



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Hello!

The half day virtual learning practice day went well. Next week the teachers will work with their homerooms and troubleshoot some of the issues that popped up during our practice day. Our next virtual practice day will be a full day, set for FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20. Our teachers will send out schedules/log-in information/expectations prior to the start of school on Friday morning. Our third through eighth graders will once again bring home their assigned technology and will need to be ready to go for Friday morning.

Before I begin my rundown, I want to point out an awesome trend we are experiencing here at SJS when it comes to student behavior policies. One of my numerous goals as I took over this position in the Spring of 2019 was to improve on how we handle helping our students learn from their mistakes and grow, aka school discipline. In 2018-19 the SJS administration dealt with 80 discipline referrals (referrals are the green forms filled out by teachers/supervisors when there is a discipline issue, following the SJS rubric). Last year through 75% of the academic calendar I worked through around 30 referrals. This year I have only had to handle a handful of issues, including 2 discipline referrals. I believe this positive trend is because we have teachers and parents communicating, remaining positive, and working on helping our students be the best versions of themselves. A huge thank you to all of you who are helping us improve in this important area!

Here's my Virtual Learning Practice Day #1 Rundown:

- I would like to introduce our new United States Flag crew: James Roche (7th Grade), Quinn Palmer (6th Grade), Dominic Fatolitis (7th Grade), and Gabe Meyers (6th Grade). The boys will be responsible for the raising and lowering of our nation's flag each day.
- A huge thanks to the families who donated lunches to the staff this week! We are blessed to have the support of such a wonderful, caring community.
- The Foundation's Ornament Decorating that occurred this week was very successful. Over 80 students participated this year. Barb Walstrom did a great job coordinating the decorating and getting volunteers to help our students. I especially want to thank a couple of our middle school students, Chloe Wood and Quinn Palmer, for going out of their way to help our younger students with some of the project tasks.
- Although the county is experiencing an increase in COVID19 cases, we will continue with face-to-face instruction for the foreseeable future. We need to continue doing everything we can to ensure in-person instruction from following the protocols within the school to adhering to social distancing, the wearing of masks and following gathering limits outside of school.
- We are going to have a Eucharistic Procession for our students the morning of November 18. However, in order to keep in line with our protocols and procedures the procession will be limited to Fr. Robert and four of our 8th Grade Altar Servers. This year we will be bringing the Blessed Sacrament into each of our classrooms during the procession. Our parents are invited to join in the procession through the parking lot which will go from the church to the steps going up to the second floor of the school. The procession will begin after the conclusion of the 8:20 daily mass. Anyone joining in the procession will have to remain outside of the school while Jesus is carried throughout our hallways and into our classrooms.

I hope and pray that we all are able to get some rest this weekend. Stay healthy and be blessed.

Andrew Schmit

PARENT CALENDAR



November

- Fri 13 No School for Staff or Students
- Fri 13 Parish Drive in Movie Night 6:30 PM
- Mon 16 Spiritwear Order Forms Due
- Wed 18 Eucharistic Procession
- Thurs 19 Spiritwear Day
- Fri 20 SJS Virtual Learning Day
- Fri 20 Happy Birthday Mr. Garbutt!
- Wed 25 Happy Birthday Mrs. Wright!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Next week, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for our local St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. This will help them tremendously in stocking their shelves to provide items for the monthly food boxes that are donated to those in need.



This year, we are not going to assign classroom specific items. Please feel free to donate any items from the list provided below. Students can place donated items in the boxes outside their classroom. Each item donated will earn 5 points for their homeroom for this month's Spirit Stick competition .

Suggested Items

- Boxed Cereal
- Canned Soup
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Tuna Fish
- Canned Corn or Green Beans
- Spaghetti or Elbow Macaroni noodles
- Instant Potatoes
- Pancake Mix
- Ramen Noodles
- Hamburger Helper
- Sloppy Joe Mix
- Tomato Sauce/Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Beef Stew or Chili



Athletics Update

Volleyball: Volleyball practice next week will be on Monday through Thursday from 5 PM to 7 PM

Basketball Skills: Stay tuned for next week's basketball clinic schedule. Masks are required.

Spirit Squad: Please use this link to register for Spirit Squad:

<https://forms.gle/uBfgS1nHtZx7bjaP9>

All student athletes must have a sports physical on file. You may submit a new physical completed on or after April 15, 2020 OR your child may be eligible to use the sports physical from the 2019-2020 school year. If you wish to use the sports physical from last year, you must fill out the [MHSAA Sports Health Questionnaire](#) and turn it into the office for review. Athletic fees must be paid in order to participate. The fee to participate is \$60. Fees can be sent in to the school office.



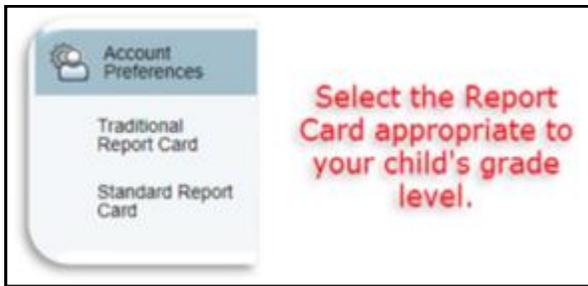
How to Access Report Cards Online

Parents can print/view report cards from the PowerSchool Parent Portal using the following directions:

1. Log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal (online report cards are NOT available in the mobile app): <https://dol.clgpsedu.com/public>
2. Select the student from the upper left menu if multiple are available



3. Click on the Report Card link from the left-side menu. Students in grades K-3 use the Standards Based Report Card and students in grades 4-8 use the Traditional Report Card.



