



St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

Jet Gazette Newsletter

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News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

This school year has been a year of being flexible and willing to adjust to whatever is thrown at us from Covid protocols, to changing personnel, to the weather. The staff, students, and families have rolled with all those changes. This school year has been more challenging than last year, to say the least. Staff, students, teachers, administration, and parents are all feeling the stress right now, however, Spring is only a month away. I do enjoy this time of year because of what is around the corner: Easter joy, the Baseball/Softball seasons, March Madness, sunshine, green grass and my golf ball lying 30 yards to the right of the fairway after another wayward drive. We can look forward to all that is in store while knowing we have to live in the moment, with hearts filled with hope and joy.

Here is my President's Day Weekend bonus day off Rundown:

- Covid Protocols: Earlier this week the principals of the GCCS sent out communication in regards to the wearing of masks. There will be another piece of communication sent out today because the Genesee County Health Department is no longer requiring schools to identify close contacts or quarantines (Can I get a HALLELUJAH?). So when it comes to Covid we need to be keenly aware of what's going on within our own homes. If a child is not feeling well, keep him/her home. If someone in the house is Covid positive and isolating and others aren't showing any symptoms, all those non-symptomatic from that home must wear a mask when around others and monitor symptoms for 10 days. Although this is HUGE news, for the school day some of our basic daily protocols will be in place as we gradually adjust back to normal-ish (whatever normal means now). Masks will be **strongly recommended** and that is the only change we will make for this coming week. More adjustments to our daily protocol will be made in the future.
- Enrollment: Open Enrollment for the 2022/23 school year continues. Our Open House last week was successful but I want to make you all aware that we will have a couple of upcoming information nights for prospective/interested families. We will have an Early Childhood (preschool and kindergarten) Information Night on Thursday March 10. I will have more information next week on what this evening will look like. We will also be holding a Transfer Student Information Night the third week of April. I will have more information on this evening soon. We began this school year with an overall school enrollment of 279. Our enrollment goal for next school year is to be over 290 students. Spread the word to your friends and family friends and encourage them to check us out.
- March is Reading Month: The SJS March is Reading Month Committee is putting together a calendar of activities and events. As always, read with your child and encourage them to read daily.
- Join us for Mass this Weekend: Our parish weekend Mass times are Saturdays at 5PM, and Sunday mornings at 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30. This weekend the Youth Choir will be singing at the 11:30 AM mass. The 11:30 AM mass also includes Children's Liturgy of the Word with Annie Kitching. Also, our Religious Education program has been working on making resources available for families at the Kids Corner section of the Information Desk in the Church's Gathering Space.

Our Gospel passage from Luke for this weekend's Masses struck me with its simplicity but also how difficult it is to follow: *"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."* As I reflect and pray through this message, I want to let you all know that student emotional well being and behavior are topics that have been weighing heavily on my mind and heart (and I am working on getting someone in here to help our students with behavior and emotional management). I know these topics have been discussed in the parent circles either in private or out on social media land and sometimes people want to make the all inclusive comment that "St. John's has a bullying/behavior problem and they aren't doing anything about it." I do not believe St. John's has a bullying/behavior problem. Our society does and, unfortunately, what our children are learning from what they are exposed to or experience from the adults in their lives or from television/movies/social media/video games invades their social interactions here at school. All of us parents need to strive to raise our children in a way that counters our culture. It's time we take a difficult look within ourselves as adults and parents and focus on how we can do our part to raise disciples of Jesus who strive to love others and do good. St. John School teachers and administrators working together with families to accomplish this goal will make a lasting impact. It's not something that will happen overnight, but rather as we ask God to change our hearts and minds, we will begin to see gradual progress over time. Let us all commit to accomplishing this task as a unified front in order for our children to benefit and prosper.

God bless you all,

Andrew Schmit
Principal

Dates to Remember

FEBRUARY



Monday 21 **No School-Presidents Day**

MARCH



Tuesday 1 **Tuition Assistance Applications for Diocesan Grants Due**

Wednesday 2 **Ash Wednesday**

Thursday 3 **Happy Birthday Ms. Adams!**

Thursday 3 **Half-Day for students-Parent Teacher Conferences 11:30 AM Dismissal**

Friday 4 **Half-Day for staff and students 11:30 AM Dismissal**

Monday 7 **Happy Birthday Mrs. Boyle!**

Wednesday 9 **Happy Birthday Mrs. Cislo!**

Thursday 10 **Happy Birthday Mrs. Anderson!**

Thursday 10 **Early Childhood Information Night**

March Jeans Day

During the month of March, students may pay \$1 for the privilege of wearing jeans on certain days. All proceeds from this collection will go to Catholic Charities. Jeans must be free of rips and tears. Dennis Uniform shirts are still required. Students do not need to pay on Fridays which are already regular Spiritwear days. Students may pay \$1 daily or pay for all days in advance (\$10). **Students must be in full St. John Uniform on Wednesdays for Mass.**



The following days are considered Jeans Days:

March 1,3

March 7, 8, 10

March 15, 17

March 21, 22, 24

A HUGE ST. JOHN THANK YOU!!!

