



St. John the Evangelist Catholic School
Jet Gazette Newsletter
October 28, 2021

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

I honestly can't believe we are turning our calendars to November next week. Here's something else, we only have seven weeks until Christmas break! There's so much to do so let's jump right into the last school day of October rundown:

- The electronic versions of the report cards will be made available by 3:30 pm today. The report card format has been updated. We have been trying to identify problems and glitches with the latest version of the report card so please be patient and understanding if there happens to be an issue with this new format.
- Teachers will be participating in a professional development day tomorrow. We will be going over NWEA data, diving deeper into Moby Max, as well as participating in a crash course on promoting the school.
- Our All School-School only Feast of All Saints Day Mass is going to be celebrated on Monday at 10AM. This will be live streamed.
- Parent-Teacher conferences will be done virtually. Teachers will be scheduling those conferences soon. We will have a half day on Thursday, Nov 11 with dismissal at 11:30 so that the bulk of the conferences can be accomplished that afternoon and evening. We will not have school on Friday, November 12.
- We will be having an in-person Christmas concert once again in the Church on **Tuesday, December 14**. Our preschool-3rd grade performance will be at 10:00 AM in the Church. The 4th-8th Grade will perform at 6:30 PM in the Church. More details to come.
- UnSelfie by Michele Borba, Lesson #1: **Empathetic children have a moral identity**. "Depositing prosocial images in our children's identity banks so they define themselves as caring, responsible people who value other people's thoughts and feelings is the basis of moral identity." (27 Borba). However, what stymies moral identity growth is narcissism. Children "who feel entitled focus on their needs and feelings" and leave everyone else on the outside of their perspective. Ultimately if we want to nurture empathetic children, "we must help them define themselves as people who care about and value others, and we must instill those beliefs during childhood." I have a number of copies of the book available. Please contact me if you want a free copy.

St. Augustine wrote "our heart is restless until it rests in You." This quote has been on my mind and heart over the last month or so. I needed a priority shift, a different focus if you will, in both my professional life and personal life. You've probably noticed since I've been mentioning little snippets of my spiritual journey over the last several weeks. As part of this priority shift, every day during our short drive to SJS, the girls and I say some prayers and listen to "Dad's Jesus music." This week we've been praying to "Alive in You" by Jesus Culture. "This whole world may hold me down, but it can never drown you out. I'm not merely flesh and bone, I was made for something more." Later in the song, Kim Walker-Smith emotionally sings by quoting Galatians 2, "It's no longer I who live, but Christ, who lives within me." I encourage you to take time each and every morning or evening to pray with your children. As parents we need to be those prayerful examples for our children. Getting ourselves locked in spiritually is going to help this community tremendously so that when it comes to having the conversations about kindness, empathy, understanding, and compassion we are firmly rooted in the love of Christ Jesus.

I hope you all have a wonderful and safe Halloween weekend! See you this evening in the K of C lot for our SJS Trunk or Treat party!

God bless,
Andrew Schmit
Principal

Dates to Remember

OCTOBER



Thursday	28	First Quarter Report Cards Available for Viewing at 3:30 PM
Thursday	28	Trunk or Treat 6 PM
Thursday	28	Last Day to wear Uniform Shorts until April
Friday	29	No School for Students –Teacher PD

NOVEMBER



Monday	1	All Saints Day
Wednesday	3	Picture Retake Day
Friday	5	Last Day to order Christmas Spiritwear
Sunday	7	Daylight Savings Time ends-Set clocks back one hour
Thursday	11	Half-Day for Students-11:30 AM Dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences
Friday	12	No School for Staff or Students

How to View Report Cards

Our grades and attendance program is called PowerSchool. For new account setup, password resets, or other questions, please email Mrs. Wright at cwright@sjseducation.com.

