



St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

Jet Gazette Newsletter

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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

This school year continues to zip on by and it sure feels like it's picking up pace. I cannot believe we are in mid-March already, about to lose an hour this weekend as Daylight Saving begins with the worst Saturday night of the year. The worst I say! Alright, enough of that. Let's jump to our Friday before Daylight Saving Time begins rundown:

The March 10 Rundown

- **ARK Test:** The Diocese of Lansing is partnering with ARK (Assessment of Religious Knowledge) for a religion assessment that will replace the 5th/8th/11th grade tests the Diocese used in previous years. Starting this Spring, all 2nd grade through 12th grade students, along with teaching staff/administration across the Diocese will be taking this assessment. This standardized testing data will be used to help individual schools frame up our ongoing Catechesis and help teachers to guide their focus for areas of improvement within instruction. A letter from Tom Maloney, the Superintendent for Catholic Schools, is attached to Mrs. Haiss' Friday email.
- **Social/Emotional:** We are working on developing and adopting a more comprehensive and strategic implementation of Virtue Based Restorative Practices, while integrating concepts from Restorative Practices and Unselfie. The teaching staff and administration has strategies in place to help with classroom and behavior management on a daily basis. However, it continues to become increasingly apparent that we need to help our students more so than ever before to learn how to regulate emotions, improve communication skills and navigate conflict with the goals of forming healthy relationships with peers and adults.
- **Social/Emotional in Action in the Classroom:** It's Lent. It's March and the sap is starting to flow. Mrs. Cislo came up with a creative way to help her class learn how to focus on others during this Lenten Season. She came up with SAP:

S: see things to be done. A pencil on the floor, someone carrying a lot, dinner is over and dishes are on the table

A: act on it. Pick up the pencil, help carry boxes, clear your dishes ...

P: praise God for giving you an opportunity to serve others.

SAP is sticky so the students will be able to see how these actions become WHO we are and not just something we do. (There's a Clark Griswold "little full, lotta sap" reference for the taking but having a difficult time weaving it in.) Students will internalize and be the light of Christ! Thank you, Mrs. Cislo. I'm looking forward to seeing these SAP moments stick and help make an impactful change in our school and world!

- **Another call for volunteers:** We could use more parents-volunteers during morning drop-off. We are also in desperate need of more lunchtime/recess supervisors. If you have some time to give between 7:40-8:05 or from 10:45-12:45, we would appreciate it if you contact Mrs. Anderson in the main office. Thank you!

- Enrollment news for 2023-24: Our re-registration/retention rate is at nearly 92% for the upcoming school year. Our new family registration continues. We've hosted our Catholic Schools Week Open House and our Preschool/Kindergarten Information Night but we are always open to meeting with prospective families. Interested families can contact the main office to set up a tour or a student shadow visit. Helping with future promotion of the school and increasing enrollment, we are hoping to have a new marketing video to be published mid Spring to help positively promote the school. Be on the lookout for upcoming opportunities to share your positive stories for this video.
- 40 Cans of Lent: Knights of Columbus food drive to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry continues until the week after Spring Break (HOLY WEEK).
- Mass this Weekend: It is great seeing our families at St. John masses. This Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of Lent. Join us at either the Saturday 5pm and Sunday 8:30AM, 10AM, or 11:30 AM masses.
- Save the date: On Thursday, April 27, we will be hosting a Family Fun Night from 4pm-6pm. We are in the planning stages of this event but it will be held in conjunction with the upcoming book fair at the end of April
- Save another date: There will be a GCCS Middle School Fun Night at Powers Catholic High School on Friday, April 28 from 6-8pm. More information is coming soon!
- March 24 is a Half Day: We will be closing the office at 11:45 AM on Friday, March 24. Please be on time to pick up your child/ren that day. There will NOT be Jets Club offered.
- Spring Break: Only 14 more days!

