

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

I am writing my weekly article while taking a break from attending the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools 2021 Administrators' Conference. The theme of the conference has been "Resilient Leaders-Vibrant Schools." There have been plenty of great presentations giving me plenty to think about as we continue to move forward, making SJS a vibrant school. Yet, the best information and conversations I had were at the sponsor/vendor tables, learning how to better use NWEA data to form instruction, talking to a company that works on web applications specifically for schools, and exploring a reading intervention program that is being used with great success in Detroit. What added to the whole experience of the conference was a brief interaction I had with some of our students from Ms. Wharff's Kindergarten class on Wednesday afternoon prior to leaving for the conference. As I walked out of the building, our young learners were outside enjoying the warm October afternoon sun. They asked me where I was going. I replied with, "I'm going to principal's school to learn how to be a better principal!" One of our awesome kindergarten students stood up from coloring on the sidewalk and innocently said, "You already are a good principal." Best evaluation I have ever received in my career. Thank God for these moments of grace.

Here's the rundown for October 15th:

- Covid: Like I stated in last week's JG, unfortunately this isn't going anywhere any time soon. As I look over our daily absent reports, I'm seeing how vigilant you all are with reporting symptoms and keeping your children home at the first sign of any symptoms. Thank you.
- The end of our first marking period is next Friday.
- Powers Catholic is hosting a trunk or treat extravaganza NEXT Saturday evening, October 23. More information is in the attached flyer.
- The Youth Choir will be singing at the 5PM Saturday evening Mass tomorrow. Come worship and pray with us.
- The last week of October will be a little different this year. We will have a half day on Thursday, October 28. Our class Halloween festivities will be that day since our teachers will attend a GCCS professional development opportunity all day on Friday, October 29.

At mass this weekend we will hear Jesus tell his apostles, "For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). We have so many examples within our school community of selfless service, people putting the words of Christ into action. We have people who continually put others' needs before their own, helping to make a difference in our community without recognition. Let's pray for one another that we can continue to put the needs of others before our own so together we can build up one another. This will help form the building block of a vibrant, faith-filled school community for years to come!

Have a great weekend and God bless,

Andrew Schmit
Principal

Dates to Remember

OCTOBER

Thursday	21	Happy Birthday Mrs. Whitney!
Friday	22	End of First Quarter
Sunday	24	Happy Birthday Mr. Willard!
Monday	25	Happy Birthday Mrs. Salerno!
Wednesday	27	Preschool Only-Half Day 11:20 AM Dismissal
Thursday	28	Half-Day for Students 11:30 AM Dismissal
Thursday	28	Trunk or Treat 6 PM-More details to come soon
Thursday	28	Last Day to wear Uniform Shorts until April
Friday	29	No School for Students

PowerSchool

Our grades and attendance program is called PowerSchool. You will need to access PowerSchool to view report cards. Our first quarter ends next Friday, October 22. Report cards are generally available for viewing a week later, but we will notify you when they are ready. For new account set ups, password resets, or other questions, please email Mrs. Wright at atcwright@sjseducation.com.



PowerSchool online link: <https://dol.clgpsedu.com/public>

PowerSchool mobile app: District Code is BSQN

The St. John Drama Club presents Disney Jr's. **Beauty and the Beast**

Auditions will take place in the cafeteria on Monday, October 18th from 3:30 PM to 5 PM. Drama Club is open to students in grades 4-8. Any questions, please contact Melanie McPeake at 810-516-3755 or via email at melaniemcpeake@gmail.com



HALLOWEEN



On October 28th, we have a half day. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM.

- All students may wear their costume to school. Spiritwear may also be worn, if desired.
- Halloween costumes should be life-affirming and non-violent. No weapons, hair dye, or face paint should be brought to school. Students may have face paint, make up, or temporary hair dye as part of their costumes, but please apply these items before school.
- Specific classroom party details will be communicated by your classroom teacher.

PARTY FOOD AND CLASSROOM TREATS

Please do not send in party food or classroom treats unless you have been assigned an item by the teacher or homeroom parent. If you wish, you may send in non-food items for your student to share with classmates.



