



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Jet Gazette Newsletter

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News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Dear St. John School Community,

I want to take this opportunity to thank God and thank you for all you have done to help make this first third of the school year (We will reach the 60th day of school on Tuesday, November 24) both memorable and successful. As the SJS Return to School Committee met throughout the summer in preparation for the craziness and challenges that this academic year were going to present, I said over and over that I would be ecstatic if we reached Thanksgiving still in-person. I am almost ecstatic. What a blessing this year has been up to this point. My heart is filled with gratitude for each and everyone of you!

Here is my Thanksgiving 2020 rundown (we will not have a Jet Gazette next week):

- Thank you to the amazing faculty and staff of SJS. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed. As a proud parent of this school, I am extremely grateful for the care and concern you show for our two daughters' spiritual, emotional, and academic well being. As a principal you have met expectations and beyond as you take into account the spiritual, emotional, and academic well being of all your students. I am proud to lead this school because of you.
- Thank you to Fr. Robert, Fr. Ryan, and the parish staff for supporting and helping to further the mission of the school.
- Special thanks to Mike Ronthi for keeping the facilities up and running.
- Another special thanks to Ms. Allene and Ms. Irene for keeping our learning environment cleaned and ready for education!
- A third special thanks to the organizations affiliated with our parish and school who have supported us financially or through service. In particular, I am grateful for the St. John Education Foundation and for the Knights of Columbus who have done so many wonderful things to help move the school forward.
- Thank you to the number of parent-volunteers who have shown up to help with the COVID protocols this school year. The drop-off/pick-up lines have ran smoothly and our classrooms and cafeteria have never been cleaner in the middle of a school day!
- A fourth special thank you to Mrs. Robin Dybata (Our super volunteer extraordinaire) for giving of her time each and every day to help with the daily loops, cafeteria supervision, and daily cleaning protocols. Your love and support is greatly appreciated!
- Thank you to the families who donated financially to get the school outfitted with the EOS Temperature Control Cameras. Moving the temperature scanning into the building has proven to be a great change in protocols.
- A very special thank you to Amie Schmit for putting up with my craziness over the last nine months. Your love, support and encouragement is extraordinary!
- I hear the music playing so I had better get off the stage...

We will be back for in-person learning on Monday and Tuesday of next week. The plan is to remain open for regular business after Thanksgiving but we have to be prepared for anything at this point. Our 4th-8th Graders will be sent home on Tuesday with their Chromebooks and textbooks as a "Just in Case" scenario. We've made it through 58 days of in-person learning (well 56 days and 2 virtual but who is keeping score at home?). Thank you for doing your part in helping us keep the school going!

May God bless you! Stay healthy and safe and have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

Andrew Schmit

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, his courts with praise." Psalm 100: 4

PARENT CALENDAR



November

- Fri 20 **Happy Birthday Mr. Garbutt!**
Mon 23 Virtual Santa Shop begins
Wed 25 **Happy Birthday Mrs. Wright!**
Wed 25 **No School-Thanksgiving Break**
Thurs 26 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!**
Sun 29 **First Sunday of Advent**



December

- Thurs 3 **Happy Birthday Mrs. Forsleff!**
Fri 4 **Happy Birthday Mrs. Dawes!**
Fri 4 Merry Mail begins. Stay tuned for more details.
Thurs 10 **Happy Birthday Mrs. Ratke!**
Sat 12 **Happy Birthday Father Ryan!**
Sun 13 **Happy Birthday Mrs. Davidson!**

The next Jet Gazette will be published on December 4th. There will be no Jet Gazette next week because it is a short week.