Directions for Report Card Printing/Viewing from the PowerSchool Parent Portal

1. Log in to the parent portal (online report cards are NOT available in the mobile app)
2. Select the student from the upper left menu if multiple are available



3. Click on Report Card link from the left-side menu
 - A. Standards Based Report Card (K-3)
 - B. Traditional Report Card (4-8)



Select the Report Card appropriate to your child's grade level.

4. With the report card displayed on the screen, click on the printer icon in the top blue bar (if you wish to have a printed copy).



5. Use the browser print window to select the printer and print the report card



Picture Retake Day will be next Wednesday, November 3rd. Pictures will be taken first thing in the morning. Any students who were absent on our first picture day will be photographed. Students who wish to get a retake should return their initial picture package. **If your student needs a retake, please email the office or your child's teacher so that we can be sure your child does get his or her picture taken.** If you have questions, please contact the office.

Please remember that, starting November 1st, uniform and spiritwear shorts may not be worn again until April.

COLD WEATHER REMINDER



Colder weather is upon us!! Please be sure students come to school everyday prepared to go outside. Our policy is to have outside recess everyday as long as temperatures are 10 degrees or above (factoring in the wind chill). Please be sure your children bring warm coats or jackets for the cooler temperatures. It is also a good idea to label all items.

Spiritwear

We have restocked our new yellow and green tie-dye t-shirts in all sizes. Place your order today!



Order your SJS Christmas Spiritwear Now!

We are now taking orders for SJS Christmas PJs. Orders are being taken online. Please be sure to place your order by November 5th. Visit the spiritwear website [here](#) for pricing details and to place your order.



Save the Date

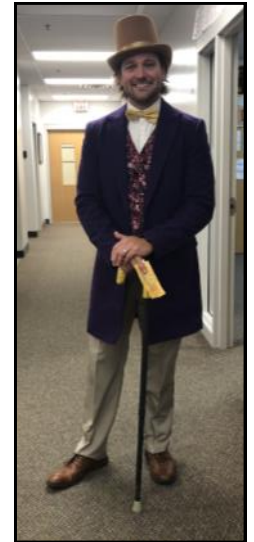
The Education Foundation Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on December 1st. Please join us. Cookies and hot cocoa will be provided. See attached flyer for more details.

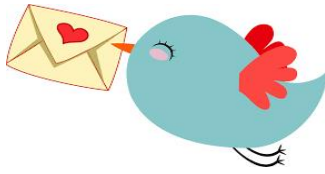


Ornament Decorating for the Tree Lighting will take place next week on Monday or Thursday. If your child is signed up, please be sure to pick him or her up between 4:15 and 4:30 PM. Preschool students should have an adult in attendance to help.

Log Your Volunteer Hours

To log your volunteer hours, 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.





ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Prayers:

- For Gabriela Lesneski who is recovering from an illness.
- For the Zinn family on the passing of Cameron and Taylor's grandfather, who passed away this week

Thank You:

- To all the parents who helped make our Halloween celebrations so much fun!

Congratulations:

- To the following students who were participants in the K of C Spelling Bee:

