



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

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News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

Talk about hitting the ground running! Monday morning I went and spent time in most classrooms and was I ever pleased with what I was observing in the classrooms. We had 3rd grade students excitedly identifying main ideas from paragraphs, 4th grade students using map reading skills, 1st grade students happily engaged in a phonics lesson, kindergarten students listening to a story being read and making outcome predictions, and 2nd grade students actively engaged in a whole group math lesson, just to name a few things I observed. Observing all of this learning activity on the first day after Spring Break was awesome, especially after hearing students tell me they were going to miss school as I walked around to classrooms on the last Friday prior to break. Our teachers did a phenomenal job of getting our students engaged in Holy Week, which culminated with a special praying of Stations of the Cross this afternoon in the church. Once again, the middle school students led a powerfully prayerful observance of the Stations, helping to kick off the Easter Triduum which we enter into as a Church over the next four days. With that, I will try and keep the rundown short and sweet this week.

Holy Thursday 2023 Rundown:

- **Security and safety:** Unfortunately safety and security of our schools comes to the forefront with yet another tragedy. As the principal of this school I have committed time and financial resources over the years to bettering our safety and security protocols. This school year alone we have had a new camera system installed, have moved the main hallway set of fire/security doors closer to the office, had several external doors fixed to ensure safety, and received consultation from Premier Security and Fenton City Police regarding our security protocols along with staff receiving training in August. Also, a school family has offered to donate funds to help enhance individual classroom security, which I am in the process of finalizing next week. Finally, just today I learned that our school was awarded a safety grant from the State of Michigan. I will be working on prioritizing “next steps” as I continue to consult with the aforementioned experts.
- **Auction:** This school year’s PSA Boots and Buckles Auction helped to bring in nearly \$150,000! It was definitely a community effort from all those who donated time, money, and energy to ensure a successful event.
- **2023-24 Enrollment News:** Nearly 93% of current students are enrolled for next school year! Our Open Enrollment period continues. New families are welcome to schedule a school visit, tour, or shadow visit. If you have loved ones, friends, neighbors who might be interested in considering St. John School for their family, please encourage them to call the office and schedule a visit. We are sitting at over 290 students for next school year, which is a great number for early April.

Our Mission: St. John the Evangelist Catholic School is a faith-based community dedicated to teaching, learning, and living as Jesus did.

- ARK Test: Our 2nd-8th Grade students will be completing the ARK (Assessment of Religious Knowledge) by the end of next Friday. The scores will help teachers target instruction to help enhance specific religious topics within our religion curriculum. All homeroom teachers and myself completed ARK for educators prior to Spring Break.
- Holy Week: Our Holy Week masses are as follows: Holy Thursday at 6pm, Good Friday at 1pm, Holy Saturday at 8:30pm, and Easter Sunday at 7AM, 10AM (Youth Choir) and 11:30AM. There will NOT be school tomorrow Friday, April 7 and Monday, April 10.
- Please read the rest of the JET for dates of upcoming events here at the school! It's going to be an action-packed final 9 weeks of the school year!

As we wrapped our praying of the Stations of the Cross this afternoon, I asked the students what one word can summarize all 14 Stations. A great number of hands were quickly raised and a first grader eagerly waited on me to call on him to answer and when I did he shouted, "love!" How awesome is that? This week the phrase "his love is relentless" is on repeat in my brain because I've been using the song "Relentless" by Hillsong United while in prayer. "A hope that shines beyond tomorrow, your love goes on...you carry us, carry us when the world gives way, you cover us, cover us with your endless grace. Your love is relentless." Christ's redemptive love gives us meaning and should propel us to action. His endless grace sustains us. This weekend the Church participates in the Triduum as we journey from the Last Supper to the Cross, and finally to the joy of the empty tomb on Easter Sunday. I pray this Easter weekend that our faith is renewed and strengthened in the relentless love of Jesus Christ, giving us new resolve as his disciples.

Have a blessed weekend. See you all on Tuesday.

Andrew Schmit
Principal

Dates to Remember

APRIL

Fri	7	Good Friday-No School
Sun	9	Happy Easter
Mon	10	Easter Monday-No School
Wed	12	Spring Picture Day
Sun	16	8th graders leave for DC
Wed	19	Author Visit-Jessica Moore
Mon	24	Teacher PD-No School for Students
Tues	25	Book Fair Week begins
Tues	26	K of C Pastoral Appreciation Dinner honoring Mr. Schmit and Sister Mary Ann
Thurs	27	Family Fun Night 4-6 PM
Thurs	27	Hole-in-One Challenge Due
Sat	29	GCCS Middle School Fun Night 6-8 PM

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday	Mass	6:00 PM
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	12:15 PM
	Divine Liturgy	1:00 PM
Easter Vigil		8:30 PM
Easter Sunday	Masses	7:00 AM
		10:00 AM
		11:30 AM



Spring Picture Day

Wednesday, April 12

ALL ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE BY 9 AM ON PICTURE DAY.

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Students may DRESS THEIR BEST for spring pictures. It is not a dress down, comfy cozy day. Please note that only students who have pre-ordered will have their pictures taken. **This is different from the fall. There will not be a proof sent home with the option to order afterwards.**

There will be no order forms sent home. If you would rather not submit an online order, please call the studio 810-610-5439 and we will take your order over the phone.

Directions to order: Simply search for your student by name. You can type either their first or last name and you will see student names pop up. If you have multiple students please submit separate orders for each child. IF YOU ALSO WANT SIBLINGS PHOTOGRAPHED TOGETHER, PLEASE CHOOSE "NEW PERSON" AND TYPE "SIBLINGS" FOR THE FIRST NAME, AND THEN ENTER THEIR LAST NAME. If you do not see your students name, choose "New Person" and add their information during check out.

