

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings

We are flying through this school year. Buckle up because we have a lot coming at us over the next couple of months. All in all I am pleased with the awesome learning communities that have formed within our classrooms over the first three weeks of school. Our students and staff have been incredible so far so thank you for how you continue to support Catholic education here at St. John School!

Here is my 11th day of school rundown:

- Middle School

*The middle school teachers are working together to get Student Government up and running again. Students interested in Student Government should have information next week.

*NJHS applications will be sent out soon for our eligible 7th and 8th Grade students. We will be inducting 7th and 8th graders this fall with separate ceremonies. Our application process for 6th graders will take place in the spring.

- The GCHD has reduced the quarantine time for exposure to a positive COVID19 case to 10 days. The updates keep coming so we will continue to adjust!

- Food Service:

*There is a chance that the menu offerings will have to change from time to time throughout the month based on the availability of food items and the substitutions that are offered when the weekly food orders are placed. We apologize and thank you for your understanding.

*Thank you for your patience with our new payment system. We are still in the midst of working through some of the kinks.

- The Applefest Raffle Ticket Challenge continues through this weekend and concludes Monday, September 13. Thank you to all who have participated.

- Some of our classrooms were visited this morning by Marley. Marley is a 7 year old Blue Heeler/Husky Therapy Dog. His handler, Mrs. Laura Davis will be bringing him in once a week on Thursday mornings.

- St. John has contracted a new cleaning service, CITI Building Services. You may have noticed a silver work van driving through the parking lot at dismissal time. We will miss our beloved Ms. Allene and Ms. Irene who both decided it was time to retire and enjoy their families after so many years of taking care of our buildings.

- Thank you for your patience, understanding, and grace you have shown me over the opening weeks of school. God continues to work and WE continue to push forward. Thank you.

Our Wednesday Mass was the Feast of the Nativity of Mary. Fr. Robert pointed out in his homily that for every Mary feast day in the Church, the Gospel reading is the Nativity of Jesus. The Church is trying to teach us Christians that our own lives need to point to Jesus, just like our Blessed Mother. It was an excellent point for reflection. Does my everyday life and all the decisions I make point to Jesus? As I have reflected on this since yesterday's Mass, I was struck with the awareness of how Jesus lived in all humility. He didn't have to, I mean, he is God, right? Yet, while on Earth he embraced his humanity in all humility and suffered, ultimately for us. Wow. How often do I think I know it all? Or I have all the answers and the need to be right? My prayer is that we all can live our lives, like Mary, in such a way that everything we do points to Jesus.

Let's continue bringing Jesus to our world, SJS community!

God bless,
Andrew Schmit

Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER

Friday	10	No School-Applefest Golf Outing
Monday	13	Applefest Raffle Tickets Due
Thursday	16	Athletic Boosters Informational Meeting 7 PM
Monday	20	Picture Day

OCTOBER

Friday	1	No Hot Lunch
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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. To report an absence, you can call the school office or you can email Mrs. Haiss at ahaiss@sjseducation.com. Please note:

- **Please be sure to be specific about symptoms in an email or voicemail. “Not feeling well” or “under the weather” requires a follow-up to inquire about symptoms.**
- **If you are reporting a fever (even if it’s a low-grade fever), please provide the temperature that was recorded.**
- **Please also include if your child has had a known exposure to Covid-19.**



Raffle tickets are due on Monday. Please remember to send back all tickets. We will announce the winning homerooms next week!



Youth Choir

Youth Choir is starting back up on Monday, September 20th. Youth Choir is for students in grades 4 and up. Practice will be held in the church on Mondays after school until 5 PM. To sign your child up for youth choir, please email Freeman Tucker at freeman@stjohnfenton.org.

Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for parent volunteers to help out at the youth choir practices. You do not have to commit to volunteering every Monday. We are willing to set up a rotating volunteer schedule if we can get enough parents to volunteer. If you are interested in helping, please contact Freeman Tucker at freeman@stjohnfenton.org. All volunteer requirements must be met to volunteer.



