

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

This school year is cruising on by, unlike the traffic in and around Fenton. Am I right? However, we won't rely on cruise control to get us through. The first marking period ends in just three weeks. We have so much going on right now that we should just get to the October 1 rundown:

- **Pet Blessing:** Our October 4, Blessing of the Pets on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi will be held Monday morning AFTER Morning Loop. Please drop off your child/ren using the loop, exit our drive to Adelaide per usual and then head back around to the parking lot. The loop line is pretty much finished by 8:00 so feel free to begin walking to the courtyard at that time. Our students will enter the courtyard with their classes and will be allowed to stand next to you and your pet during the blessing. Deacon Larry will pray the blessing at around 8:15.
- **No School:** Reminder, we do not have school on Monday, October 11 due to our school's participation in the Applefest Raffle.
- **Middle School:** Our middle school students worked on their NWEA folders this morning, creating their MAP Math and MAP Reading goal sheets. Each student now has ownership of their growth potential. I am very proud of our students and excited to be able to celebrate future successes!
- **GCHD Mask Mandates:** The mandates that have been in place throughout this school year will continue to be enforced by the GCHD and followed by the schools of Genesee County. Thank you for remaining vigilant when it comes to the daily monitoring of symptoms.
- **Athletics:** Parents, please keep in mind when you go to watch a sporting event indoors, at any gym in the GCCS, that all in attendance are required to wear a facial covering.
- **Masses this weekend:** We would love to see you at Mass this weekend. Our masses are at 5 pm on Saturday, and on Sunday morning at 8:30 am, 10 am, and 11:30 am. The St. John Youth Choir will be singing at the 11:30 am mass on Sunday morning, singing songs selected by our 5th grade class.

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux. St. Therese lived in France in the late 19th century. She lived a simple life, some might argue in obscurity, yet her faith and words have had a lasting impact on the Church. She died as a 24 year old Carmelite nun but her faith was profound. As we continue through this school year, a school year that seems more difficult than last year at times, a quote from St. Therese's "Story of a Soul" resonates with me. ***"A word, a kindly smile, will often suffice to gladden a wounded and sorrowful heart."*** We need to be a community that lifts up one another because we don't know what's going on in a person's life. Our words/actions can make or break a person. This message is for everyone in this community. Let's build up one another in the love of Christ. Only through a life rooted in faith, hope, and love will we endure and continue the mission of building His kingdom.


Go Jets! Go Blue! Have a great weekend, SJS Community!

Andrew Schmit
Principal

"I love you, Jesus, and bear in mind the words of St. John of the Cross: 'The least act of pure love is of more value than all the other works put together.'"
St. Therese of Lisieux

Dates to Remember

OCTOBER

Monday	4	 Pet Blessing at 8:10 AM
Monday	11	NO SCHOOL
Monday	11	National School Lunch Week Begins
Thursday	21	Happy Birthday Mrs. Whitney!
Friday	22	End of First Quarter
Sunday	24	Happy Birthday Mr. Willard!
Monday	25	Happy Birthday Mrs. Salerno!
Wednesday	27	Preschool Only-Half Day 11:20 AM Dismissal
Thursday	28	Half-Day for Students 11:30 AM Dismissal
Thursday	28	Trunk or Treat 6 PM-More details to come soon
Friday	29	No School for Students



PET BLESSING

Join us for our annual Pet Blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. This will take place on Monday, October 4th at 8:10 AM in the courtyard. All pets **MUST** be on a leash or in a cage/ crate. Also, all pets must go home after the blessing. For pets who do not travel well or families whose schedule does not allow you to bring your pet, we encourage your child to bring in a picture to be blessed. A stuffed animal may also be brought as a stand-in for a pet.



Students should go to class as normal and will come out after announcements to meet parents and pets in the courtyard. Our students will gather in the main courtyard. We ask that parents/pets gather in the north end of the courtyard by the stairs/hill. Visitors are encouraged to wear masks.

Job Opportunity

We are currently accepting applications for a part-time Jets Club caregiver. Applicants must be willing to work with students of various ages and willing to cooperate with other caregivers to provide a safe and healthy play and learning environment. Other requirements include the ability to bend and stoop for periods of time and the ability to withstand winter and summer temperatures, as outside play is part of the daily routine. Applicants should send their resumes to Mr. Schmit at aschmit@sjseducation.com. Please be sure to share this job opportunity with anyone who may be interested.

Spiritwear Update

We are so excited to announce that St. John School now has an online Spiritwear store!! Our spiritwear team has been busily working behind the scenes to make purchasing Spiritwear more convenient for busy families. If you make an online purchase, we will send your order home with your child. If you have any questions, please email spiritwear@sjseducation.com. You can visit our online store [here](#).

Please note that our supplier is having issues getting certain items. We will continue to try to get high demand items, but the time frame is unknown for some sizes due to supply chain issues.



