

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

The sunshine today was welcomed by our homeroom teachers. The students had a blast being able to get outside to enjoy the early fall weather. It's been an extremely busy day/week/weeks/months for me so let's jump right into our first Friday of Fall 2021-22 rundown:

- **NWEA MAP:** We are in the middle of our NWEA testing window. The first testing window for the entire Diocese of Lansing will not close for another couple of weeks. Because of this we will not have our comparative data until mid-October at the earliest.
- **Athletics:** We were able to host 5th and 6th grade girls basketball for the Flint Area Catholic Schools League last evening. Although our girls lost a close one to of the Holy Family teams, 11-10, it was still a great evening to have FACSL basketball games back in our gym. If you are interested in volunteering to help our athletics program, please contact the main office. Come out and support our 7th/8th Grade Girls basketball team as they take on St. Robert, this Wednesday evening at 5pm on our home floor. Go Jets!
- **Youth Choir:** Our choir was able to sing at our Wednesday All School Mass and sang beautifully. The Youth Choir (4th-8th Grades) meets every Monday after school from 3:45-5PM, under the direction of Freeman Tucker. The Youth Choir will begin singing at weekend Mass twice a month (1st Sunday of Month at the 11:30 AM and 3rd Saturday at the 5PM Mass) beginning with next Sunday at 11:30AM. Come and pray with us!
- **Parish Ministries:** The parish ministries are in full swing this weekend with the start of the religious education programs, our RCIA Program (Right of Christian Initiation of Adults), and the continuation of our High School and Middle School Youth Group meetings. If you are interested in any of these opportunities for you or your child, please contact the parish office at 810-629-2251 or visit stjohnfenton.org for more information.
- **Parking Lot Rosary:** Members of the school will be leading a parking lot rosary on Wednesday, October 20 at 5pm at the Outdoor Sanctuary (The Screen) in the northeast corner of the parking lot.

Speaking of Youth Choir, I have to share with you that once again, God used the singing of our kids during Mass to refocus my priorities. I was struggling mightily this past week with an assortment of issues and all of those issues were circling in my head when I entered the church for mass on Wednesday morning. It wasn't until the choir was singing "Lord I need You" that I was able to give it all up and give it to God. I was overwhelmed with his grace and mercy that I had to pause as I was serving as a Eucharistic Minister. St. John Community, please keep praying for the faculty and staff as we push through this school year. Pray that we will be filled with His strength, wisdom, and joy to provide the very best educational experience for your children. It's only by the grace and strength of God that we are able to do this. Pray for our families that God will fill us all with his love and wisdom.

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education here at St. John School. Have a blessed and restful weekend.

Go Jets! Go Blue! Go USA Ryder Cup Team!

Andrew Schmit
Principal

Dates to Remember



OCTOBER

Friday	1	No Hot Lunch
Monday	4	Pet Blessing at 8:10 AM
Monday	11	NO SCHOOL
Monday	11	National School Lunch Week Begins
Friday	22	End of First Quarter
Sunday	24	Happy Birthday Mr. Willard!

There will be no hot lunch served on Friday, October 1st . Ala Carte items and snack line will still be available. Students who are unable to bring a cold lunch will be able to purchase a Wow butter sandwich with chips and a milk.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP

The Knights of Columbus have extended the application deadline for their annual scholarship. Tuition assistance in the form of scholarships may be available for those who are related to a member of K of C Council #7418. Scholarship forms are available in the school office and can be found [here](#) on the school website. All completed forms are due in the school office by **September 30th**. If you have any questions regarding this scholarship, please contact Joe Bujak at j.bujak@gmail.com.



School Picture Information

School Pictures should be ready in about two to three weeks. Currently, our Picture Retake Day is scheduled for Wednesday, November 3rd. Any students who were absent on Picture Day will have their picture taken on Retake Day.

