

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

Jet Gazette Newsletter

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Veterans Day

Dear God, We gave thanks today for our veterans and their willingness to risk all for the sake of freedom. I pray You will bless them and their families. Protect them and heal them; comfort their hearts and grant them peace. May their dedication and honor never be forgotten. AMEN

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

It was great seeing so many people join us for both the Thanksgiving Feast and the Veterans' Day Service this morning. It was great to be back after the eventful week of last week. After the Halloween festivities of last Monday, the teaching staff participated in a professional development day with Dr. Borba, the author of *Unselfie* and *Thrivers*. We then traveled to Lansing to attend the Michigan Association of Non Public Schools educators conference on Thursday and Friday and heard keynotes by Gerry Brooks and Sheri Wohlfert along with being able to attend a variety of workshops that covered a myriad of topics that highlighted best practices in social/emotional learning, classroom management, student engagement, project based learning to name a few. I'm looking forward to continuing conversations with the teaching staff to bring ideas and things learned from last week into our classrooms and school.

Armistice Day Rundown:

- Thanksgiving Feast: A huge thank you goes out to our Food Service Director, Dawn Davidson for a wonderful Thanksgiving Feast yesterday. Thank you to Sue Lanning, Lisa Flannery, and Robin Dybata for assisting with the meal. Another thank you goes to Denise Beale, Jessica Moore, Steve Taddei, Holly Justice and Jacqueline Widder for helping clean the cafeteria after each lunch yesterday. Still another thank you goes to The Education Foundation for providing our dessert made by Barb Walstrom and Martha Koenigschnecht. Finally, thank you to all the parents and grandparents who joined us for the feast. It was great to see the lunchroom alive with conversation and community building.
- Athletic Boosters Holiday Craft Show: The Craft Show is tomorrow from 9AM to 4PM. There is a \$2 entry fee for attendees 10 years old and up.
- Clue: Powers Catholic High School's Theater Department proudly presents the production "Clue" November 17, 18, 19 at 7PM. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens.
- Trivia Night: Get together your smartest friends and join us for Trivia Night on Saturday, November 19 in the Activity Center. The cost is \$100 per table (8 seats). Sign up information is on page 5. Proceeds go to benefit the SJS Athletic Boosters.
- Eucharistic Procession: Please join us on Monday, November 21 as we celebrate Christ the King with a Eucharistic Procession. Deacon Larry will lead us after the 8:20 morning mass and process through the school. All students, staff and parents will join the procession which will end in the Cafeteria with time for Adoration.

- 7th and 8th Grade GCCS Dance: Our 7th and 8th graders are invited to attend a Genesee County Catholic School Dance on December 3, from 6PM-8PM at Powers Catholic High School. This dance is only for GCCS students.
- Christmas Concert: The St. John School Christmas Concert will be Wednesday, December 14 at 6PM in the Church. I've been able to listen in on some of the homerooms as they have been learning their musical pieces. The 8th Graders' "Carol of the Bells" is going to be a highlight performance!

Since volleyball started, our daughter has been coming home talking about how much she loves practicing with the 8th grade girls. "They're great, Dad!" "What makes them great?" They are always positive and it doesn't matter if I made a good play or messed up." So a positive environment (thanks to Coach White and Coach Widder) has been fostered in our volleyball program, one where the girls have a great time, are making memories, and all that positivity isn't based on wins alone. It's based on an approach, a mindset, and in a way, a way of life. The girls are being equipped with the tools to overcome adversity.

How are we as parents and as educators helping our students learn how to overcome adversity? Our children forget something for school, what do we do as parents? Our child receives a poor grade on an assignment, what do we do as parents? Our child is disciplined by a teacher or principal, how do we respond as parents? Our child doesn't get the part they want in drama or the desired outcome on the athletic field? How do we respond? I could go on with a list of open ended questions but ultimately our responses to these questions are impacting the future success or failure of our children. Are we looking to blame someone or something for the failures or are we emphatically teaching them how to deal with the adversity?

In her book "Thrivers," Dr. Borba writes, "The science overwhelmingly confirms that the single commonality of kids who triumph over adversity is always an empathetic, stable adult who helps them realize: 'I'm here for you. You can get through this.'" Dr. Borba recounts the story of Josh who had a tough time growing up. His dad died and he was bullied in school. Mom moved him to a new school, hoping for a change but he was still mistreated in the new environment and people avoided him. Yet, he longed to show people who he really was. So one day he decided to show people a simple act of kindness by opening the door for students as they entered the school. At first it wasn't well received but slowly and surely his simple act of kindness caught on with the whole school community. When Josh graduated, students gave him a gift of a door from the school, signed by students. What a powerful story.

Josh could have simply focused on all the negativity but rather chose to do something positive and that brought about change. The 8th grade girls are leading the volleyball program with positivity that I'm confident will have a lasting effect on St. John Middle School. Let's work together to equip our children with the tools they need to succeed, not looking for something or someone to blame, but rather looking for positivity and more importantly being the positivity for others.

