



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

Jet Gazette Newsletter

May 21, 2021

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

What a week! We've had everything from the Aladdin Performance at Powers, to First Communions, to 3rd Grade "Wax Museum" presentations, to 4th Grade Family Tree Projects, to an 8th Grade field trip to Camp Copneconic, to the final preparations for the PSA Cheeseburger in Paradise Auction Party. It's a beautiful day outside and who really wants to be reading what I have to say, so let's get to the May 21, 3 weeks to go rundown:

- A huge thank you goes out to Kelly Ahn, Michelle Pagnani, Krystal Fatolitis-Payne, Cherish Miotke, Scott McPeake, Cathy Tremaine, Kelli Doherty, Kelly Boike, Kim Rogers, Sarah Carpenter, Stephanie Claborn and the rest of the parent volunteers who helped this morning and afternoon setting up for the party. I cannot begin to thank you enough for all the time and effort you have put into making our auction a reality during this crazy year.
- Our NWEA MAP testing is completed for the year. We will be spending some time diving into the data starting next week.
- We will not be having the traditional Fun Day for this school year. Each homeroom is going to be doing their own activities on either June 9 or June 10. These end of the year activities will be for the students only. Fortunately, we can celebrate the end of our school year but unfortunately we cannot open it up to all parents.
- We will hold an abbreviated academic awards ceremony for grades 4 and 5 on June 9 and then invite the parents of the 6th and 7th grade students on June 11 to attend Mass with the awards to follow. More information will be coming soon.
- Next school year we will be resuming our participation in GCCS athletics. More information will be coming soon for next year's 5th-8th Grade families who want to participate in our Fall, Winter and Spring sports programs.
- There will be an awesome Treasure Race fundraiser on June 8 at 6pm. More details on page 2.
- Bishop Boyea is lifting the Holy Day of Obligation dispensation this Pentecost weekend. St. John will no longer have seating restrictions in the Church. St. John will continue to provide three spaces for worship (Church, Activity Center, Parking Lot) throughout the summer. Although the church itself will not have the seating restrictions, the Activity Center will still be arranged with social distancing measures in place. School masses for the remainder of the school year will remain the same with socially distanced seating and only students and teachers in attendance.

This Pentecost weekend, let us pray that we will continue following the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our St. John Parish community. God continues to work mightily in and through this parish. At Pentecost, the apostles were gathered together, still in fear of what was going to come of them, despite the words of peace and comfort Jesus gave to them throughout the time after his blessed Resurrection. Yet, God had a plan and filled them with the courage and zeal of the Holy Spirit and thereafter, changed the world by witnessing to the Gospel. Let us pray that we remain open to God working in us and through us to bring his enduring love to all we encounter. Have a great weekend!

God bless,

Andrew Schmit

PARENT CALENDAR

May

Sun	23	Happy Birthday Ms. Werschky!
Mon	24	Happy Birthday Mrs. Minnick!
Tue	25	Happy Birthday Father Robert!
Mon	31	No School-Memorial Day

June

Wed	2	Happy Birthday Mrs. Flannery!
Fri	4	8th Grade Last Day-Clapout
Tues	8	Treasure Race
Wed	9	Last Day for Preschool
Wed	9	8th Grade Graduation Mass
Fri	11	11:30 AM Dismissal-Last Day of School



Library Books Due

Next Friday will be the last day to check out library books. All books will be due on the last day of library class for each classroom. Please be sure to return all books. If you have

any questions, please contact Ms. Jennings at tjennings@sjseducation.com.

Please remember to send face masks and water bottles to school with your child. Families should be providing their own masks. As the weather is warming up, we want to be sure that everyone is staying hydrated.

Menu Change for Monday

We will be serving Mini Waffles instead of Mini Pancakes.

TREASURE RACE

June 8th at 6 PM

Congratulations on the conclusion of another great year at St. John School. In celebration of this year's accomplishments, we would like to invite you and your family to join us for a St. John School fundraiser! In partnership with Treasure Race, St. John is ready to send you on an adventure throughout downtown Fenton that you won't soon forget. **100% of all registration fees for the race will go to St. John School, and the winning team will get to dig for \$1,000 in buried treasure.**

Treasure Race is a new experience created by one of our St. John family members, it is an app-based scavenger race. One amazingly clever, highly interactive, technology-infused experience that's designed to send teams on a uniquely, unforgettable adventure. Imagine an outing with your favorite people, add in a series of Indiana Jones style clues, mix that with some unfamiliar terrain, and you have a Treasure Race.

This fundraiser is anticipated to take between 2-3 hours, depending on the cleverness of your team. Teams may be comprised of 2-6 members and must contain at least one adult over the age of 18; we encourage the St. John students to join in the adventure. The registration fee is \$50 per team. The first team to correctly solve all of the clues will find themselves in the locale of the buried treasure, which will be valued at \$1000.

If you are interested in learning more about Treasure Race, please visit treasurerace.com. If you are ready to sign up and participate in the St. John Fundraiser:

- Download the Treasure Race app in either your Google Play Store or Apple App Store
- Create an account
- Register for the St. John Fundraiser race

If you have any questions, please contact the school office. Thank you so much for taking the time to consider joining us on June 8th. We hope to see you at the finish line!



LET'S RAISE SOME MONEY FOR SJS!