On Sunday, John's The Samaritan Woman at the Well account will be proclaimed during the reading of the Gospel. "When the Samaritans came to him, **they invited him to stay with them**; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, **"We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves**, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world." (John 4:41-42). It's a long Gospel narrative but one that is steeped in theological and spiritual richness. I focus my concluding thoughts for this week on the end of the account because it's something we need in our lives today. As we move through our lives in what feels like warp speed/hyperdrive (depending on what level of SciFi nerd you are-I happen to subscribe to both) we might miss out on opportunities to spend time with Jesus, not allowing ourselves to simply abide in His love. We are so consumed by our jobs, our social calendars, or maybe our children's grades and success at school, or our children's activities, that we lose sight of what actually matters most: that we are known and loved by God. All of us adults in this community need to re-prioritize our focus so that WE are better equipped to be spouses and parents who are doing the work necessary to be those examples and role models that our children need. Let us take time this week to spend time with Jesus, "invite him to stay" with you as you pray (make it a priority). It's amazing what He will do in your heart if you are open to it.

Well, that's all I have to say this week. I hope and pray you have a blessed weekend. See you on Monday morning.

God bless,
Andrew Schmit
Principal



Dates to Remember



MARCH

Fri	10	New Extended Deadline for Tuition Assistance Applications
Sun	12	Daylight Saving Time-Spring Forward!
Fri	17	Happy St. Patrick's Day! St. Patrick's Day spiritwear allowed.
Fri	17	Happy Birthday Mrs. Bragg!
Fri	24	11:30 AM Dismissal-Spring Break Begins at end of day

APRIL

Mon	3	Classes Resume
Fri	7	Good Friday-No School
Sun	9	Happy Easter
Mon	10	Easter Monday-No School
Mon	24	Teacher PD-No School for Students
Fri	27	Family Fun Night
Sat	28	GCCS Middle School Fun Night 6-8 PM-More details coming soon

2023-2024 Registration Fees

During the re-registration process, most families elect to have their registration fee rolled into their tuition payment for the next school year. If you elected to pay your registration fee up front instead of rolling it in to tuition, please be sure to send in your payment to the office by March 24th. After spring break, all unpaid registration fees will be rolled into the tuition payments.

The registration fee is \$200. If you registered prior to January 15th, your registration fee was discounted to \$100. If you are not sure, please contact Mrs. Haiss for the amount.

Congratulations to the Monty Morgan family who were the lucky winners in our drawing to have the registration fee completely waived by registering early!

VIRTUS Refresher Training

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 will soon be receiving 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.

March Jeans Days

During the month of March, students may pay \$1 for the privilege of wearing jeans on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. All proceeds from this collection will go towards a schoolwide Lenten service project. Jeans must be free of rips and tears. Dennis Uniform shirts are still required.



Students do not need to pay on Fridays which are already regular Spiritwear days. Students may pay \$1 daily or pay for all days in advance (\$10). **Students must be in full St. John Uniform on Wednesdays for Mass.**

The following days Jeans Days remain:

March 13, 14, 16

March 20, 21, 23



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](#).

40 CANS FOR LENT

Any student who donates 3 items on the same day will be given a coupon for 50% off a baker's dozen bag of cookies from Crust. This is a thank you from the K of C and Crust for giving back to community members in need!

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Mr. Schmit first released this information in December. Please be sure to add it to your calendar. There is NO SCHOOL on Monday, April 24th due to a diocesan wide Teacher PD.

Fish Fry Volunteers Needed



We recently emailed a link a Lenten Fish Fry volunteer sign up for the K of C Fish Fry. We are overwhelmed at the response. All slots were quickly filled. I THANK YOU! If anything changes or more volunteers are needed, we will be sure to get the word out.

In the meantime, if you would still like to help, please consider making a Homemade Dessert for the dessert table. The K of C Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring the dessert table at Fish Fry and would be grateful for your donation. Any baked goods may be dropped off at the Activity Center on all Fridays in March. Thank you for your help!