TO OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES OF SJS,

Words cannot express how thankful we are for your support of 2022 St. John Big Game Auction. Your UNWAIVERING commitment to this school continues to BLESS AND AMAZE US EACH YEAR. Your contributions helped us to raise much needed funds to support the students of St. John School. These resources will go directly towards programs, experiences, and materials necessary to enhance a full, quality education for each one of our students. We love this community and are most PROUD of our partnership with our families and local businesses. This active and IMPORTANT relationship is an essential piece to our CONTINUED success. On behalf of the students, staff, and families of St. John School, THANK YOU for your ongoing support FOR THE BIG GAME. We couldn't do it without you!

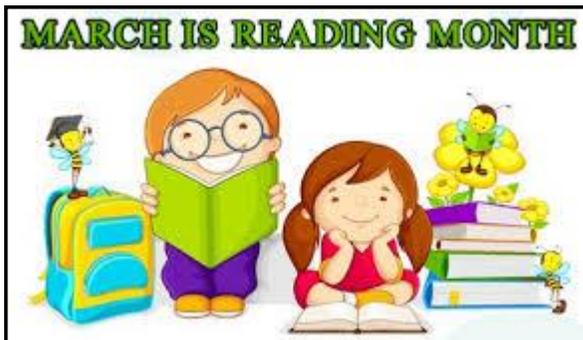
The St. John PSA and Auction Committee



Tuition Assistance

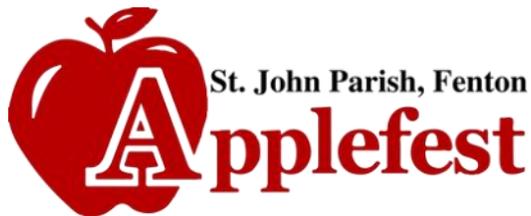
The window to apply for tuition assistance is now open. Applications are due by March 1st if you would like to be considered for grants from the Diocese of Lansing. You must fill out this application to be considered for any form of tuition assistance from the St. John School Scholarship Fund or from the Diocese of Lansing Scholarship Program. Please note that tuition assistance is only available for students in grades K-12. Preschool students are not eligible for tuition assistance.

The link for the application is : <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>



Stay tuned for details about March is Reading Month!

Save the Date!!



From the Applefest Committee

Happy New Year to all!! It's been a long time, but we are happy to announce that we do plan on celebrating the return of Applefest and it will be our 50th Anniversary!! The core team recently met and would like to invite all of you for an all committee meeting to discuss Applefest 2022. We hope that you can be in attendance:

Wednesday, March 9th @ 7 PM

Founders Hall

Hosting a "festival" during a pandemic was no easy feat!! The last two years were difficult, but as a parish and with some creativity we still were able to provide our community some celebration and present the parish with nearly \$200,000!!! Thank you to all for your prayers, support, and encouragement! Again, we look forward to planning for 50th Anniversary of Applefest and we will need all hands on deck. Hope to see everyone at the meeting.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions or concerns.

Miriam Sage

810-287-2060

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.



Athletics Update



Basketball Prep Clinic for 3rd and 4th graders

Starting this Sunday, students in Grades 3 and 4 are invited to participate in a basketball skills clinic. The clinic will be from 1 PM to 3 PM in the gym. Please remember to bring dry shoes and a water bottle. Questions? Contact Wes Nolde at 810-625-0275 or wesnolde@gmail.com.

Boys Basketball

Admission: Adults \$2, Students \$1, 5 and under FREE



7/8 Grade

Gold Team

Wed 2/23 vs. St. John Vianney 7 PM @ St. John
Sat 2/26 vs. Holy Family Gold 8 AM @ Powers

Green Team

Sat 2/26 vs. Holy Family White 9 AM @ Powers
Mon 2/28 vs. St. Robert White 7 PM @ St. John

5/6 Grade

Green Team

Wed 2/23 vs. St. John Vianney 6 PM @ St. John
Mon 2/28 vs. Holy Rosary 5 PM @ St. John

Gold Team

Wed 2/23 vs. Holy Family Blue 5 PM @ St. John



GO JETS!