Spiritwear Update

We are so excited to announce that St. John School now has an online Spiritwear store!! Our spiritwear team has been busily working behind the scenes to make purchasing Spiritwear more convenient for busy families. If you make an online purchase, we will send your order home with your child. If you have any questions, please email spiritwear@sjseducation.com. You can visit our online store [here](#).



Check out our new tie-dye t-shirts on the website!

Youth Choir

Youth Choir is for students in grades 4 and up. Practice will be held in the church on Mondays after school until 5 PM. To sign your child up for youth choir, please email Freeman Tucker at freeman@stjohnfenton.org.

Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for parent volunteers to help out at the youth choir practices. You do not have to commit to volunteering every Monday. You can sign to volunteer [here](#). All volunteer requirements must be met to volunteer.



Athletics

Come Cheer on the Jets!!

7/8 Grade Football

Wed 9/29 vs. Durand	5:30 PM @ Durand
Wed 10/6 vs. Durand	5:30 PM @ Powers

5/6 Grade Flag Football

Sun 9/26	2:30@ Powers
Sun 10/3	2:30@ Powers

7/8 Grade Girls Basketball

Wed 9/29 vs. St. Roberts	5 PM@ St. John
Wed 10/6 vs. Holy Family Blue	6 PM@ Holy Family

5/6 Grade Girls Basketball

Mon 9/27 vs. Holy Family Blue	7 PM@ Holy Family
Thurs 9/30 vs. St. John Vianney	5 PM @ St. Matt

Athletics Boosters Club Update

We had a great meeting last week – thanks to those that could attend! We are looking forward to sharing news and events from the Boosters Club. Please take a minute and fill out this form to get more information and learn how you can be a part of our mission in making Athletics a strong part of our school!

QR Code: or link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SJSBoosters>



PET BLESSING



Join us for our annual Pet Blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. This will take place on Monday, October 4th at 8:10 AM in the courtyard. All pets **MUST** be on a leash or in a cage/crate. Also, all pets must go home after the blessing. For pets

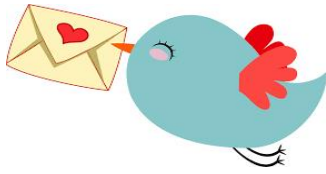
who do not travel well or families whose schedule does not allow you to bring your pet, we encourage your child to bring in a picture to be blessed. A stuffed animal may also be brought as a stand-in for a pet.

Students should go to class as normal and will come out after announcements to meet parents and pets in the courtyard.



Help Wanted

The parish is looking for volunteers to be catechists for the Sunday morning preschool religious education class. Lesson ideas and learning materials are provided. If you are interested, please contact Annie Kitching at annie@stjohnfenton.org.



ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Prayers:

- For Shannon Adams, Dylan and Sadie Beale's aunt, who is ill.
- For all the service men and women who are stationed abroad.

Congratulations:

This week, we were blessed to welcome two future Jets to our St. John Family. Congratulations to:

- The Bilas Family on the birth of Elijah Samuel, brother to Lucy and Noah
- The Mackey family on the birth of Noah Edward, brother to Madison



Building Foundations of Faith

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

Mr. Schmit

Principal

How long have you worked in education? 18 years How about at SJŠ? 3 years

What is your alma mater? UM-Flint

What is your favorite thing about working in a Catholic school? Incorporating our faith into all aspects of the school.

Tell us about your family: My wife of 15 years, Amie, and I have two daughters, Addison and Aidan, who are both SJŠ students.

Do you have any pets? A 5-year old Goldendoodle named Maximus

What are your favorite hobbies? Golfing with the family, coaching softball, and bourbon

What are your favorite foods? Italian

What is your favorite vacation memory? Walt Disney World 2018 with my ladies

What is the best thing about fall? Football

What is your favorite holiday? Christmas

In your days as a classroom teacher, what was your favorite history topic to teach? European History-French Revolution

What is one of your favorite Bible stories? The Road to Emmaus

Little known fact about you? I have run four marathons.

This or that? Amusement Park or Concert

Pancakes or French Toast

Running or Bicycling

Golf or Baseball

Beach or Mountains