

## News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

The resiliency of our students and staff is amazing. Despite the outside noise of the world, our school year moves forward and our teachers continue to instruct, share their faith, and sprinkle in some fun as we are coming down the final stretch of days for the 2021-22 school year. There are only eight more days of school so let's jump to the rundown.

### Memorial Day Weekend Rundown:

- **Grandparents Mass:** Thank you to all who came to the mass this past week. It was truly a beautiful and inspiring mass. It was great to see an almost full church of people gathered together to pray as a community of believers. I have not made any concrete decision as to the next one but after giving it some thought I believe we will stick with a mid to late May Grandparent Mass next year.
- **School Safety:** Thank you to Fenton City Police for being present on our campus this week. In an ongoing effort to provide safety and security for our school community, I have signed a short-term contract with Premier Security. We will have a security guard in and around the school for the remainder of the school year. Premier will also be providing me with an assessment of our campus safety and security policies.
- **Counseling:** I continue to explore all avenues as it relates to providing counseling for our St. John students. I have not found anyone, yet, who we can contract with or hire but just this afternoon I have made some inroads for potential solutions for the 2022-23 school year. I will keep you updated.
- **Final All School Mass:** Wednesday, June 1 at 8:20 AM will be the final All School Mass of the school year.
- **8th Grade Graduation Mass:** All are invited to the 8th Grade Graduation Mass on Wednesday, June 8 at 6 PM in the Church. Our Youth Choir will be singing at this mass.
- **4th-7th Grade Honors Convocation:** We will have a 4th-7th Grade Honors Convocation on Thursday, June 9 at 9:15 AM. Students will be required to be in uniform that day. Please come and gather with us in the church to honor our students!
- **Final Eucharistic Procession of the school year:** We will have a Eucharistic Procession on the last day of school, June 9 at 11:00 AM. Please come into the building to worship and pray with us as we thank God for all he has done for us this school year!

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- **Last Day of School Celebration:** On Thursday, June 9, we will dismiss our Kindergarten to 7th Grade students at 11:30 AM using the back steps (just like last year). Parents, please park in the Activity Center lot and walk down the steps to the outfield grass, next to the Knights of Columbus parking lot. We will have music, a closing prayer and celebrate our students as we introduce them as their next year grade level.
- **Unselfie:** I will be sending home a copy of the book Unselfie to each family for a summer reading assignment. I cannot stress enough how important it is for parents to read this book. I have attempted to provide snippets of insight and information throughout the school year but really need our community to dive in themselves and read so that we can begin putting the author's lessons to practice with our children. We need our children to learn empathy. There is no way around it. We as parents set the tone for our children. If we want our children to be kind and helpful, showing empathy, then we need to be kind, helpful and empathetic ourselves.

One of the songs our Youth Choir has been singing at All School Mass is the "Fragrance Prayer," which has been adapted to music from the original prayer written by Cardinal John Henry Newman. The song/prayer is a reminder of how our lives need to be truly lived on a daily basis. "Dear Jesus, help me to spread Your fragrance everywhere I go/ Flood my soul with Your spirit and life/ Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly, that my life may only be a radiance of Yours." Our children have been singing these words at Mass and I pray that these words will be life changing and life giving for this community. God used these words to challenge me and move me while we are all gathered at the Grandparent Mass and I hope and pray he can use them to change the hearts of all who hear, or sing, or pray these words.

Have a blessed weekend!

Andrew Schmit  
Principal



# Dates to Remember

## MAY

Mon	30	<b>Memorial Day-No School</b>
Tues	31	<b>Red, White, and Blue Day</b>

## JUNE

Fri	3	8th Grade Clapout 3:30 PM
Wed	8	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOL</b>
Wed	8	8th Grade Graduation Mass 6 PM
Thurs	9	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (K-8)</b> <b>Half-Day 11:30 AM Dismissal</b>
Thurs	9	4th-7th Grade Honors Assembly 9:15 AM-Church

## HELP WANTED

We are already looking ahead to the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested in helping out with our morning or afternoon loop OR being a lunch supervisor, please email Mrs. Anderson at [danderson@sjseeducation.com](mailto:danderson@sjseeducation.com). Supervisors can earn tuition credit or volunteer hours. You can work once a week or multiple days per week. We are willing to work around your schedule. We are looking to fill several open spots.