You DO NOT need to send the printed receipt to school. We will already have a record of your payment!

If you have any problem ordering or have any questions, please call Signature Portrait Studio at 810-610-5439 or send an email to Emily.signatureportraits@gmail.com.

CALLING ALL READERS (and Golfers)!

You are invited to participate in The Hole in One Family Challenge. The challenge is to create a mini golf hole. All designs should be 3 x6 and have a book theme. We will showcase them during Book Fair week at our Family Fun Night on April 27th. We hope you are up to the challenge!

Open Enrollment is taking place now. If you know anyone looking to transfer schools or enroll their young child, please let them know about St. John School. Encourage them to set up a tour or call the office for more information. Your recommendations are our best form of marketing. New families can find a link to register for the 2023-2024 school year on our website. You can also share that link with them by clicking [here](#).

Volunteer Hours

Don't forget to log your volunteer hours. The form to log hours can be found on the school website under the "Good Stewards" tab. As a reminder, families are charged \$10 per unfulfilled volunteer hour. Thank you for all the time you give to make our school and parish a wonderful place.

VIRTUS Refresher Training

REMINDER!

All employees and volunteers in the Diocese of Lansing who work with children are required to take the Protecting God's Children Virtus Training course. Anyone who has taken the course (online or in person) prior to 2019 is required to take an online refresher course. If you fall in that category, you should have received an email from Virtus with a link to the online training. Please be sure to complete the training so that you may continue to volunteer. The training takes approximately 30 minutes. Our school must be compliant with diocesan requirements so anyone who does not complete the refresher course by the deadline given in the email will not be able to continue to volunteer until the course is complete. Please contact the school office if you have any questions. To repeat, this only applies to those who have done the initial training prior to 2019 and receive an email link from Virtus.

Book Fair

Week of April 25th

Book Fair Information can be found [here](#).



You can sign up to volunteer at the Book Fair [here](#).

Knights of Columbus

Pastoral Appreciation Dinner

Servants of Faith

Honoring

Sister Mary Ann McCarron and

SJS Principal, Andrew Schmit

Tuesday, April 25

Doors open at 5:00 PM

Dinner 6:00 PM

Reservations are required.

\$25 for children and \$15 children (14 and under)

Click [here](#) to RSVP and pay online.



ATHLETICS

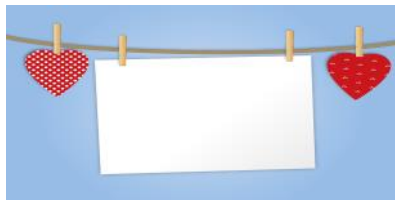
Please see attachment regarding GCCS Track and Field for students in Grades 6-8. Practice starts April 11th.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

- Adult Open Gym - Sundays Co-Ed (30+), 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Cost is \$3.00 cash or check or card (through QR code on site)
- 3rd /4th grade open gym on Sundays, 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM. Sign up day of on site .



Spiritwear has been restocked. Place your order today. Click [here](#) to order.



ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Prayers:

- For all the victims of the MSU shooting, especially for former SJS student, Nate Statly. There is a GoFundMe account set up to support his family for those who wish to donate. Click [here](#) to access the GoFundMe page.
- For Mrs. Bragg's one-month old nephew, Holton, who needs surgery.

Congratulations:

- To Mrs. Salzano and her husband on the birth of their daughter, Juliette Thomas. We can't wait to meet you!
- To the Gagne family (PK) on the birth of George's new brother, Joseph!



If you have any prayer requests you would like in the Jet Gazette, please email Mrs. Haiss.

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As we work to create light
for others, we naturally light
our own way.

-- MARY ANNE RADMACHER, AUTHOR

TODAY'S #MICROCHALLENGE
PRAY IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIGHT GOD GAVE YOU,
ESPECIALLY THROUGH THE EUCHARIST, AND THOSE IN
YOUR LIFE WHO'VE HELPED YOU FEEL GOD'S PRESENCE.

Staff Spotlight

What was a memorable part of your Spring Break?

Mrs. Kromberg: It was a memorable Spring Break for me because it will be the last Spring Break that I was able to go on with my boys for a long time because my Sammy is senior!

Mrs. Dawes: A memorable part of my Spring Break was spending time with my husband, going out to dinner, and reading.

Mrs. Bragg: I had a "Mommy/Grayson Day" with my 3-year old son. We spend time at the mall; shopping, getting candy from the candy store, eating lunch, and visiting Peppa Pig's World of Play!

Ms. Adams: Going to Denver and catching up with all of my college best friends! We hiked and explored nearby towns.

Mrs. Whitney: Travelling with my sons.

Mrs. Holbrook: Visiting my parents and spending time with my family.

Mrs. Williams: A week of slow mornings and hot coffee!

Mr. Tucker: Relaxing and recovering from my first encounter with the Plague.

Mrs. Trollman: My aunt and I stayed at Cannon Beach in Oregon. We visited many sites where one of my favorite movies, The Goonies, was filmed!

Mr. Marion: Visiting ALL of our grandparents and great grandparents.

Mr. Garbutt: I could go so many ways with this. It could be the drive back from Florida that was 23 hours long or cleaning up the vomit after my wife and I realized that our youngest son gets carsick when looking at a screen. However, I am going to have to go with the joy on my kids' faces while being at Disney. It was pretty special, Disney not cleaning the vomit.

Mrs. Haiss: I loved spending time with my family at Disney. Who knew big kids were just as much fun as little kids when you take them to Disney? I am already missing the sunshine!