



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

Jet Gazette Newsletter

March 19, 2021

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

Happy Feast of Saint Joseph and Happy Last Day of Winter!

Here's my March 19, 2021 rundown:

- Next Friday, March 26 will now be a HALF DAY OF SCHOOL. We have a number of teachers and staff members with vaccination appointments scheduled for midday and we are having difficulty covering those classrooms. All in all, the half day will be a great way to start our Spring Break here at SJS with an 11:30 dismissal.
- One more week until we reach Spring Break! We are all anticipating this much deserved break. However, we also have to be reminded that the number of positive cases within our state is rising once again. There are schools within the GCCS (Genesee County Catholic Schools) that have had to go to the virtual learning format out of caution and concern of positive cases and a growing number of quarantined students. However, we remain confident in our protocols and procedures that will carry us throughout next week and have us ready for our return to school on Tuesday, April 6. As we prepare for our week away from school, it will be important to remember that our health protocols and procedures have helped to keep us in school for face to face learning for 124 days. Please remember if your student is showing any symptoms to please keep him/her home from school. If your student has been deemed a close contact of a positive case, the student needs to stay home to quarantine. I know we all know this but it is good we are reminded of our protocols so we can keep our school in-person throughout the final quarter of this crazy school year. I'm praying for the continued health and safety of our school community over the next couple of weeks!
- Although the CDC released the new 3 foot social distancing recommendation for classrooms, the GCHD will NOT change existing close contact tracing protocols. I do NOT anticipate changing any of our health and safety protocols between now and June 11 (last day of school).
- Thank you to our growing list of corporate sponsorships for our upcoming PSA Auction! In the last couple weeks, we received sponsorships from Mulligan Heating, Inc. and John P. O'Sullivan Distributing, Inc. and this week we received many more (included on page 3 of this week's Jet).
- Our middle school band program will reconvene on Wednesday April 7, from 3:30 to 4:30. Mr. Tripp is looking forward to working with our young musicians. We have also started planning for next school year and are looking forward to growing our music program here at St. John School.
- Holy Week begins next Sunday with Palm/Passion Sunday (Regular Mass times). Holy Thursday (April 1), Mass will be at 6:30PM. The Divine Liturgy on Good Friday (April 2) will be at 1pm. Over 20 people will be welcomed into the Church at the Easter Vigil (closed to the public). Easter Sunday (April 4), our Masses will be at 7AM, 10AM and 11:30AM.

St. John School family, thank you for your continued support of our school and your dedication to Catholic education. Our school enrollment for next year (close to 220 K-8th grade) is a testament to the prayer and efforts of so many people. Let us use the next couple of weeks to re-energize to finish off this beautiful school year while continuing the work of building God's kingdom.

God bless,

Andrew Schmit

PARENT CALENDAR



March

- Fri 26 End of Third Quarter
- Fri 26 2021-2022 Registration Fee Due (for families who chose this option during registration)
- Fri 26 **Half-Day for Students-11:30 Dismissal **Spring break begins at dismissal**

April

- Thurs 1 Happy Birthday Ms. Jennings!
- Sat 3 Happy Birthday Ms. Jazzmine!
- Sun 4 **Happy Easter!**
- Mon 5 **Easter Monday-No School**
- Tues 6 Classes Resume
- Thurs 15 **Spring Picture Day!**

2021-2022 Registration Fee

If you indicated on your registration form for the 2021-2022 school year that you wanted to pay your \$200 registration fee in advance, please be sure to send in your payment by March 26th. Payments should be sent to the office. After that date, the \$200 fee will be rolled into your tuition balance for next year. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Haiss at ahaiss@sjseducation.com.

Dress Code Reminder

Dennis Uniform shorts will be allowed after Spring Break. For the remainder of this month, students should wear Dennis Uniform pants, skirts/jumpers, or jeans (if participating in the Jeans Days fundraiser).

Lenten Canned Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus are collecting non-perishable food items for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry during Lent. As part of our almsgiving for Lent, we are asking families to consider donating to this Food Drive. We will have collection boxes by the office. Additionally, the K of C have partnered with Crust and each student/family who donates 3 food items **on the same day** will be given a coupon worth 50% off a baker's dozen cookies at Crust.



Most Needed Items

- Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- Canned Tuna and Chicken
- Canned Soup
- Canned Stews and Chili
- Canned or Boxed Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Boxed Cold Cereal
- Hamburger Helper

How can you help support our school this year?

ATTEND, DONATE, SPONSOR and/or VOLUNTEER for the Auction!

We can't wait until May 22nd! You can choose to attend the auction in person this year or you can choose to participate online at home. If you want to attend in person tickets are on a first come, first served basis and may be limited due to Covid 19 guidelines. The Cheeseburger in Paradise themed dinner event will be so much fun! Please go to the Auction webpage and go to **BUY TICKETS NOW** to reserve your spot today. If you choose to attend online from home, registration and instructions for the online bidding platform will be communicated at a later date once we get closer to May 22nd.