Virtual Santa Secret Shop



Due to restrictions, we are unable to hold our Santa Secret Shop in person this year. We still want to provide our students with the opportunity to select gifts on their own to purchase for family and friends. Fortunately,

we are able to provide this program online for our students. The Virtual Santa Shop will be open starting Monday, November 23 and will remain open until Friday, December 4th. With your help, your child can log in and select from a large variety of gifts in different price ranges. You can review the final total before you check out. Please see the attached flyer which also includes the following information:

1. Click on the following link:
michigan.schoolholidayshops.com
2. Enter login: Santas Secret Shop
3. Click "enter here"
4. Enter password: SJS48430
5. Start shopping!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Next week, we will continue 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. Our current leaders in the spirit competition are:

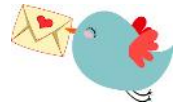


1st grade: 1st grade (940 points) **2nd place:** 3rd grade (830 points) **3rd place:** 4th grade (335 points)

Suggested Items

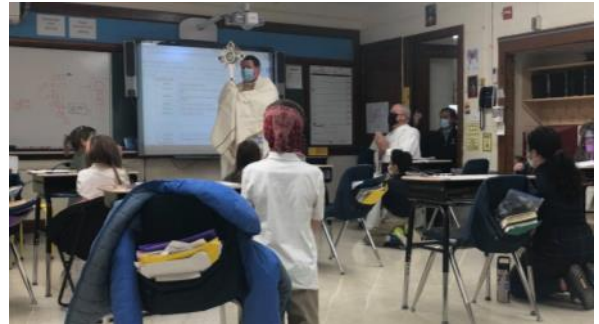
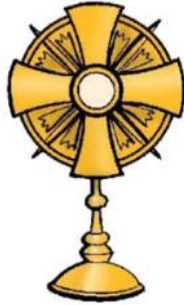
Boxed Cereal	Canned Soup
Macaroni and Cheese	Tuna Fish
Canned Corn or Green Beans	Spaghetti or Elbow Macaroni noodles
Instant Potatoes	Pancake Mix
Ramen Noodles	Hamburger Helper
Sloppy Joe Mix	Tomato Sauce/Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Beef Stew or Chili	Rice

ON A PERSONAL NOTE



Thank you:

- To Father Ryan, Deacon Larry, and Freeman for leading our Eucharistic procession this week



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

If you could only pick ONE Thanksgiving food to eat, what would it be?

Mrs. Wright: If I could only eat one Thanksgiving dish, it would be sausage, apple, and cranberry stuffing with a little bit of turkey gravy. YUM!

Mrs. Minnick: Turkey, turkey, turkey, and only turkey. :)

Ms. Jennings: Mashed potatoes!!

Ms. Wharff: My favorite Thanksgiving dish is my mom's stuffing! She makes it the best!

Mrs. Adams: Mashed potatoes with gravy!

Mrs. Roche: If I could only have one Thanksgiving dish, it would be my mom's stuffing. She makes an enormous pan. I don't even want to know how much butter she uses. It's so good. She's making a special serving for us even though we won't be spending Thanksgiving together this year!

Mrs. Farella: If I could eat one Thanksgiving dish, it would be mashed potatoes with gravy.

Ms. Adams: Mashed potatoes and gravy

Mrs. Ratke: Turkey

Mr. Forsleff: Sweet potato casserole!

Mrs. Anderson: I love our traditional Tourtiere!!! This is a French-Canadian meat pie and takes a while to cook. We make it in pie form but always have extra so we save some for the next day and have cold meat dressing sandwiches. We not only serve this at Thanksgiving but also at Christmas time.

Mr. Willard: I would probably choose turkey, because I like to eat the sides all mixed together, and it just wouldn't be the same if one was missing from the mixture.

Ms. Feazel: Cheesy potatoes!

Mrs. Salzano: Onion stuffing!

Mrs. Marinelli: Broccoli spinach casserole

Mrs. Boyle: Sweet potato casserole! The way mom makes it though. Usually last minute without the exact ingredients, but somehow it always tastes SO good!

Mrs. Haiss: If I had to pick something we only have on Thanksgiving, I would pick stuffing. But really, I would pick pasta or lasagna even though we have that year round!

Mr. Schmit: Mashed Potatoes!

Mr. Garbutt: Pasta. All day, everyday. Forget the turkey!

Ms. Werschky: Baked cranberries! :)

Mrs. Dawes: The one Thanksgiving dish I would choose would be my sister's homemade dressing.

Ms. Bade: Mac and cheese all the way!

Mrs. Whitney: Mashed potatoes and gravy.

Mrs. Forsleff: Stuffing!! That is my favorite dish. I really only make it for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

