



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

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Prayer for Patriot Day (September 11th)

Almighty God, we pray for peace in the world. Help the leaders of all the countries to make good decisions. Help us all to learn to live together and to try to understand each other even though we may seem very different from each other. Remind us when we forget, that we are all your children who share this earthly home. Help us to live in peace and harmony. Amen



News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings!

God is good. Thirteen days are in the books. As I walk around the school, popping into classrooms as well as the lunchroom, I see so many smiling and excited eyes. It is awesome to see our students learning and interacting with one another. Our community is doing amazing things to make sure that we keep this school moving forward. Here is my Third Week of School rundown of bullet points...

- Welcome to our new STEAM teacher and OVA Mentor Teacher, Mr. Tom Willard. Mr. Willard has spent the last ten years teaching computers and hosting an after school robotics program at a Catholic school within the Archdiocese of Detroit. Prior to teaching, Mr. Willard worked as a writer and editor of several different news publications. Mr. Willard has enjoyed this week of transitioning into our school community and is looking forward to working with our K-8 students.
- The first NWEA MAP test (Math and Reading) for SJS will occur for your student(s) (1st-8th Grades) over the next two weeks. This data will be an important piece to help drive instruction in our homerooms.
- SJS is proud to announce that Mr. Scott McPeake will be serving as Athletic Director. I was able to speak with several interested parents several weeks back who have since agreed to stay on and assist Scott in implementing a new vision for SJS Athletics.
- Speaking of athletics, the GCCS principals and athletic directors met this week to discuss protocols and procedures for 5th-8th grade athletics. Please refer to page two of this document for an important announcement regarding 7th/8th football. As of right now, there is nothing in stone for girls basketball and volleyball as the GCCS is using this time to make informed decisions and agree upon protocols that meet the GCHD requirements in the event we have athletic competitions. The athletic department will be putting together information regarding some upcoming skills development opportunities for volleyball, basketball, and football.
- Middle School Band: We are exploring the possibility of having middle school band meet after school. More information will be provided next week.
- The SJS community continues to do an excellent job with the health screening protocols we have implemented to make face to face instruction a possibility this school year. As a friendly reminder, please continue to check your child's temperature and overall health prior to leaving your home in the morning. Thank you!
- In the event a child has to leave school due to illness, please be sure to have an emergency contact at the ready if you cannot be up to the school within 30 minutes of the phone call from the office.
- The Applefest Golf Auction is in need of auction items and volunteers. Please contact the parish office if you have any items to donate or if you would like to volunteer. The Applefest is next weekend. Check out the Applefest site at <https://stjohnfenton.org/applefest> for more information. There will be NO SCHOOL on Friday, September 18 for the Applefest Golf Outing.

Have a great weekend and I will see you all in the drop-off loop bright and early Monday morning!
Andrew Schmit

PARENT CALENDAR



September

Fri 18 **NO SCHOOL-Applefest Golf Outing**



October

Sat 3 **Happy Birthday Ms. Jacoby!**

Report All Student Absences

When a student is absent, the parent or guardian **MUST** call the school office no later than 8:45 AM or email Mrs. Haiss at: ahaiss@sjseducation.com. **This year, we need to follow up on all absences. To cut down on the number of follow up phone calls, we kindly ask that you report all absences.** If the student absence is due to illness, please report the nature of the illness to the school office when you call. Please refer to Page 23 of our Phase 4 plan regarding our general sick policy. If your child is feeling ill for any reason, please be sure to keep him or her at home. If you are feeling unsure about whether or not to keep your child at home, please refer to the COVID decision tree attachment or call your doctor's office.

MEDICATIONS

Any medication for your child must be kept in the school office. Medications should be labeled. You must also fill out a medication authorization form before any medication can be given. The form is available in the office or on the school website.



Athletics Update

From GCCS Executive Director, Kasey Cronin

Recently Gov. Whitmer announced the ability for teams to play tackle football this fall. The Flint Area Catholic School League (FACSL) met on Wednesday evening of this week to discuss GCCS participation. The GCCS principals and athletic directors discussed many items including 7th & 8th grade tackle football. GCCS has a combined team of all 5 schools due to the limited number of players at each school. We would participate in a league with area public schools. Practice would need to begin on Monday, September 14 to prepare for the first game. After much discussion and an additional principal meeting held yesterday, September 10, it was decided to not participate in tackle football for this fall season. The decision was based on the short timeline to safely prepare and set protocol as well as the diligence our schools have shown in keeping cohorts together. The mixing of all 5 schools prompted the group to err on the side of caution. Other sports are currently being reviewed with protocols being developed. We will have more information on these sports (Girls Basketball, Volleyball, Boys Basketball) on October 2nd. This additional time will allow us to act with intentional thought and planning. We appreciate your understanding of this difficult decision.