<https://sjpsa.ejoinme.org/2021>

Don't forget to check out, share and like our Auction Facebook page! This page will keep you up to date with auction information, news and sneak peeks of some of our auction items this year.

<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnFentonSchoolAuction2021/posts>

Please spread the word to your family and friends that our New Family Registration is now open on our school website. If they would like to visit our school, invite them call the school to schedule a tour.





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

Lifestyles Hot Tubs

WOW! We have a TOP TIER (Cabbage Key) Cheeseburger in Paradise Auction Sponsor.

A GIANT SJS THANK YOU goes out to the DeGayner Family and Lifestyles Hot Tubs for their AWESOME support of St. John the Evangelist Catholic School. We are so extremely thankful for your generosity! If you need a hot tub, swim spa, sauna or some luxury patio furniture this is the place to get it.

<https://lifestyleshottubs.com>

THANKS-A-LATTE! We are so GRATEFUL for the Fatolitis-Payne Family and UB Station Cafe! We appreciate you!

Thank you for your generous contribution to St. John the Evangelist Catholic School. We are grateful for our families who go above and beyond to help SJS thrive! What an outstanding community SJS has!!

Please go grab a coffee, latte, tea or smoothie in downtown Linden!



WOW! Our community is so amazing!!! Thank you to the Sharp and Scully families. Thanks so much to Sharp Funeral Homes. Your dedication and tremendous support of St. John School and Parish is amazing! What a blessing!



THANK YOU for helping sponsor the auction! Thanks for your commitment to Catholic Education!!

<https://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com>

We have another amazing St. John School Auction sponsor!! Our St. John families are so kind and generous!! Going above and beyond to make an impact!! A BIG THANK YOU goes out to Shannon Easter White and FUNchitecture, LLC for supporting the students of SJS this year!

<https://www.funarchitecture.com>



Our community of parents is so amazing!!! Thank you to The Ward Family and Perani's Hockey World! Your dedication and tremendous support of St. John School is amazing! GO JETS!!!

Get your gear here!

www.hockeyworld.com

www.peranis.com



The sponsorships keep coming in! Our community is fantastic. Thank you to the Borg Family! Serra Automotive is contributing by sponsoring the auction this year. We are so thankful! The kindness and support from our local business owners is amazing!! Giving back and making an impact.

www.serrausa.com



BREAKING NEWS....St. John Catholic School has another amazing auction sponsor!! The support of this community is absolutely unstoppable! A BIG THANK YOU goes out to Lindsay Carlson and Cason Home Loans. Each and every contribution makes an impact for the students and staff at SJS!! Thanks for your kindness. Lindsay can provide expert mortgage advice and bring you home faster.

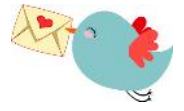
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ON A PERSONAL NOTE



Thank you:

- To the Fatolitis-Payne family for bringing treats for the staff yesterday.
- To the McPeake, Doherty, and R. White families for donating recess equipment.
- To the Bray family for the donation of masks.

Prayers:

- For Mrs. Forsleff who has health complications.
- For Mrs. Cislo and her family on the passing of her uncle, Don Seyfried, and her aunt, Doris Quick.



Prayer to St. Joseph

Saint Joseph,

You provided for Mary and Jesus in times both ordinary and extraordinary. Pray for the well-being of fathers and mothers as they tend to their children's needs. May they, like you, remain a steady presence in their homes and communities.

You protected your family when the threat of violence overtook the land. Pray for parents as they shelter their children from harm. May they, like you, remain strong and courageous despite their anxieties and struggles.

You dreamed of ways to respond to the mysterious work of God in your life. Pray for all of us who strive to listen in prayer. May we, like you, remain open in heart and mind to the stirring of the Holy Spirit.

We ask your intercession as you continue to provide inspiration and hope to those who, like you, place their trust in God.

Amen

Today's #microchallenge from bustedhalo.com



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

We are continuing to celebrate March is Reading Month! Who are some of your favorite authors to read in your spare time?

Mr. Forsleff: Neil Gaiman is a favorite author.

Ms. Adams: Nicholas Sparks. I am a big love story, tear jerker fan.

Mrs. Ratke: I have enjoyed the books I have read by Jodi Picoult.

Mrs. Wright: One of my favorite authors is Mitch Albom.

Mrs. Roche: Liane Moriarty is one of my favorites for light reading. Katherine Applegate is my favorite author of children's literature.

Ms. Wharff: Too many to count! However, some of my current favorites include: Kristin Hannah, Neil Gaiman, and JRR Tolkien.

Mrs. Whitney: Janet Evanovich and Oscar Wilde

Mrs. Haiss: I love books by Elin Hildebrand. They are great for carefree summer reading!

Mrs. Salzano: Judy Blume

Mr. Garbutt: Ryan Holiday

Mrs. Adams: I like the author Jodi Picoult, recently.

