

## News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

It has been an excellent opening week to the 2021-22 School year. The staff and students are excited to be back together. It's amazing to see our classroom learning communities coming together over the first four days of school. It's going to be a great year!

Here's our first Friday of the 2021-22 School year rundown:

- This past Monday, which feels like last month in all honesty, the school and parish staff were able to attend a retreat over at the Maryville Retreat Center which is run by a group of Felician Sisters. Our parish Youth Minister, Alan Day led us in a morning of reflection and prayer. It was a great way to begin the week.
- Our morning and afternoon loops are running much smoother now with a little organization, patience, understanding, and grace! Thank you!
- First in loop line: We have upper and lower loop winners from our Spring 2021 PSA Auction. The next opportunity to secure the first place in loop lines for the 2022-23 school year will be at this year's auction in February. Stay tuned for details.
- The first All School Mass was this week. As for right now our students will only be attending Mass once per week, on Wednesdays. Starting with our Mass on September 1, the students of SJS will be serving as our lectors, altar servers, and ushers. Also, it is our goal for students 3rd Grade to 8th Grade to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once per month.
- First NWEA testing window will open on September 13. Our faculty departments, or Professional Learning Communities as we now call them, are setting year long NWEA goals. Our teachers will be working with our students to help them set their own learning goals over the next several weeks.
- Applefest Raffle Tickets: We only have three weeks remaining. Sell those raffle tickets! If you need more, please stop by the parish office to pick up more ticket packs. We will not have the annual carnival so the raffle ticket sale is extremely important this year!
- Thank you to our school and parish community for supporting Catholic education here at St. John! Here is some beginning of the year enrollment data I would like to share with you...

\*2017: 44 Preschool, 253 K-8 = 297 students

\*2018: 33 Preschool, 227 K-8 = 260 students

\*2019: 44 Preschool, 185 K-8 = 229 students

\*2020: 35 Preschool, 217 K-8 = 252 students

**\*2021: 41 Preschool, 236 K-8 = 277 students**

God is working wonders through this community. We have to keep our eyes and hearts open to his wonders. As we will hear/read in this weekend's second reading from the New Testament Epistle of James, we will be reminded to "humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only." (James 1:21-22). I will not go into great detail but there were several instances this week where I was absolutely floored by our community's generosity. Let us all continue to allow God to speak to us, to move us in the direction He wants for us to go so that we can be "doers of the word."

Have a great weekend, SJS community! God bless,

Andrew Schmit

Principal

*"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another." 1 John 4:11*

# Dates to Remember

## SEPTEMBER

Friday	3	No School
Monday	6	Labor Day-No School
Monday	6	<b>Happy Birthday, Mrs. Trollman!</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

## 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. A general report of "not feeling well" will still require a follow up call for more information. To report an absence, you can call the school office or you can email Mrs. Haiss at [ahaiss@sjseducation.com](mailto:ahaiss@sjseducation.com).

## 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.



## Athletics Information

### From the AD:

7/8 Football is off and running. Our kids have joined the other Catholic Schools.

We are practicing at Powers and our games will be on Wednesdays at 5:30. We will post schedule next week.

We are looking for a head coach for Flag football for grades 5/6. That will start after Labor Day with one week of practice and games on Sundays . We have kids interested .

We are also looking for a cross country coach for 4-8th grade . It's a good time to enjoy the fall with some running. You can do multiple fall sports. St. John is off and running with fall sports.

Please reach out if you are interested.

Scott McPeake

St. John AD

810-869-4344 cell





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.

### MEDICATIONS

Any medication for your child must be kept in the school office. Medications should be labeled. You must also fill out a medication authorization form before any medication can be given. The form is available in the office or on the school website.



### 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.



### Homeroom Parents for 2021-2022

If you are interested in being a homeroom parent for this school year, please email Mrs. Haiss as soon as possible. We do have a few homerooms covered. We will be reaching out individually to homerooms still in need next week. Please be sure to contact us if you are interested.

- Preschool
- Kindergarten
- Grade 1
- Grade 2
- Grade 3
- Grade 4
- Grade 5
- Grade 6
- Grade 7
- Grade 8

**TBD**

## 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.**

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### 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.

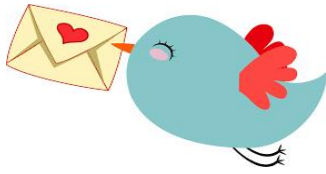


### Kids Golf Clinic

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 parent volunteers who have helped with loop and lunch time this first week. We are grateful for you!

## Prayers:

- For all the service men and women who are stationed abroad, especially those in Afghanistan. We are most especially praying for the safety of Connor Davidson, the son of our Food Service Director, Mrs. Davidson. Connor is a U.S. Marine currently stationed in Kabul.



## 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.