4. To print a report card: With the report card displayed on the screen, click on the printer icon in the top blue bar and then use the browser print window to select the printer and print the report card.



5. Questions regarding this process or for password resets, email cwright@sjseducation.com



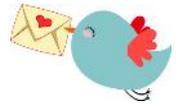
VIRTUAL DAY INFORMATION

Our next Virtual Practice Day will be Friday, November 20th. Homeroom teachers will be communicating to parents what the individual classroom schedules will look like. You will also receive log-in information for any Zoom style meetings that will be held. The school office will be open during the Virtual Learning sessions. Feel free to contact the office if you need assistance with anything. Below are some general guidelines for Remote Learning for all students:

- Virtual Days are not optional. Attendance will be taken. Please be sure to communicate with the office if your child will be absent from virtual learning on those days. If multiple Zoom meetings are held in one day (especially for middle school), attendance will be taken during each meeting.
- Be sure your device is connected to your home internet prior to the virtual learning time, preferably the night before the meeting time.
- Please show up to Zoom meetings ON TIME and ready to learn (dressed appropriately, quiet voices, listening ears).
- Try to set up a virtual learning space that will be free from distractions while in a Zoom meeting.
- Please remain on "mute" in your Zoom meeting until asked to participate by your teacher. Also, keep your video ON.
- Please be sure to eat before your Zoom meeting or during your snack break. Refrain from eating during live instruction/meetings.
- Please do not write in the group chat boxes unless invited to do so by your teacher.



ON A PERSONAL NOTE



Thank you:

- To the Pagnani and Payne/Fatolitis families for providing lunch for our staff on Tuesday and to the following families for providing lunch for our staff today during Parent Teacher Conferences. It was so appreciated.

The Joe Crawford Family
The Rogers Family
The Quick Family
The Gainer Family
The Singelis Family

The Scully Family
The Moore Family
The Ruddy Family
The Stratton Family
The Mulligan Family

The Grossmann Family
The R. White Family
The McPeake Family
The Tremaine Family
The Pickard Family

Prayers:

- Of thanksgiving for all veterans who have served our country, especially those whom we hold close to our hearts.



Building Foundations of Faith

As Catholic parents, we are called to provide moral education and spiritual growth for our children. What better example than to learn and grow in faith yourself? Visit this Jet Gazette feature weekly for thoughts, articles, and tips to strengthen and deepen your understanding of our Catholic faith.

This year our St. John 2020 Giving Tree Program is going virtual. Starting Saturday, you can access the Giving Tree “Tags” on the parish website. Please see the Giving Tree attachment for more information.

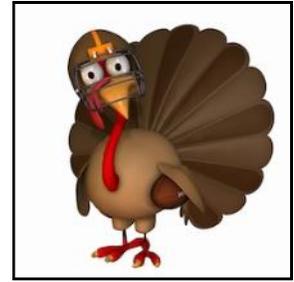
Today’s #microchallenge from bustedhalo.com



To stay up to date with parish events, here is a link to the weekly parish bulletin: <https://stjohnfenton.org/bulletins>

Staff Spotlight

What is your favorite NON-FOOD Thanksgiving tradition?



Mrs. Whitney: Watching the parade in the morning and football in the afternoon!

Mrs. Dawes: My favorite non-food tradition is going to my sister's house and spending time with my family.

Ms. Bade: Going to the Lions game with my family!

Mrs. Salzano: Playing fun games with my family!

Mrs. Boyle: The day after Thanksgiving, we always go the Christmas tree farm-rain, shine, or snow! We bundled Natalie up last year, even though there wasn't any snow!



Mr. Willard: Watching NFL football...and the Lions.

Mrs. Marinelli: We have a huge canvas that we all write what we are thankful for on. It's been going on for about 10 years and it's fun to look back on the previous years.

Ms. Jennings: After dinner, we play card games as a family tradition. We also go around the table and ask each person what they are thankful for. Our neighbors usually come over for the games, but this year will be only family.

Mrs. Roberts: Watching the good ol' Lions, planning our Black Friday day, while we wait for my dad and husband to return home from the game!!

Mrs. Ratke: We used to go to the tree farm to cut a tree down every year with my whole family the day after Thanksgiving. Now we have an artificial tree and still put it up the day after Thanksgiving instead of going to chop it down.

Mrs. Wright: I love our Thanksgiving tradition of going around the table and hearing the things for which each person is thankful.

Mrs. Farella: My favorite Thanksgiving tradition is gathering with all of my family, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. It is nice to see everyone together and visit and catch up with one another.

Ms. Feazel: Watching the Lions game with my extended family.

Ms. Adams: Going to my Aunt and Uncle's on the west side of the state every single year and spending the whole weekend there. Sadly, we cannot go this year, but they will be joining everyone on the east side!

Mr. Garbutt: My favorite tradition is hanging out all day with family. The laughter and joy that fills the room is something truly special on Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Haiss: My favorite thing is writing in our family Thanksgiving journal and just spending the entire day with my family and not feeling rushed to do anything else or go anywhere else.

Mr. Schmit: After cleaning up from Thanksgiving Dinner, we decorate gingerbread houses and watch Christmas Vacation.