Have a blessed weekend.

Andrew Schmit
Principal

Dates to Remember



NOVEMBER

Sat	12	Athletic Boosters Craft Show-see attached flyer
Mon	14	Education Foundation Ornament Decorating #1
Wed	16	7/8th grade Powderpuff Game
Thurs	17	Education Foundation Ornament Decorating #2
Fri	18	Altar Server Training
Sat	19	Athletic Boosters Trivia Night-see attached flyer
Sun	20	Happy Birthday Mr. Garbutt!
Wed	23	Thanksgiving Break begins-NO SCHOOL FOR STAFF OR STUDENTS
Wed	23	Happy Birthday Mrs. Kromberg!
Thurs	24	Happy Thanksgiving!
Fri	25	Happy Birthday Mrs. Wright!
Tues	29	Education Foundation Tree Lighting Ceremony-6 PM
Wed	30	Santa Shop Begins

DECEMBER

Sat	3	Santa's Helpers Event at Powers-see Flyer
Sat	3	7/8 Grade Winter Wonderland GCCS dance at Powers-see Flyer
Mon	5	Merry Mail Week begins
Tues	6	Feast Day of St. Nicholas
Wed	7	NO ALL SCHOOL MASS
Thurs	8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception—All School Mass at 8:20 A M
Wed	14	Christmas Music Program-6 PM

Altar Server Training

There will be an altar server training session next Friday morning for any 4th-8th grade student interested in altar serving. If your child is interested, please register using the following link: <https://stjohnfenton.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/102/responses/new>. Students must be registered in order to leave class for training.



GIVE THANKS BY GIVING BACK

Our school is participating in a couple different collections that will benefit our greater community. We understand that there are many causes seeking donations at this time, including many within our school and parish. Please know that there is never an expectation from our school that families contribute to each and every cause. We ask that you prayerfully consider and choose as a family which causes you may be able to help.

Annual Food Drive



Next week, we will be 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.

Please feel free to donate any non-perishable items, especially those from the list provided below. Students can place donated items in the boxes outside their classroom. We will collect items until Tuesday, November 22nd.

Suggested Items

Boxed Cereal
Macaroni and Cheese
Tuna Fish
Spaghetti or Elbow Macaroni noodles
Instant Potatoes
Pancake Mix
Hamburger Helper
Tomato Sauce/Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Beef Stew/Chili/Baked Beans
Cake Mix
Jello or Pudding Mixes
Vegetable Oil
Peanut Butter and Jelly
Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
Shampoo and Conditioner

Hats, Gloves, and Scarves

This year's Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will take place at the Fenton United Methodist Church the Sunday before Thanksgiving. In conjunction with this event, as a local community, we will collect winter hats, gloves, and scarves and package them for individuals to be given out by area outreach organizations. Please drop off donations in the collection box in front of the school office by Friday, November 18th. You may also bring your donations to mass.





The season of Thanksgiving is upon us. It is a time to show gratitude for all our blessings. 'Tis the season to give! The PSA is very thankful for our administrators, teachers, and support staff. Their commitment to our SJS students is immeasurable. One way to show our thanks is by contributing to our SJS PSA Auction, our biggest fundraiser.

Save the date for February 4th, 2023. We are offering sponsorships from now until January. Will you help support St. John School? If you, your local business, or your family would like to sponsor the auction, please see the attached sponsorship information. 100% of the proceeds for the auction go back to the school to help advance educational and spiritual experiences. Please consider supporting the auction today! Other opportunities to support the auction include making a tangible donation, attending the auction, and volunteering. If you are looking for ideas of items to donate, you can select from the list we created by clicking [here](#). Whatever you can give, whether it be time, talent, or treasure, we would truly appreciate it.

Visit our auction website to purchase tickets: <https://sjpsa.ejoinme.org/Boots>



Adoration Sign Up for Parents



We still have Adoration in our Prayer Room every Monday from 8 AM until 10 AM. In order for us to have Adoration, we must always have one person remain in the Prayer Room with Jesus as students enter and exit. If you are interested in coming to pray before the Blessed Sacrament, please sign up for a time [here](#). This sign up includes dates through December.

Santa Shop

Our Annual Santa Shop will be open from November 30th-December 2nd. More information will be coming home soon. All classes will have a scheduled time to shop. The PSA is still looking for volunteers to help with this event. If you are interested, click [here](#) to sign up.

The PSA is also asking for donations of wrapping paper, gift bags (any size), and tape for Santa Shop. Donations may be sent to the school office. Thank you from the North Pole!



Merry Mail

December 5th-9th

Starting December 5th, St. John School will have our very own post office staffed by the 3rd grade classes. This is an opportunity for students, parents, and staff to send KIND letters, cards, and messages to each other. All money collected will be used to support the St. John Parish Giving Tree. Last year, our school was able to donate many gifts to children through Catholic Charities. More details will be sent soon.