We are also looking for a new chairperson for popcorn Fridays. If you are interested in volunteering on Popcorn Fridays and helping coordinate the popcorn volunteer schedule, please contact the office.



## Log Your Volunteer Hours

Please remember to log your volunteer hours before the end of the school year. Go to our school website and click on the "Good Stewards" tab. Then, you can click on "Submit Parent Volunteer Hours." If you have questions, about how to log hours, please contact the office.

Eighteen volunteer hours are required per family. If you only have a preschool student, only 10 hours are required per family. Families with unfulfilled volunteer hours will be charged \$10 per hour.



**Join us for the 8th grade Clapout on Friday, June 3rd. Homerooms will line up in the courtyard to congratulate and clapout our 8th graders as they exit the building. The 8th grade will exit at the 3:30 dismissal bell. Parents are welcome to join us. If you are joining us, please park by the Activity Center. Do not leave your car unattended in the loop line.**

## Student Medications

Student medications are available for pick up in the school office. Any medications not picked up by the last day of school will be sent home in your child's backpack.



## Library Books

Don't forget to return all library books and textbooks before the end of the school year. If you have questions about library books, please contact Ms. Jennings at [tjennings@sjseeducation.com](mailto:tjennings@sjseeducation.com).



## Lunch Fees

Please be sure that all lunch fees are paid before the end of the school year. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Davidson at [ddavidson@sjseeducation.com](mailto:ddavidson@sjseeducation.com).

## Scrip Orders/Raise Right

The last day to order physical gift cards from the Scrip program (now known as Raise Right) will be June 6th. Orders must be placed by 9 AM.



**Let's have some fun!**

Grown ups! Remember how much fun Field Day was? Want to relive it - with your kids?



Friday evening, June 17

6:00—8:00 p.m.

There will be lots of contests, games and fun for

*people of all ages* to enjoy together.

In case of bad weather we'll meet in the gym.

**All Parishioners Welcome!**

Register on the Parish Website to let us know you are coming!



## Athletics Update



### Stay Tuned Next Week

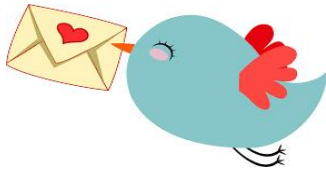
- Athletics Boosters Info
- 2022/2023 Sports Survey
- SJS Summer Sports Camps for Volleyball, Cheer, Girls Basketball
- Open Gym Info

### GO JETS!!



**Don't forget to sign up for Powers Camp of Champions!**

The registration form is attached to the Jet Gazette email.



# ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

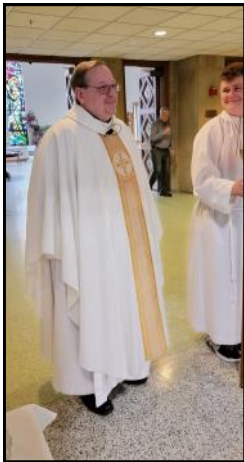
## Thank You:

- To all the grandparents who joined us for Mass this week. We are so grateful for your prayers and support.
- To everyone who has participated in our Fun Run fundraiser!
- To the McPeake family for providing lunch for our staff this week.
- To the Fatolitis-Payne family for providing coffee and muffins for our staff this morning.
- To the Girl Scouts for clearing out our front flower beds. They look great!



## Prayers:

- For Mrs. Anderson and Sam Anderson, whose father and grandfather, Kenneth Kennedy, passed away.



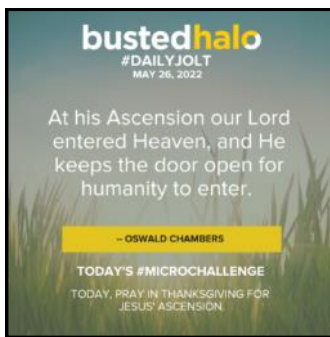
**Happy  
Birthday  
Father Robert!**

We have an SJ family who lives near Lake Fenton looking to carpool for the 2022-2023 school year. They need help with after school transportation and are willing to provide morning transportation. If you are interested, please contact the office for more information.



## 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://www.stjohnfenton.org/bulletin.html>