Check out the website for some of our colder weather items like the ones shown above!

Youth Choir

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. You can sign to volunteer [here](#). All volunteer requirements must be met to volunteer.



Help us celebrate National School Lunch Week from Oct. 12th-Oct. 15th! All students who purchase a hot lunch that week will be entered into a drawing to win a gift card or other special prizes. Students will receive one entry each day a lunch is purchased.

8th Grade Fundraiser

To raise money for the 8th grade Washington DC trip, our 8th graders are having a Fun Pasta fundraiser. If you would like to check it out and support the 8th grade trip, click [here](#) to order. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Ahn at kahn@stout.com.



Athletics

Come Cheer on the Jets!!

7/8 Grade Football

Wed 10/6 vs. Durand 5:30 PM @ Powers
Wed 10/13 vs. New Lothrop 5:30 PM @ New Lothrop

5/6 Grade Flag Football

Sun 10/3 2:30 PM @ Powers
Sun 10/10 2:30 PM @ Powers

7/8 Grade Girls Basketball

Tues 10/5 vs. Holy Family Blue 6 PM @ Holy Family
Sat 10/9 vs. Holy Family Panthers 9 AM @ Powers
Wed 10/13 vs. St. Robert 6 PM @ Holy Family

5/6 Grade Girls Basketball

Mon 10/4 vs. Holy Family Panthers 7 PM @ Holy Family
Mon 10/11 vs. Holy Family Gold 7 PM @ St. Robert

Athletics Boosters Club Update

We had a great meeting recently – thanks to those that could attend! We are looking forward to sharing news and events from the Boosters Club. Please take a minute and fill out this form to get more information and learn how you can be a part of our mission in making Athletics a strong part of our school!

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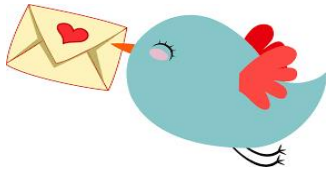


Help Wanted

The parish is looking for volunteers to be catechists for the Sunday morning preschool religious education class. Lesson ideas and learning materials are provided. If you are interested, please contact Annie Kitching at annie@stjohnfenton.org.

Volunteer Needed

We are looking for a volunteer (or two) to come in periodically to organize the Used Uniform Closet. If you are interested, please call the office.



ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Prayers:

- For Mrs. Marinelli and her family, whose grandmother, Betty Johnson, passed away.
- For Shannon Adams, Dylan and Sadie Beale's aunt, who is ill.
- For all the service men and women who are stationed abroad.

Thank You:

- To our Popcorn Volunteers! We love popcorn day!!

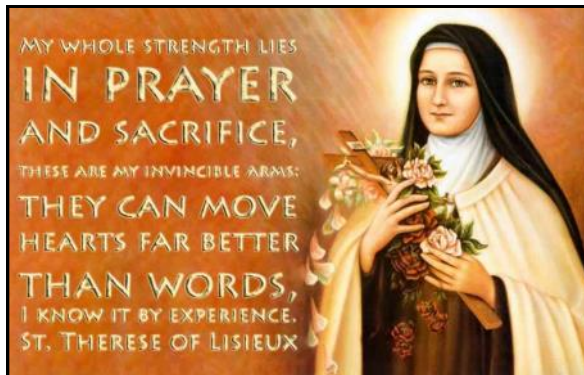
Building Foundations of Faith

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>

Feast Day of St. Therese of Lisieux



Today is the feast day of St. Therese, sometimes referred to as the "little flower." For an introduction to St. Therese's life that led her to sainthood, check out the Diocese of Lansing's Facebook page [here](#). You can also pray the Novena to St. Therese found [here](#). St. Therese, Pray for us!



Staff Spotlight

Ms. Werschky

7th Grade Homeroom

Middle School Language Arts

How long have you worked in education? 30 years **How about at SJS?** This is my 3rd year.

What is your alma mater? UM-Flint and Oakland University

What is your favorite thing about working in a Catholic school? I enjoy being able to share in our faith with the kids

Tell us about your family: I have 3 children, 2 girls and a boy. I have one sibling.

Do you have any pets? I have a dog and a cat.

What are your favorite hobbies? Antique shopping, reading, rowing, and long walks

What are your favorite foods? Pizza!

What is your favorite vacation memory? Road trips with my son and my dad, making great memories.

What is the best thing about fall? Orchards and college football

What is your least favorite chore? Cleaning bathrooms

What is your favorite movie? All Marvel movies

What is your favorite novel to read with students? In My Hands by Irene Gut

What is one of your favorite Bible stories? David and Goliath

Little known fact about you? I swam with the rescued Katrina Hurricane dolphins.

This or that? AUTUMN EDITION

Coffee or Tea

Fireplace or Bonfire

Apple Pie or Caramel Apple

Flannel Shirts or Fuzzy Sweaters

College Football or NFL