

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

It's hard to believe that today was the last Friday of the 2021-22 school year. Not only the last day for popcorn, last day for adoration in our school's prayer room, last day for ice cream in the snack line, and last day for our 8th Graders. We were happy to welcome everyone this afternoon who helped us "clap out" our 8th Graders from SJS. It is sad to see this bunch move on from St. John School but know fully that they will do great things in the years to come.

This week was filled with all kinds of classroom activities for the 8th graders along with our other homerooms. Along with all the end of year activities SJS did have the opportunity to welcome back members of SJS Class of 2018 with a "clap out" to honor these high school graduates.

Here's the first Friday of June but last Friday of the school year rundown:

- 8th Grade Graduation Mass: All are invited to the 8th Grade Graduation Mass on Wednesday, June 8 at 6 PM in the Church. Our Youth Choir will be singing at this mass.
- 4th-7th Grade Honors Convocation: We will have a 4th-7th Grade Honors Convocation on Thursday, June 9 at 9:15 AM. Students will be required to be in uniform that day. Please come and gather with us in the church to honor our students!
- Final Eucharistic Procession of the school year: We will have a Eucharistic Procession on the last day of school, June 9 at 11:00 AM. Please come into the building to worship and pray with us as we thank God for all he has done for us this school year!
- Last Day of School Celebration: On Thursday, June 9, we will dismiss our Kindergarten to 7th Grade students at 11:30 AM using the back steps (just like last year). Parents, please park in the Activity Center lot and walk down the steps to the outfield grass, next to the Knights of Columbus parking lot. We will have music, a closing prayer and celebrate our students as we introduce them as their next year grade level.
- Unselfie: I will be sending home a copy of the book Unselfie to each family for a summer reading assignment. I cannot stress enough how important it is for parents to read this book. I have attempted to provide snippets of insight and information throughout the school year but really need our community to dive in themselves and read so that we can begin putting the author's lessons to practice with our children. We need our children to learn empathy. There is no way around it. We as parents set the tone for our children. If we want our children to be kind and helpful, showing empathy, then we need to be kind, helpful and empathetic ourselves.

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As I continue to reflect on this school year and plan for the next I feel God continually puts on my heart that in order to be happy, empathetic, kind, and helpful we need to allow for our own conversions of the heart. All too often I think we slip into mindsets of negativity and blame out of self preservation. Gas prices, food prices, this person, that person, negative this, negative that. As we focus on the negative we lose sight of all the blessings. Our children learn from us so if we ourselves are negative then we cannot be surprised that our children have a negative outlook on things. Amie reminded me this week that I need to change my perspective after I spent some time complaining about this and that. It was a good reminder because I know my sometimes negative outlook affects my children. I will not be able to change others but I can change and allow God to work on my heart. I need to be humble and recognize my need for God and His love for me. Join in praying for opportunities to be positive and grateful. I thank God for my family. I thank God for this community. I thank God for this school. I thank God for all of you.

Have a blessed weekend, 4 more days!

Andrew Schmit
Principal



Dates to Remember

JUNE

Wed	8	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOL
Wed	8	8th Grade Graduation Mass 6 PM
Thurs	9	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (K-8) Half-Day 11:30 AM Dismissal
Thurs	9	4th-7th Grade Honors Assembly 9:15 AM-Church
Thurs	9	Eucharistic Procession 11 AM

HELP WANTED

We are already looking ahead to the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested in helping out with our morning or afternoon loop OR being a lunch supervisor, please email Mrs. Anderson at danderson@sjseducation.com. Supervisors can earn tuition credit or volunteer hours. You can work once a week or multiple days per week. We are willing to work around your schedule. We are looking to fill several open spots.

We are also looking for a new chairperson for popcorn Fridays. If you are interested in volunteering on Popcorn Fridays and helping coordinate the popcorn volunteer schedule, please contact the office.



Log Your Volunteer Hours

Please remember to log your volunteer hours before the end of the school year. Go to our school website and click on the "Good Stewards" tab. Then, you can click on "Submit Parent Volunteer Hours." If you have questions, about how to log hours, please contact the office.

Eighteen volunteer hours are required per family. If you only have a preschool student, only 10 hours are required per family. Families with unfulfilled volunteer hours will be charged \$10 per hour.



2022-2023 Calendar

We are working on finalizing our calendar for next year. We will share it with families as soon as it is finished. For now, here are a few dates for your calendar:

First Day of School (K-8):	August 23
First Day for Preschool:	August 24

Student Medications

Student medications are available for pick up in the school office. Any medications not picked up by the last day of school will be sent home in your child's backpack.



Library Books

Don't forget to return all library books and textbooks before the end of the school year. If you have questions about library books, please contact Ms. Jennings at tjennings@sjseducation.com.

Lunch Fees

Please be sure that all lunch fees are paid before the end of the school year. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Davidson at ddavidson@sjseducation.com.

Scrip Orders/Raise Right

The last day to order physical gift cards from the Scrip program (now known as Raise Right) will be June 6th. Orders must be placed by 9 AM.

Let's have some fun!

Grown ups! Remember how much fun Field Day was? Want to relive it - with your kids?



Friday evening, June 17

6:00—8:00 p.m.

There will be lots of contests, games and fun for

people of all ages to enjoy together.

In case of bad weather we'll meet in the gym.

All Parishioners Welcome!

Register on the Parish Website to let us know you are coming!



Athletics Update



Coming VERY Soon

- Athletics Boosters Info
- 2022/2023 Sports Survey
- SJS Summer Sports Camps for Volleyball, Cheer, Girls Basketball
- Open Gym Info

GO JETS!!

Don't forget to sign up for Powers Camp of Champions! The registration form is attached to the Jet Gazette email.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

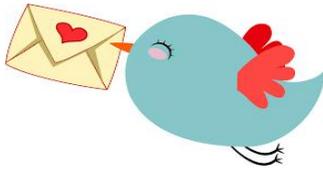
At the 11:30 AM Mass on the Feast of Corpus Christi, (June 19) we invite everyone to join in a Eucharistic Procession around the parish property.

We are inviting any of the children who made their **first Communion** this year to walk ahead of the Blessed Sacrament (following the cross bearer) with baskets of flower petals, which they will sprinkle on the path.

Girls are invited to wear their first Communion dresses and veils. Boys are more than welcome to wear their special first Communion clothing as well.

If you have your own basket (and petals) that's super. If not, we can provide both. Please send me an email and let me know if your child would like to participate. We'll be sure your families have seats at the front of the church for Mass. Any questions contact Annie Kitching at annie@stjohnfenton.org.





ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Thank You:

- To the slew of parent volunteers that have been in our school this week. You have helped tremendously with our year end activities!

Congratulations:

- To Mr. and Mrs. Forsleff on the birth of their first grandchild, Elias James.
- To the 2022 graduating seniors. We are so glad you joined us for our very first Senior Clapout to start a new SJS tradition.



Building Foundations of 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://www.stjohnfenton.org/bulletin.html>

We have an SJ family who lives near Lake Fenton looking to carpool for the 2022-2023 school year. They need help with after school transportation and are willing to provide morning transportation. If you are interested, please contact the office for more

