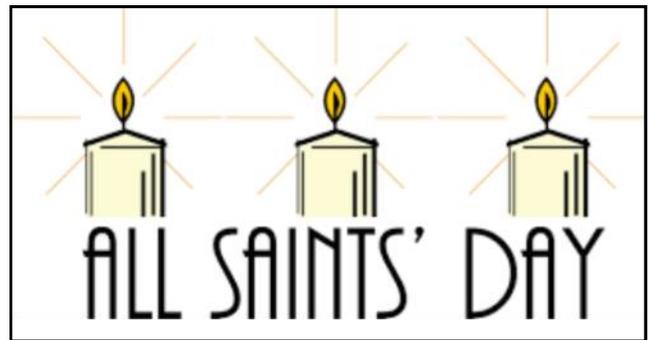
COME CHECK OUT
POWERS CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE
October 30,
12-3pm



1505 W Court St., Flint, MI 48503
 More information at www.powerscatholic.org/visit

From the Growing Catholics Office



All Saints Day is Tuesday. We're offering a little contest for the SJS students! The student closest to guessing the actual number of treats in each Saint's jar will win that jar. Jars will be in the window of the Growing Catholics Office near the center doors to the school.

BOOTS & BUCKLES
2023
ST. JOHN SCHOOL
AUCTION
 Save the date: 2/4/2023
 St. John Activity Center
 More details coming soon...



An email will be going out next week with lots of exciting auction information.

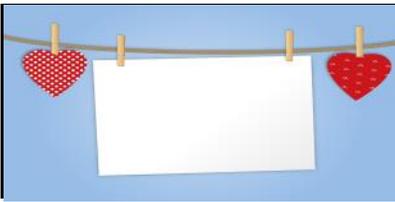
Stay Tuned...



Adoration Sign Up for Parents



We still have Adoration in our Prayer Room every Monday from 8 AM until 10 AM. In order for us to have 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 [here](#). This sign up includes dates through December.



ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

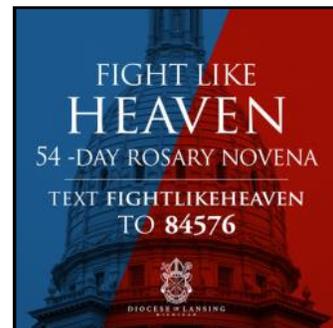
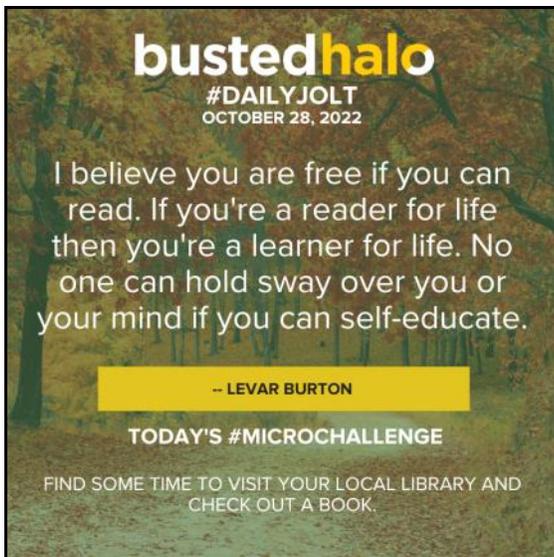
Congratulations:

- The following students who represented St. John School in the K of C Spelling Bee:
 - 8th Grade: Madeline Widder (**3rd place overall winner**) and Lauren Whitehouse
 - 7th Grade: Andy Fenton, Johnny Boike, Sophia Sage, Ella Yake, Taylor Zinn, and Andersen Pillow
 - 6th Grade: Michael Pagnani and David Sementilli
 - 5th Grade: Sonya Wilson, Jade McCormick, and Anna Roche
 - 4th Grade: Nadia Ferrari and Harper Lanning
- To Joey Pagnani for coming in First Place at the Pumpkin Chunkin' Contest..



Thank You:

- To the Knights of Columbus for providing hot dogs, popcorn, and water at Trunk or Treat.
- To the Education Foundation for providing cider and donuts at Trunk or Treat.
- To Sarah Sterling for helping coordinate Trunk or Treat.
- To the St. John Youth Group for volunteering at Trunk or Treat to help pass out food.
- To all the families who hosted vehicles and made it a fun night for our community.





Staff Spotlight

Who is a saint that has special meaning to you and why?

Mrs. Whitney: Our Lady of Fatima has always been important to me. As a child, I loved that she appeared to and spoke through children.

Mr. Marion: St. Luke-My favorite gospel writer, the name I chose for my confirmation name, as well as the name we gave our son.

Mrs. Kromberg: St. Catherine-She is my confirmation Saint!

Mrs. Bragg: The Blessed Virgin, Saint Mary! I have always felt great comfort from her. It helps me, when I am praying, to ask her to perfect my prayers and lay them at the feet of her son! Fun Fact: The Memorare is my favorite prayer!

Mrs. Farella: I have several favorite saints, but my most favorite is the Blessed Mother Mary. She is the ultimate example of love, trust, and saying YES to God.

Mrs. Minnick: St. Peregrine, the patron saint of cancer patients, because someone I love has cancer.

Mrs. Roberts: Saint Mother Teresa: I love what she stood for! "Peace began with a smile."

Mrs. Boyle: St. Bernadette Soubirous of Lourdes: My Confirmation name. My Dad had a replica grotto built in our backyard that includes Our Lady and a Statue of St. Bernadette with 12 candles. We light them for any special occasion or intention. Also, St Rita of Cascia, the patron saint of impossible causes.

Mr. Tucker: St. Damian of Molokai. His story of reckless service captured my attention before I even considered being Catholic.

Mrs. Roche: I love Saint Teresa of Calcutta. Sometimes it feels difficult to make a difference. She is a reminder that it is possible!

Mr. Schmit: St. Anthony of Padua's intercession always comes through for me!

Mrs. Haiss: St. Rocco is the patron saint of my grandparents' hometown in Italy. We celebrate his feast day every year. It's one of my favorite family celebrations.

Mr. Forsleff: St. Francis of Assisi because he was all about peace, joy, and nature!

Mrs. Wright: While there are many saints that are special to me, one that comes to mind today is Saint Isadore of Seville. He is the patron saint of computer users and internet users. Saint Isadore combined learning and holiness. He inspires me to remember to keep a balance between technology and loving one another.

