



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

Jet Gazette Newsletter

December 18, 2020

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

We made it to Christmas! We have made it this far for the 2020-21 school year due to the efforts of so many people. The staff, the students, our families, our volunteers, the parish staff, a list of donors, the Foundation, and the Knights of Columbus have all contributed to the success of the first half of this school year. I am blown away by the generosity and support of this community. You all have rallied around the school and have helped to lift us up and push us forward as we are navigating this academic year.

The students have been outstanding this first half of the school year. Our students are excelling in their academics but more importantly in their love and support for one another as disciples of Christ. One example of this is from this morning. I popped into Mrs. Adams' and Mrs. Dawes' 8th Grade homerooms to welcome them back to school. I didn't see individual kids in either room, scattered around the class. Rather, I witnessed a family. It was beautiful. As I walked around to every class this morning I experienced the same emotion. This year has forged our classes into little family units and this is something the faculty can be proud of at this point of the year.

This week has been delightful. I thank all the staff and families for creating such a festive atmosphere for our students. We weren't able to gather for the Christmas program (the recording is still in production and we hit a couple of snags but we are hoping that is ready to be shared either tomorrow or Monday) but there was truly a community feel throughout December and that is a testament to how we have rallied together to make the mission of the school.

I hope and pray you all have a restful and blessed Christmas. I have so much to share with you but it can wait. Let's enjoy this time off and get ready to be back at it on January 4.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Andrew Schmit



PARENT CALENDAR



December

Thurs 24 **Happy Birthday Mrs. Farella**

Fri 25 **Merry Christmas!**

Sat 26 **Happy Birthday Mrs. Marinelli!**



January

Fri 1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

Mon 4 **Classes Resume**

Thurs 14 **Happy Birthday Mrs. Roberts!**

Fri 15 **Happy Birthday Mr. Schmit!**

Fri 15 **End of 2nd Quarter**

Mon 18 **No School for Students-Records Day**

MERRY MAIL

We had a record breaking year for Merry Mail. Our St. John families donated over \$1554! Our Third Graders were able to buy gifts to support the Giving Tree, buy diapers and gloves for Catholic Charities, and donate \$650 to a local fundraiser helping restaurant employees who are currently out of work. Thank you to everyone who helped give to this fundraiser.

HAPPY MERRY MAIL!



COLD WEATHER REMINDER

Colder weather is upon us!! Please be sure students come to school everyday prepared to go outside. Our policy is to have outside recess everyday as long as temperatures are 10 degrees or above (factoring in the wind chill). Please be sure your children bring warm coats, hats, and gloves. It is also a good idea to label all items. Our lost and found always starts to grow at this time of year.



Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm Masses are available in Parking Lot Only

8:00 pm and 10:00 pm Vigil Mass

December 25: 12:00 Midnight,

8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 Noon

Overflow seating available in the Grand Hall of the Activity Center, as well as limited space for Parking Lot at all Masses.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:

Thurs., December 31, (NO morning Mass) 5:00 pm

Wed. January 1, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

IMPORTANT AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

Greetings parents and continued supporters of St John the Evangelist –

Each day we are so thankful to send our children to school during these times of uncertainty. We are very aware that THIS year is different for so many reasons. We are also mindful that now, more than ever, our school depends on your generosity and support to sustain success and maintain the additional expense introduced by the current state of our reality. THANK YOU for your unwavering dedication to our students, staff and administration year after year. We call upon you again this year as we prepare for our biggest annual fund raiser. We are extremely excited to share with you that (*in order to anticipate any state regulations and adhere to any potential restrictions*) we will host this year's auction in the SPRING of 2021!! **PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021!!!** It may look a little different this year, but THE SHOW MUST GO ON!! Stay tuned for many surprises! We know this year's auction is going to be AWESOME!!!