Homeroom Parents for 2021-2022

THANK YOU!

Mrs. Roberts	Laura Smith	Mrs. Cislo	Kristin Arntz
Mrs. Boyle	Cassie Adams	Mrs. Dawes	Kari Hoekstra
Ms. Wharff	Anne Lehr	Mrs. Whitney	Adrienne Kane
Mrs. Konett	Sara Byrne	Mrs. Farella	Christine Brown
Mrs. Ratke	Cortney Gibson	Ms. Adams	Jennie Campbell
Mrs. Salzano	Jill Norwood	Mr. Garbutt	Valarie Pickard
Mrs. Trollman	Andrea Mulligan	Ms. Werschky	Elizabeth Wise
Mrs. Roche	Jen Lesneski	Ms. Feazel	Jennifer Scully

Altar Server Training

The parish will be offering a variety of altar serving training sessions for students in 5th grade and above. St. John students have the opportunity to attend a training session during school hours. Those sessions will be held on Friday, September 17th, and Friday, September 24th. If your child is interested in attending one of the training sessions, please submit his or her name using the following link: <https://stjohnfenton.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/44/responses/new>. The teaching staff will divide the students into groups to attend the training, so you do not need to pick a specific session. Students who are already trained altar servers, but would like to attend as a refresher, may sign up as well.



Athletics Boosters

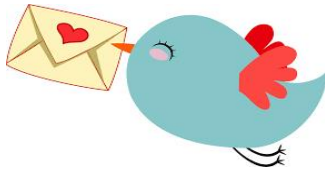


Please join us for our first Athletic Boosters Club meeting on September 16th at 7 PM in the cafeteria. Come hear about how you can help support our kids and raise the school spirit at St. John! If you would like to be on the board or a part of the Boosters Club, we look forward to seeing you there.

Picture Day Information

Picture Day is on Monday, September 20th! Information about purchasing school pictures will be sent home next week. Students must wear a regular St. John uniform for picture day. All students will be photographed even if pictures are not being purchased.





ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Welcome:

- To the Bubnes family-Desi, PK

Prayers:

- For Shannon Adams, Dylan and Sadie Beale's aunt, who is ill.
- For all the service men and women who are stationed abroad.

Anniversary Prayer for 9/11

Holy God,
Creator of all people and all nations,
It is with sorrow and apprehension we remember the tragic events that occurred on this day.

We lift to You in prayer all those who died
In the Twin Towers, at the Pentagon, and on United Airlines Flight 93 in Shankesville, Pennsylvania.

We entrust them to Your loving care.
Console their families, friends, and all who mourn this loss in the hope that all who trust in You find peace and rest in Your Kingdom.

We pray for those who courageously responded to provide aid and comfort to the afflicted.
May their painful memories of that day be healed and transformed into strength and positive resolution.

We also pray for ourselves as we seek Your strength and guidance.
We live in the aftermath of this tragedy and under the shadow of future acts of aggression; we stand in need of Your assistance.

Enable us, Dear God, to put an end to fear:
By resolving to live lives that are based on respect for one another;
By resolving to abide in a peaceful manner and never settle disagreements in our lives in a violent way;
By resolving not to fall into the trap of blaming entire ethnic groups, races, or religions in response to acts of hostility;
By resolving that justice, not revenge, prevail in our world.

Let us resolve that in the face of hatred, we will show love;
That in times of despair, we will be voices of hope
And creators of new dreams;
That in times of darkness, we will be sources of light.

Let us resolve that we never regard forgiveness as weakness,
But rather as a source of strength in our lives and in our world.

And, let us honor the memory of nearly 3,000 individuals who died on September 11, 2001
By resolving, with Your help Almighty God,
To truly live this way so You may be glorified and Your love made known to others through us.

Amen.

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://stjohnfenton.org/bulletins>



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