Masks for Sale

Face masks with the St. John School logo are for sale in the school office. The cost is \$8 per mask. We have adult and child sizes. If you would like to purchase one, please send cash or check in an envelope and specify which size you would like. We will send them home with your student. You can also let us know by email if you would like to order one.



PLEASE NOTE: The office will be CLOSED DAILY from 3:10-3:30 PM to allow office staff to assist with new dismissal procedures. Phones will still be open (you may have to leave a message), but the office will be closed to ALL visitors. Any students needing early dismissal will need to be picked up prior to 3:10. After 3:10 PM, all students will be sent to the preschool loop, upper loop, or Jets Club. Students may not wait by the office.



School office hours are Monday-Friday 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM when school is in session.

Please note that drop off begins at 7:40 AM each morning. Please do not drop your child off before 7:40. Please wait until the supervisors start to release from the cars. The lobby is reserved for the families of supervising parents. If you need to drop off your child prior to 7:40 AM, please take them to Jets Club.



PowerSchool

Our grades and attendance program is called PowerSchool.

Account information was sent via email to new K-8 families this week. If you have any questions or need a password reset, please call the school office or email Mrs. Wright cwright@sjseducation.com.

PowerSchool online link: <https://dol.clgpsedu.com/public>

PowerSchool mobile app: District Code is BSQN

VISITOR PROCEDURES

- **Essential staff and students will be the only people allowed in the school building** unless special permission is granted in advance by administration
- The Uniform Closet will only be open and available to parents after school, beginning at 3:30 PM. You do not need an appointment.
- Adult guests entering the school will be screened for symptoms, wear a facial covering, and wash/sanitize hands prior to entering
- Sick students and early dismissal students will be escorted to the door to meet parent
- **Guests will not be permitted to join students for lunch**
- During this temporary time period, **no third party lunch deliveries**
- If an item from home needs to be delivered to a student, please leave the item on the table between the two sets of glass doors in the front lobby. Be sure the item is clearly labeled for the student to whom it belongs. Office staff will periodically check for items throughout the day.



It's not a packed church at this time but still an awesome opportunity for our middle school students to encounter Jesus in the Eucharistic.

FOOD SERVICE UPDATE

From Mrs. Davidson

We hope that every student leaves their house with something in their belly as we don't want hungry children trying to focus and learn throughout the morning with a growling stomach. For families that need a different alternative to breakfast at home, food service has made available a breakfast cart (located by the front office) to purchase "grab & go" items on the way to the classroom. Breakfast items such as muffins, fruit, cereal & milk and breakfast bars are some of the choices offered on the cart. Students are able to purchase items between 7:40 and 8:00 AM. Eating breakfast is a very important part of our day, and having access to that, is necessary for our students and a requirement under the National School Breakfast & Lunch Program(s), in which St. John the Evangelist School participates. If you want your student to get breakfast at school, please remind them where to locate the breakfast cart. In addition, please let your children know they can ask their teacher to go to the breakfast cart if it's prior to 8 AM. The office staff is also available to guide students where to go, especially for our younger students who may find it confusing at first.

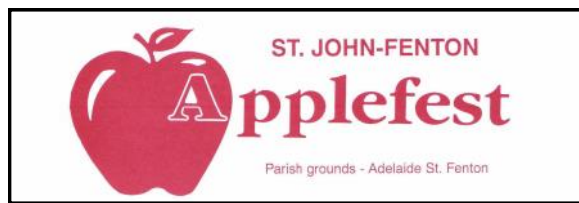
LUNCH TIMES

Kindergarten and 1st grade:	10:50 AM-11:15 AM
2nd and 3rd grades:	11:20 AM-11:45 AM
4th and 5th grades:	11:50 AM-12:15 PM
Middle School:	12:25 PM-12:50 PM

Please remember that during our Phase 4 Plan, no third party deliveries will be accepted. If a parent needs to drop off a forgotten lunch, please label the lunch box and place it on the table between the two sets glass doors in the lobby. Students may also get hot lunch if they have forgotten their lunch at home.

St. John remains committed to being a Nut Free School. We have several students with life threatening allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. Please remember when packing lunches and snacks that our classes and lunchroom are nut free. Thank you for helping to keep our learning environment safe for all our students.





Due to Covid restrictions and state mandates, the traditional Applefest will not be happening this year. We are asking our families to please support our parish festival in any way that you can. Please refer to events below to learn more and participate.

