



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

Jet Gazette Newsletter

January 8, 2021

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

I hope you all had a great first week back to school. We continue pushing forward and the staff and students are doing amazing things. The atmosphere in the school, right from the 8:05AM bell on Monday morning was one of joyful excitement. Did people get tired by the end of the week? Sure thing but it was good to get back into the routine of learning.

Here is my January 8 (80th day), 2021 rundown:

- As of today, we have 229 K-8 students along with 40 preschool students. God is good! Some of our homerooms (K and 1st Gr) have been capped due to maintaining social distancing protocols.
- We are beginning our early preparations for the 2021-22 school year. Next week you should be receiving an email regarding the tuition assistance program (FACTS) for next school year.
- The second NWEA MAP testing window is opening up next week. Our 1st-8th grade students will be taking NWEA Math and NWEA Reading tests at some point during the next three weeks. More information will be passed on by the homeroom teachers.
- SJS is up for Accreditation. The accreditation visitation team (Representatives from the Diocese and several Catholic school principals) will be meeting at our parish campus on January 19 and 20. The accreditation site visit will not take place like usual, rather, the team will be meeting in the Activity Center to go over the prepared evidence for the various standards and benchmarks. During the two days they will have meetings with myself, Fr. Robert, teachers, and parent representatives. Please keep this visitation in your prayers.
- The St. John Education Foundation annual fundraiser has been moved to the month of March this year. Information will be sent out soon regarding what this fundraiser will entail along with their fundraising initiatives.
- The annual PSA auction has been moved to Saturday, May 22. More information to follow in the coming weeks and months. Our homerooms will stick to the usual timelines to complete auction projects. We moved the auction from February in the hopes that we will be able to have some semblance of what we are accustomed to with our annual PSA Auction.
- Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated the first week of February. We will have more information soon regarding the upcoming Spirit Week.

As always keep our families, staff, and students in your prayers as we continue with in-person learning this school year. A number of families and staff members need our prayers. As I'm typing this communication to you, I am listening to praise and worship. I keep repeating the song "Rattle" by Elevation Worship. The phrase "Friday's disappointment is Sunday's empty tomb. Since when has impossible ever stopped You" is resonating with me right now. God can work. We need to be open to allowing him to do so. Let's keep the faith because God is doing great things within our school community.

God bless and have a restful weekend,

Andrew Schmit

PARENT CALENDAR



January

- Mon 11 **NWEA Winter Testing period begins-teachers will provide specific testing dates for each grade level**
- 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**

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.



IMPORTANT AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

We hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday break and embraced the time to recharge your battery! Welcome to a NEW YEAR bursting with auction excitement!! **Remember to MARK YOUR CALENDAR with this year's SPRING DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021!!!** Thank you to those of you who have reached out to help with this year's event. We appreciate your time, talent and treasure!!! We are still looking for volunteers to help with the auction. 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!! Homeroom parents should be currently working on class projects. We THANK YOU for your time and effort in creating these beautiful projects with the students. If you are interested 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. Please stay tuned for exciting details on this year's auction theme, ways we can all help support our school AND local businesses during this time of need and much, much more FUN for our students in preparation of AUCTION 2021!!!

**Thank you for your continued support!!!
Kelly Ahn & SJS PSA -**

Happy New Year!

2021

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.

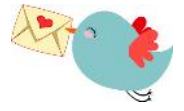
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Thank you to our sponsors!



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ON A PERSONAL NOTE



Welcome:

- To our new families:

The Arntz Family-Julia, 2nd grade
The Hanna Family-Aubrey, 2nd grade
The Lehr Family-Nicholas, Preschool
The Pillow Family-Andersen, 5th grade, and Bransen, 3rd grade



Thank you:

- To Father Robert and Father Ryan for blessing all of our classrooms and marking each door with blessed chalk for Epiphany.

Prayers:

- For Mrs. Forsleff who has health complications.



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



January is National Hobby Month. What are some of your favorite hobbies?



Mrs. Farella: Some hobbies I enjoy are cooking, biking, hiking, and sailing.

Mrs. Whitney: My favorite hobby is reading.

Mrs. Boyle: Lately, it's just been hanging out with Natalie and watching her learn and grow. But if I do have any free time, I like crafts and walks.

Ms. Jennings: My favorite hobby is drawing and visiting new museums when I'm visiting a new city.

Mrs. Wright: Some hobbies I enjoy are crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, and walking.

Ms. Adams: My favorite hobby is making homemade cards and gift wrapping with all the pretty ribbon! I like making my gifts a presentation and making people smile when they receive it.!

Mrs. Salzano: I picked up knitting again and have been learning new things. It's really fun to make something out of yarn!

Ms. Bade: Play with my crazy doggies and read!

Ms. Wharff: I love making crafts, sewing, and am learning calligraphy. I also love refinishing furniture. I'm currently sanding, fixing up, and painting two cute side tables. :)

Mrs. Haiss: I love to cook and try new recipes when I have the time. I also love to read and play board/card games.

Mr. Garbutt: Boating is my favorite hobby. Hanging out with family and friends in the open water, it can't be beat.

Mrs. Dawes: I have a lot of hobbies I enjoy when time permits. I enjoy needlepoint, making flower arrangements, and felting.

Mrs. Ratke: No time! Maybe when my kids get older, I will have some free time! :)

Mrs. Cisló: I enjoy cooking and creating my own recipes.

Mrs. Anderson: Since I do crafting as a business on the side, I love Crocheting, Making Wreaths and Wood signs!

Mrs. Adams: I enjoy walking/hiking and reading.

Mrs. Roche: Reading!



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