St. John School 2021 Auction

**CHEESEBURGER
IN PARADISE**

Saturday, May 22nd

Check in begins at 5pm

Blessing and Dinner served starting at 6pm

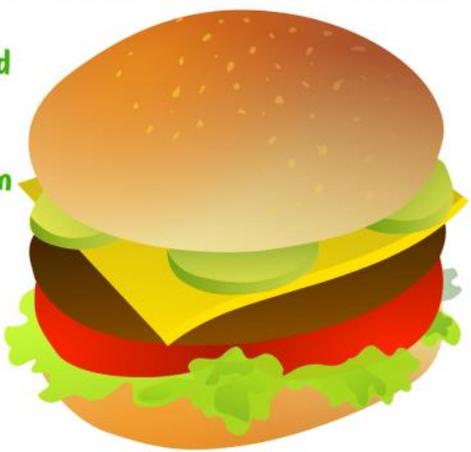
A big heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to our sponsors, donors and volunteers!

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Online Bidding Opens on May 17th!
Bidding will CLOSE the evening of May 22nd
Teacher/Staff items Close at 8:30pm
Gift Baskets/Items Close at 9:00pm
Class Projects and VIP Items Close at 9:30pm

Thanks For Your Support!

*All Proceeds Will Go to St. John School.
 We truly are grateful that you are helping support the students and staff of SJS!



Cheeseburger in Paradise
ONLINE BIDDING IS OPEN NOW!!!!
 (All bidding closes Saturday, 5/22-see details above)
YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO BID!!

<https://sjpsa2021.ggo.bid>

*****Saturday's event is SOLD OUT!*****

You must have a ticket to attend. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.





“Take it all in... it’s as big as it seems. Count all your blessings. Remember your dreams.” Jimmy Buffett

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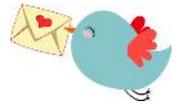
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ON A PERSONAL NOTE



Congratulations:

- To the SJS Drama Club on a spectacular performance of "Aladdin" last weekend. You are quite a group of shining stars!

Thank You:

- To Melanie McPeake for your leadership and dedication to our Drama Club. We are so grateful for your support!

Prayers:

- For the Wizzgird family on the passing of Dominic's grandfather, James Pine.
- For the Ronthi family on the passing of Mr. Ronthi's brother, Mark.
- For Mrs. Forsleff who has health complications.

What is PENTECOST?



PENTECOST comes from the Greek word "Pentecoste" meaning 50th day. Pentecost Sunday is one of the most prominent feast days in the Christian calendar. It is often referred to as the "BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH".

It marks the day when the HOLY SPIRIT descended upon the Apostles, who had been living in fear for fifty days following the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

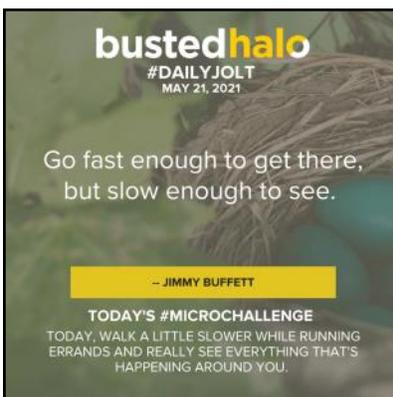
On Pentecost, the HOLY SPIRIT came down visibly on the Apostles. He gave them the power to speak in strange tongues to the crowds that came to Jerusalem for that Feast. He also transformed them, from selfish and timid men into giants of courage and faith.

COME
HOLY SPIRIT
FILL THE HEARTS
OF YOUR FAITHFUL
AND KINDLE IN THEM
THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.
SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT
AND THEY SHALL BE CREATED
AND YOU SHALL RENEW
THE FACE OF THE
EARTH.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. AMEN.

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Today's #microchallenge from bustedhalo.com



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#DAILYJOLT
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Go fast enough to get there,
but slow enough to see.

— JIMMY BUFFETT

TODAY'S #MICROCHALLENGE
TODAY, WALK A LITTLE SLOWER WHILE RUNNING ERRANDS AND REALLY SEE EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENING AROUND YOU.

To stay up to date with parish events, click [here](#) for a link to the weekly parish bulletin .

DRIVE-IN MASS

Available during all weekend mass times

How it works:

- + Park in the designated parking area in the north parking lot during any of our weekend Masses
- + Tune your car's radio to 88.3 FM
- + Watch the Mass on our outdoor screen as it is happening live in the Church
- + During communion, Extraordinary Ministers will come to your vehicle to distribute Holy Communion.

Staff Spotlight



Tell us about an historical event or a person from history that you have enjoyed learning about.

Mrs. Salzano: I love learning about Ruby Bridges. She was such a brave little six year old girl! She is a living legend that my students can really connect with.

Mr. Willard: I'm an old-time radio aficionado and I love learning about Orson Welles' radio adaptation of "War of the Worlds" and the supposed panic it created among listeners.

Mrs. Roche: Eleanor Roosevelt has always been interesting to me. I also love learning about the World War II Era.

Ms. Jacoby: A historical person who I really enjoyed learning about was Edith Cavell. She was a British nurse during World War I, and she was a very inspiring example of selflessness, honesty, and bravery!

Mrs. Wright: I really enjoy learning about space exploration history and the current advancements NASA and private companies are making to explore beyond the Earth.

Ms. Jennings: My favorite historical events to read about are those of the past presidents and their lives.

Ms. Wharff: Fun fact, I'm a huge history geek- I love it all! I'll get really interested in a random person/event and ravenously read as much as I can find about it before moving on to the next. Reading about WW2 from different perspectives never gets old for me though, I can revisit that era again and again.

Mr. Forsleff: I have also been fascinated by inventors and innovators from 100 years or so ago: Ford, Edison, Tesla, Einstein, and the Wright brothers.

Mrs. Anderson: My favorite historical event was the Civil War. I have read and collected many books about it as well as visited quite a few battlefields. Definitely a very intriguing time in history!

Mr. Tripp: The history of Jazz music in the United States.