- Raffle – The parish goal is \$100,000. We need to work overtime to achieve this goal! The 2019 raffle proceeds were \$70,000. **Additional tickets are available to pick up and/or purchase in the parish office.** Raffle Drawing will be Sunday, September 20th at 5.p.m. Join us Livestream!
- Golf Outing – Inaugural Golf Outing, in loving memory of Ron Lockwood, is scheduled for Friday, September 18th, 2020, at Coyote Preserve. **Hole Sponsors are still available for \$250. Needed – auction items and volunteers!!!**
 - *4 People needed for registration beginning at 11 AM
 - *4 people for 50/50
 - *2 people for silent auction
 - *4 people for floating throughout the day.
- Kids Golf Clinic by golf pro Shane Riley - REGISTRATION IS FULL! Thank you for your participation!
- Virtual Road Race – please refer to the following link to sign up on our website under Applefest, or go to: <https://register.chronotrack.com/r/58933>
- Pie/Crisp Sales – 350 available, Please visit <https://stjohnfenton.org/applefest> to place your order. \$15 per order or \$25/two. **Final orders are due Friday, September 11th.** Pick ups will occur after masses on September 19th and 20th – location on parish grounds to be determined.
- Pie Baking Volunteers needed. Contact Amy Blissett @ 810-394-5964 or blissett2002@gmail.com This will take place in the Activity Center: Peeling, prepping and assembly of pies/crisps on Saturday, September 12 8:30AM-5PM and, if needed, Sunday, September 13 from 9AM-1PM
- Pie Distribution: 4 volunteers needed after each mass on Saturday and Sunday of Applefest weekend
- Pie Auction – **BIDDING IS NOW LIVE!**



Three local guests will be featured in this year's pie auction:



- Crust - Chad Brennan
- The Feast – Sean Gartland
- St. John Pastor - Robert Copeland

To learn more or to volunteer for the Golf Outing, Apple Pie Baking and Pie Distribution. Sign up on our Applefest website
www.stjohnfenton.org/applefest

Homeroom Parents for 2020-2021

Mrs. Roberts	TBD	Mrs. Whitney	Shannon White
Mrs. Boyle	Sarah Carpenter	Mrs. Farella	Valarie Pickard
Ms. Wharff	TBD	Ms. Feazel	Lisa Palmer
Mrs. Ratke	Morgan Quick	Ms. Werschky	Melanie McPeake
Mrs. Salzano	TBD	Mr. Garbutt	Jennifer Scully
Mrs. Cislo	TBD	Mrs. Adams	Cathy Tremaine
Mrs. Roche	Erica Crawford	Mrs. Dawes	Melissa Dolliver



ON A PERSONAL NOTE



Thank you:

- Again and again to our loop and lunchroom supervisors. We appreciate all your hard work!

Prayers:

- For Mrs. Boyle who is recovering from surgery. We wish you a speedy and restful recovery!

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.

Click [HERE](#) for a 9-Day Back-to-School Prayer Challenge: A Novena for the Start of the School Year.

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



This week we asked our staff the same question we asked our students last week. students "What is the best thing about being back to school?"

Mrs. Boyle: I was able to be there on the first day to see and hear the excitement of seeing friends and teachers! Being able to see smiling faces again of the kids warms my heart and helps motivate me to return to school following surgery!

Mrs. Ciso: My favorite thing about being back in school is seeing so many people dedicated to one goal-face to face education. Our St. John community/family continues to work together and is making our school and learning experience safe and full of positive energy! A HUGE thank you to all!

Mr. Garbutt: The best part about being back is teaching in person and having discussions about what we are learning. Also, seeing the perseverance of the kids as we are navigating this new school year is awesome to see.

Ms. Bade: Obviously seeing all my student friends and being back with the best staff ever!!

Mrs. Farella: My most favorite part of being back to school is seeing all the kids in the school and being in-person with my awesome 5th graders!

Mrs. Forsleff: My favorite thing about being back is HEARING, PLAYING, and TEACHING MUSIC to children!

Ms. Adams: My favorite thing about being back in school is seeing all of the students' faces IN PERSON, hearing their laughs, and seeing all of their hard work in the classroom.

Mrs. Roche: The kids! The kids! They are so happy to be back in school. Their enthusiasm is contagious!

Ms. Feazel: Seeing the kids and hearing them laugh!

Mrs. Whitney: I love seeing my old students and getting to know my new ones...face to face.

Mrs. Dawes: I love seeing the students and helping them learn. I also enjoy seeing how excited they are to be back in school interacting with their friends and teachers. The kids have so much enthusiasm and energy, it's amazing!

Mrs. Salzano: My favorite thing about being back in school is seeing all my students happy and healthy! Oh, and the recess dance parties. Those are super fun, too!

Mrs. Ratke: Seeing the students so happy to see each other!

Ms. Wharff: My favorite thing about being back in school is sharing laughter and learning with our kindergartners! I also love being back together with all the teachers.

Mrs. Adams: I love to interact in person with all the students I teach each day and see their smiling faces.

Mrs. Marinelli: It's great to be back in school hearing little voices laughing with their friends and excited to learn.

Mrs. Haiss: There is nothing better than seeing the happy faces and hearing the laughter. It just makes our school seem full of life again.

Mr. Schmit: My daily interactions with our wonderful students.