FORTY CANS FOR 40 LENT

SPECIAL REQUESTS:

BREAKFAST

Box Cereals (all types)
Pancake Mix
Syrup
Jelly
Oatmeal

DRY PASTA & POTATO

Spaghetti Noodles
Cheese Burger Helper
Egg Noodles
White Rice
Instant Potatoes
Ramen Noodles

CANNED ITEMS

Dinty Moore Beef Stew
Whole Kernel Corn
Spaghetti Sauce
Pork and Beans
Chili, Tomato Sauce
Canned Pasta
Sloppy Joe Sauce
Fruit, Tuna
Green Beans

HYGIENE & HOUSEHOLD

Liquid Laundry Detergent
Shampoo Toothpaste,
Tooth Brush
Dental Floss
Dish soap
2-ply toilet paper



COLLECTION BOXES CAN BE FOUND AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCES, IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER, PARISH OFFICE, SJ SCHOOL, KNIGHTS HALL AND ALPINE GROCERY, LINDEN.



ATHLETICS

BASKETBALL

7/8 Grade

Sat. Mar. 11 vs. Holy Family/LeBeau 9:00 AM @ Powers
Thurs. Mar. 16 vs. Holy Rosary 6:00 PM @ St. John

5/6 Grade Green

Mon. Mar. 13 vs. St John Vianney 5:00 PM @ St. Matt
Thurs. Mar. 16 vs. Holy Family 3 5:00 PM @ Holy Family
Sat. Mar. 18 vs. Holy Family 1 12:00 PM @ Holy Family

5/6 Grade Gold

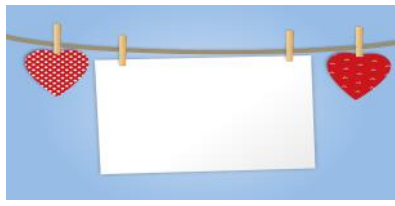
Thurs. Mar. 16 vs. Holy Rosary 6:00 PM @ St. John
Sat. Mar. 18 vs. Holy Family 2 10:00 AM @ Holy Family

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.

Thank You:

- To the PSA for providing lunch for the staff during Parent Teacher Conferences.

Congratulations:

- To Ms. Kozara on the birth of her new grandson, William Joseph, who was born on Monday.
- To 7th grader, Nolan McAndrew, for being selected to play in the Premier Lacrosse League, Jr. Championship in August. He will be drafted to a team in May. Way to go, Nolan!



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

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MARCH 6, 2023

When you forgive, you love.
And when you love, God's
light shines upon you.

-- RON FRANZ, "INTO THE WILD"

TODAY'S #MICROCHALLENGE

FAST FROM CRITICISM TODAY! MAKE AN EFFORT TO COMPLIMENT OR ACKNOWLEDGE THE EFFORTS OF AT LEAST ONE PERSON YOU COME ACROSS.

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MARCH 5, 2023

Service to others is the
rent you pay for your room
here on earth.

-- MUHAMMAD ALI

TODAY'S #MICROCHALLENGE

GIVE UP SOME OF YOUR "ME TIME" TODAY TO HELP A NEIGHBOR WITH THEIR YARDWORK OR GROCERY SHOPPING.

Staff Spotlight

March is Reading Month

Who is one of your favorite authors to read for fun?

Mrs. Kromberg: Mitch Albom is an amazing author! I love reading his books for fun over and over again.

Mrs. Trollman: One of my favorite authors is Elin Hilderbrand. She writes about her beach days on Nantucket Island, a place that I'd love to visit.

Mr. Willard: Robert Louis Stevenson and John Bellairs

Mrs. Roche: Elin Hilderbrand...Summer Fun!

Mrs. Wright: I enjoy reading books by Kristin Hannah and Nicholas Sparks.

Mr. Forsleff: Neil Gaiman

Mrs. Dawes: The author that comes to mind first is Kristin Hannah. I have read several of her books.

Mr. Garbutt: Ryan Holiday is an author I like to read for fun.

Mrs. Williams: It's so hard to pick only one. I have read all of Colleen Hoover's books. She is an amazing author.

Mrs. Adams: I love to read so I have a lot of favorites, but more recently Jodi Picoult and Lisa Scottoline.

Mr. Tucker: Jules Verne

Mrs. Haiss: I also love Elin Hilderbrand books. Perfect for summer reading!