4th Grade: Josh Hamp, Wyatt Peabody, Lilly Rogers, and Kaylee Widder

5th Grade: Fianna Doherty and Breckin Young

6th Grade: Johnny Boike and Sophia Sage

7th Grade: Kierra Boike, Michael Borg, and Madeline Widder

8th Grade: Allison Foote, Leah Romzek, Chloe Wood, and Cameron Zinn



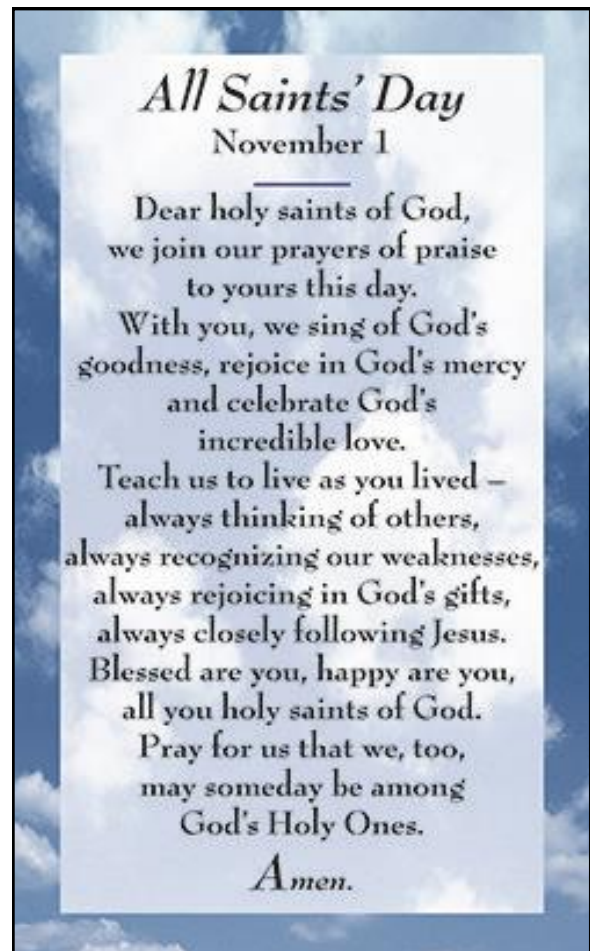
Special Shout Out to Madeline Widder who placed 2nd overall in the 7th-9th Grade Spelling Bee and Johnny Boike who placed 4th overall in the 4th-6th Grade Spelling Bee.

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>





Staff Spotlight

Ms. Adams

5th Grade Homeroom

How long have you worked in education? I have worked 4 years in education. **How about at SJS?** 2 years.

What is your alma mater? I graduated from the University of Dayton and currently attend Grand Canyon University.

What is your favorite thing about working in a Catholic school? I love how God is present in all of the classrooms, students, and staff at SJS. It brightens my day when I hear students talk about God and spread his teachings throughout the school day.

Tell us about your family: I have two extremely supportive parents (my mom is Mrs. Adams who was a middle school teacher at SJS for 14 years, and retired last year). I have an older brother, David, and sister-in-law, Michelle, who both work at U of M Hospital.

Do you have any pets? I have a 1.5 year old Bernedoodle named Juno.

What are your favorite hobbies? I enjoy running, playing soccer and sand volleyball, hiking, and hanging out on the lake with family and friends.

What are your favorite foods? I love homemade mac and cheese and stuffed grape leaves.

What is one thing you will NOT eat? I have not tried anything I hate to be honest.

If you could go anywhere on vacation, where would you go? I want to explore the beaches and hike in Hawaii.

What is your favorite sport to play? I enjoy playing soccer and basketball.

What is the best thing about fall? I love seeing the trees change colors, especially when I look across my lake and see the reflection of the fall foliage on the glass-like lake.

What is your favorite movie? The Notebook is one of my favorite movies.

What is one of your favorite Bible stories? I enjoy reading and listening to the Birth of Jesus at Christmas time

What is one of your favorite memories of being a student at SJS? When I was a student at SJS, I remember my 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Covert, made Daily Prayer during religion so much fun. She played music that was popular, but also religious, after Daily Prayer and we would come up with hand motions and dance moves for different parts of the song. One of the songs was "Where is Love?" by The Black Eyed Peas.

What was one of your most memorable Halloween costumes? I was one of the fish from the book The Rainbow Fish and painted my face rainbow colors.

What is the best Halloween candy? Reese's Cups or Reese's Pieces are the best!

What is the worst candy to find in your trick or treat bag? Jaw breakers or black licorice

This or that? AUTUMN EDITION

Hocus Pocus or Halloweentown

Hot Apple Cider or Pumpkin Spice Latte

Cozy Blanket or Fuzzy Sweater

Hayride or Haunted House

Carve Pumpkins or Have a Bonfire