Planning has begun for Auction 2021 so NOW is your chance to JOIN OUR TEAM. To volunteer for the auction committee, please contact **Kelly Ahn (PSA Auction Chair) at 313.300.8841 or kahn@stout.com**. Assistance in ALL areas is needed!!! Acquisitions, Corporate Sponsorships, IT, Marketing, Social Media, Decorations, Entertainment, Distribution, Set-Up, Clean-Up, etc. Please let us know how you would like to be a part of this great event!! For those of you who are homeroom parents, please stick with the discussed deadline of January 20th to **turn in** completed projects. (If you haven't given your project idea to Michelle Pagnani, please turn that in RIGHT away!!) Because we don't know what our future holds, we'd like to be prepared with those completed class projects so the sooner they are done the better! And if you are interested NOW in being an Auction Sponsor, donating items or services or have any questions at all about this beneficial opportunity for SJS please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for making St. John the BEST it can be and joining us for AUCTION 2021!!
Kelly Ahn & SJS PSA

Dear Friends and families,

The PSA would like to offer our sincere thanks for your support of the 2019/2020 St. John School AUCTION. Your attendance, purchases and contributions helped us to raise much needed funds to support the students of St. John School. The funds raised at last years auction went directly towards programs, experiences and materials necessary to assure a full, quality education for each one of our students.

Now planning is underway for the 2020/2021 school AUCTION. We know times are tough and challenging right now. We are so very thankful that our children are in school! Our kids are growing, thriving and learning in person. While many schools are closed and only offering remote learning our SJS staff is working hard to make an impact and they are succeeding. They are going above and beyond. The SJS staff is dedicated to providing a quality academic and spiritual education for your students. We are so blessed to have this advantage!

One of the elements of our school that we are most proud of is our partnership with our families and community. This active and dynamic relationship is an essential piece to our continued success. On behalf of the students, staff and families of St. John School, thank you for your ongoing support. We couldn't do it without you!

How can we give back? How can we show the staff at SJS how grateful we are? One way it to support the AUCTION [on May 22nd, 2021](#). You can donate to, volunteer for and/or sponsor this years auction!!

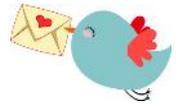
Thank you to our 2020 sponsors listed below! We are truly thankful for your overwhelming support. If you would like to sponsor the upcoming 2021 auction or if you have ideas/suggestions for sponsorships please let me know.

Michelle Pagnani: [810-845-8414](tel:810-845-8414) or michellepagnani@yahoo.com

Thank you to our sponsors!



ON A PERSONAL NOTE



Thank you:

- To all families who helped support our Catholic Charities fundraiser and our Merry Mail fundraiser.
- To all families who participated in our Christmas Spirit Week. You helped us create a fun and festive atmosphere!
- To Santa and Mrs. Claus for stopping in to say Good Morning to everyone today!

Congrats:

- To our Christmas Door Decorating Contest Winners:

1st Place: Ms. Feazel's class

2nd Place: Ms. Wharff's class

3rd Place: Mrs. Roberts' class



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>

Staff Spotlight

What is the most memorable gift you received from Santa as a child?

Mrs. Dawes: My big chalkboard so I could play teacher.

Mrs. Salzano: My favorite fish tank night light. It was made of stained glass and was 3-D!

Mrs. Ratke: A drum set

Mrs. Minnick: A Cabbage Patch Kid in 1982. They are making a comeback!

Ms. Jennings: My most memorable gift I received from Santa as a child was Barbie's Dream House! :)

Mrs. Wright: One year I received a miniature porcelain tea set from Santa Claus. It was a gift I cherished and played with for many years.

Mrs. Boyle: The year I got the Camp Barbie Cabin Retreat, I felt my life was complete. My mom stayed up all night putting it together. Now, I just remember her selfless act to make us happy, rather than the gift itself.

Ms. Wharff: My favorite gift from Santa was my strawberry shortcake doll. If I close my eyes, I can still smell the plastic strawberry scent on her face.

Mrs. Adams: A bicycle

Mrs. Haiss: It's a tie between Peaches and Cream Barbie and Cabbage Patch Kids twins!

Mr. Garbutt: A Bending Branches hockey stick. I remember walking down the stairs and it was leaning up against the wall by the Christmas tree with two rolls of tape on it.

Mrs. Roche: Cabbage Patch Twins. I was so excited. I snuck down to see what Santa left me. I saw the twins and scooted upstairs unnoticed. I should have been more careful...they weren't for me. My little sister Megan was one happy girl!

