



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

Jet Gazette Newsletter

March 12, 2021

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

The staff and students are enjoying March is Reading Month! The doors and hallways are decorated with a "Growing Readers One Book at a Time" theme. Check out all the beautifully decorated doors on social media and vote for your favorite one by commenting with a book emoji. The winning homeroom gets...the winning homeroom gets something. It will be great. Hahaha. My apologies. This has been a crazy week. I have a daily to do list on my desk where I keep transferring the items to the next day because of situations/meetings that pop up during the course of the school day. It has been a crazy week but a good one for many reasons. The most important reason that it is a good week is that we are still in school!

Here is my March 12, 2021 rundown:

- The SJS Open Enrollment period started yesterday afternoon. The link can be found on our website and social media pages. Registrations are coming in so if you know of any friends or family that might be interested refer them to the website or have them call the main office to set up a tour of the school.
- We hosted our annual Open House last evening and were able to speak with 15 prospective families. Next year's K-8 enrollment is currently 212 with over 30 preschoolers registered.
- Good news! The Drama Club (limited to 5th-8th Grade this year) is going to begin meeting next week after school! We will either be having a drama club workshop to get students ready for next year or working on a short play/musical. Regardless, any student interested must be present Tuesday, March 16 and Thursday, March 18 from after school until 5pm so Mrs. McPeake can begin assigning parts.
- A couple of friendly reminders: Parents, if you are coming to drop off items or pick up your student early from school, please wait in the main entrance, between the double doors. Also, when parking in the parish office lot, facing the main entrance and playground, please be aware that the two parking spaces on the far right are reserved for our auction winners (Each space is marked by a sign with the family's name). Those same two spaces will be up for auction once again at our annual auction which will be on Saturday, May 22. Let the bidding begin!
- Middle School Spanish 2021-22. I am working on moving away from the Middlebury Spanish program through OVA and partnering with another school to share a Spanish teacher. Obviously we are still in the early planning stages for next school year but wanted to share this bit of news with our next school year's middle school families.
- Next Friday several of our 8th Graders will be leading our school's Stations of the Cross. Our Kindergarten through Third Grade students will be joining our Eighth Graders in the church to pray the Stations of the Cross at 2pm. The parish will be livestreaming the service.

Our students are amazingly resilient. They are engaged in their lessons, enjoying being in the classrooms with their teachers and peers. The happy screams and joyous laughter coming from our playground during recess can be heard all over the campus. It's music to our ears! Two weeks until Spring Break and the end of the third marking period.

Have a great weekend and God Bless,

Andrew Schmit

PARENT CALENDAR



March

Sun	14	Daylight Savings Time begins—Spring Forward!!
Tues	16	Drama Club begins after school until 5 PM (Gr. 5-8)
Wed	17	Happy St. Patrick's Day—St Patrick's Day spirit-wear allowed
Fri	26	End of Third Quarter
Fri	26	Spring Break Begins at End of School Day

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!

Drama Club

Drama Club will begin meeting next week for students in Grades 5-8. Practice will be held in the cafeteria on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until 5 PM. All students interested MUST plan to attend next week. If you have any questions, please contact Melanie McPeake at 810-516-3755 or via email at melaniemcpeake@gmail.com.

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.



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).

March Jeans Day

During the month of March, students may pay \$1 for the privilege of wearing jeans on certain days. All proceeds from this collection will go towards our Lenten Appeal. 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.



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 considering 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



PSA Auction Update

We cannot say THANK YOU enough to our gracious sponsors!! So many of you have reached out just this week to offer your support of this year's event. We appreciate your generosity and appreciate your dedication to the success of St John School. For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Michelle Pagnani: michellepagnani@yahoo.com.

We also send a HUGE SHOUT OUT to those of you who have already stepped up to volunteer your time, treasure and talent to the 2021 Auction. Without volunteers, this event does not happen. We are still looking for additional volunteers to assist during the planning and preliminary stages as well as during the evening of our big event. If you need to log some valuable volunteer hours this school year, please join our team!

By now you should have received communication from your homeroom parent on how you can support the auction AND local businesses in our area. We are particularly excited about helping those businesses this year that have been so supportive of St. John year after year. NOW, when they need it MOST, please support local businesses with your auction donation. Act now to help the success of this year's auction. The Auction Committee is accepting donations of all forms until Monday, April 26th. Forms can be found in the office. Your donations may be dropped off in the office as well.

Please contact Kelly Ahn (313.300.8841 or kahn@stout.com) with any questions or to inquire about volunteering.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON MAY 22ND!!!

The families, students and staff at SJS give their sincere appreciation to The O'Sullivan-Butler Family for their generous contribution to the children of St. John the Evangelist Catholic School. THANK YOU for helping sponsor the auction this year!!! We appreciate your kindness John P. O'Sullivan Distributing, Inc.



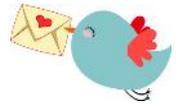
See you all on May 22nd!! It is going to be a night to remember.

<https://www.jposullivan.com/History>

#MakingAnImpact
#ForTheKids
#AboveAndBeyond

Sponsorship Opportunities still available. There are lots of perks to sponsoring the SJS auction. Find the sponsorship form [here](#).

ON A PERSONAL NOTE



Thank you:

- To everyone who shared our open house information and invited potential families to check out SJS.

Prayers:

- For Mrs. Forsleff who has health complications.

Support the K of C Fish Fry on Lenten Fridays.
See attachment for details.



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

In celebration of March is Reading Month, we surveyed our 7th graders about their most favorite recent books.

Allison Foote: *Anne of Green Gables*

Cameron Zinn: *Bud, Not Buddy* is an exciting book and has an intriguing story.

Sebastian McAlindon: My favorite book is *A Dog's Promise* because the dog was super nice and the people were really nice. The dog was reincarnated and there was a great ending!

David Clark: *Wonder* because I enjoyed how it was written and then I watched the movie to be able to imagine how the book looked.

Dominic Wizzgird: *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* because it was a really good story about a really bad event.

Royce Strunk: *Making Bombs for Hitler*

Leah Romzek: *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*. I like it because it was a very good book and it was a Holocaust book. I love Holocaust books because they are about history and I love history.

Chloe Wood: My favorite book I have read recently is a book called *Whisper* by Alyson Noel. This is my favorite book because the character Riley is really easy to relate too and she is also very funny. It is just a fun thing to read.

Sam Scully: *Prisoner B-3087*

Ilirjana Dedivanaj: *Elly*. It is a true story of the Holocaust by Ella Berkovits Gross. It is based on a true story that actually happened.

Paige Scully: My favorite book I have read recently is *Glass Sword* by Victoria Aveyard. I like it because of its many action events and the plot moves forward very well. I like the book and would read it again. I am continuing the series. It's very good and I like what the story was about.

Addison Yake: My favorite book is *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (2nd book)*. I really like this book because I really like how they laid out the story. The author did a really good job at telling the story from different points of view. The book has taught me some survival tips like how to start a fire and how to make sure food is cooked all the way. The characters are really good and they played them out really good as well.

James Roche: My favorite book is *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince* because it is very good. It has a lot of nice plots and events. You never know what will happen next.

Dominic Fatolitis: *Among the Hidden* because it has a lot of things in it.

Sydney Ahn: *Harry Potter* because I have been working on the series.

Mr. Garbutt: *The Energy Bus* by Jon Gordon was a great read about the power of a positive attitude and being a team player.