A special thank you to those who made this day happen

Andrew Schmit
Angie Haiss
Matt Forsleff
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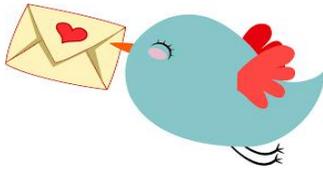
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ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Prayers:

- For Annette Kennedy, the mother of Mrs. Anderson and grandmother to Sam Anderson, who is ill and hospitalized.

Thank You:

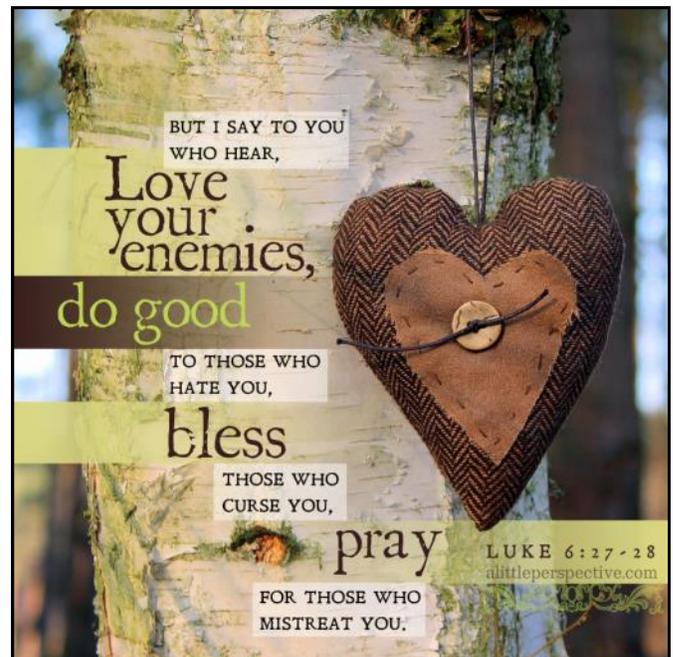
- To the PSA for providing lunch for our staff in celebration of Catholic Schools Week.
- To the NJHS students who provided tours for our Catholic Schools Week Open House.



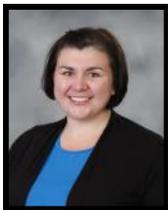
SNOW MUCH FUN AT SCHOOL!

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

Mrs. Boyle
Preschool

How long have you worked in education? This is my 13th year in education and my 7th year at SJS.

What is your alma mater? Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio

What is your favorite thing about working in a Catholic school? The feel of family and the connection to Jesus through our faith. We get to teach and model living our lives like Jesus everyday.

Tell us about your family: My husband, Nick, and I have been married for almost 6 years. We have a daughter, Natalie Jean, who will be 3 in May!

Do you have any pets? No

What are your favorite hobbies? We love to camp! Every weekend from April to October, we spend our time and Yogi Bear Jellystone Park in Fremont, Indiana.

What are your favorite foods? I will never turn down pizza or lasagna. I love salads and fresh fruit and vegetables too.

What is one thing you will NOT eat? Ummm...meat.

If I could go anywhere on vacation, it would be: I would love to visit Ireland or Lourdes, France to see the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes.

What is your favorite Winter Olympic event? Figure Skating is fun to watch!

What is one of your favorite topics to teach in Early Childhood? Early Childhood is a world of its own, where we are just learning to work and play together. Conflict resolution and kindness are at the heart of what we do. When littles learn to be independent with tasks is a big accomplishment as well!

What is one of your favorite children's books? We LOVE to read in preschool and are always discovering new books. Love You Forever is a book I always read when I was young. Natalie loves to read, too, and it's fun watching her discover new favorites.

What is your favorite movie? We are big sports movie and comedy fans: Rudy, Caddyshack, The Sandlot, and Christmas Vacation top the list.

What is your favorite season and why? Fall camping is amazing. Sweatshirts and bonfires!

What is the best way to spend a snow day? Getting the call the night before and getting to sleep in! Getting to play with Natalie is fun, too!

This or that? WINTER EDITION

Hot Chocolate or Coffee

Ice Skating or Sledding

Winter Olympics or Super Bowl

Penguins or Polar Bears

Frozen or Ice Age