ATHLETICS



Athletics Boosters Craft Show

Saturday, November 12

9 AM to 4 PM

\$2 admission (10 and older)



Don't Miss Out – Trivia Night – November 19th

Please join the Athletic Boosters on November 19th at 6:45 PM at the Activity Center for a fun night of Trivia! Earn bragging rights as a Trivia Champion and have fun, all while supporting our athletic programs! For additional information and to reserve your table, click the link below:

Click [here](#) to register.

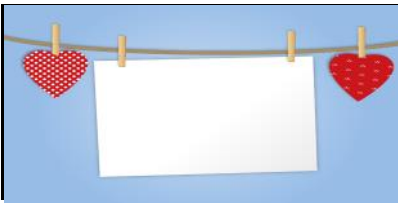
Boys Basketball Registration

For boys in Grades 5-8

Please use this link to register: <https://st-john-the-evangelist-catholic-school.sportngin.com/register/form/709391729>

Spiritwear Updates

- Powers Catholic will now be delivering Powers Spiritwear orders to SJS on Thursdays. If you would like to order Powers Spiritwear, you can visit their online Spirit Shop [here](#). All proceeds from Powers Spiritwear go to the Powers Tuition Assistance Program.
- New items for St. John Spiritwear are on order and will be sold at our Santa Shop. More information coming soon.
- Our Spiritwear Team is working on offering custom Spiritwear for our St. John Athletics teams. These items will be pre-order items. More details will be coming soon.
- All proceeds from the sales of St. John Spiritwear go directly to benefit St. John School.



ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Congratulations:

- To Morgan McPeake, Emelia Justice, Wyatt Kane, Jackson Fenton, Grayson Stratton and Eleanor Wise for qualifying for the History Bee Regionals.

Thank You:

- To our Food Service Director, Mrs. Davidson, and her kitchen staff for organizing our Thanksgiving Feast.
- To all the volunteers who helped make our Thanksgiving Feast such a success! We were so glad to invite guests again this year. Bringing our families together is part of what makes our St. John Community so special.
- To everyone who came out to our Veterans Day Prayer Service. To the veterans who were able to attend, we thank you for your service and we are so glad we could honor you today.



If you have any prayer requests you would like in the Jet Gazette, please email Mrs. Haiss.

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Duty, Honor, Country.
Those three hallowed words
reverently dictate what you
ought to be, what you can be,
what you will be.

— DOUGLAS MACARTHUR,
AMERICAN FIVE-STAR GENERAL

TODAY'S #MICROCHALLENGE

THANK A VETERAN FOR THEIR SERVICE. IF YOU DON'T
KNOW A VETERAN, SAY A PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE
WHO SERVE YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT.



Our 4th grade Saints



Staff Spotlight



What is one of your favorite dishes to eat at Thanksgiving Dinner?

Mrs. Salzano: I love the side dishes most of all, and my all time favorite side is onion bread stuffing! It's the BEST stuffing ever.

Mrs. Dawes: I love the homemade stuffing, mashed potatoes, and gravy!

Mrs. Kromberg: I love the stuffing with gravy on top! Delicious!

Mrs. Roche: Stuffing is the only Thanksgiving food that I am crazy about. I look forward to it every year. My mom's stuffing is the best!

Mrs. Bragg: My dad's homemade noodles, and my Aunt Mary's oatmeal bread!

Mrs. Wright: It's hard to pick just one Thanksgiving dinner favorite. Three of my top favorites are homemade cranberry sauce, stuffing, and turkey!

Mrs. Salerno: I always look forward to candy yams on Thanksgiving.

Mr. Marion: Turkey leg and stuffing (Stuffing must have apples in the recipe!).

Mrs. Whitney: I love mashed potatoes and gravy!

Mrs. Konett: Stuffing!

Mrs. Brack: Our family friend, Joyce Nowak's stuffing

Mrs. Anderson: I love Tourtiere and Sweet Potato Casserole

Ms. Kozara: My favorite dishes to eat at Thanksgiving are sweet potatoes and my mom's homemade stuffing.

Mr. Willard: If I had to pick one, it would probably be stuffing, because I love carbs and salty foods! It's usually the first thing I eat, and it rarely disappoints.

Mrs. Cislo: Homemade sage dressing-a recipe passed down to me from my dad who made the BEST dressing ever!

Mr. Garbutt: City Chicken!

Mrs. Minnick: Cranberry relish...with real cranberries.

Mrs. Trollman: Pumpkin Pie!

Mrs. Haiss: Pasta and meatballs AND Stuffing (but it's only my favorite if it's cooked inside the turkey)

Mr. Tucker: Dressing-it's pretty much the only thing I like to eat with gravy.

Mr. Schmit: Joan Schmit's "sticky buns" (cinnamon rolls) and Pam Gilmore's stuffing