Students may wear Halloween shirts with spiritwear bottoms next Friday, October 22nd. All Halloween spiritwear should be life-affirming and non-violent.

Job Opportunity

We are currently accepting applications for a part-time Jets Club caregiver. Applicants must be willing to work with students of various ages and willing to cooperate with other caregivers to provide a safe and healthy play and learning environment. Other requirements include the ability to bend and stoop for periods of time and the ability to withstand winter and summer temperatures, as outside play is part of the daily routine. Applicants should send their resumes to Mr. Schmit at aschmit@sjseducation.com. Please be sure to share this job opportunity with anyone who may be interested.

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.



Trunk or Treat details will be sent out early next week. Look for sign-up information in your email.

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.



Athletics

Come Cheer on the Jets!!

7/8 Grade Tackle Football

Tues 10/19

6PM@ Chesaning HS

5/6 Grade Flag Football

Sun 10/17

1:30 PM@ Powers

5/6 Grade Girls Basketball

Mon 10/18 vs. St. Robert

6 PM @ Holy Family

Thurs 10/21 vs. St. John Vianney

5 PM @ St. Matt

Mon 10/25 vs. St. Robert

5 PM @ St. Robert

Tuesday, October 19th 4 PM to 6 PM

Sports Pictures for Girls Basketball and Volleyball

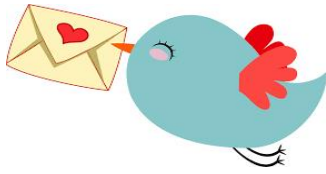


7/8th grade Volleyball registration is taking place now. Practices start on Wednesday, October 20th. A current sports physical dated April 15, 2021 or later is required.

Athletics Boosters Meeting

There will be an Athletics Boosters Meeting on Tuesday, October 26th at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria. If you are interested in learning more about the Athletics Boosters, please join us!





ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Prayers:

- For Gabriela Lesneski who is ill.

Thank You:

- To all of our families for your patience with our Loop changes during the repaving of the driveway in front of the school.
- To everyone who participated in National School Lunch Week. We had several lucky winners of some fun gift cards and snack line certificates!

Congratulations:

- To the Wisley family on the birth of Wyatt's baby brother, Walker.

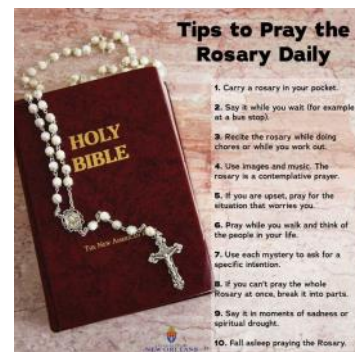


Building Foundations of Faith

Today's #microchallenge from bustedhalo.com



To stay up to date with parish events, here is a link to the weekly parish bulletin: <https://stjohnfenton.org/bulletins>





Staff Spotlight

Mrs. Davidson

Food Service Director

How long have you worked at SJS? This is my 7th year.

What is your alma mater? The Michigan State University!!

What is your favorite thing about working in a Catholic school? The faith of our students and their families.

Tell us about your family: My husband, Dwayne (Married for 33 years); Molly (27) MSU graduate, married my sweet son-in-law, Mark, in August ; Connor (26) a GVSU graduate, who is currently serving in the Marines; Dylan (19) a 2021 graduate of Fenton High School, currently attending NMU and playing football.

Do you have any pets? We had our sweet beagle, Daisy, for 13 years and lost her last year. We are currently "petless" at the moment.

What are your favorite hobbies ? Walking and Crafting

What are your favorite foods? Mexican and just about any dessert

What is one thing you will NOT eat? Mushrooms and onions unless cooked in recipes

If you could go anywhere on vacation, where would you go? Somewhere on a beach

What is the best thing about fall? Sweater weather and cooler air (but NOT freezing)

What is your favorite movie? Probably Sleepless in Seattle or Rudy

What is one of your favorite Bible stories? Jesus sleeping in the boat where the Apostles were in a panic.
Bottom Line: We continue to have storms in our lives, but Jesus will always be with us. Mark 4: 34-41

It's National School Lunch Week! What is the most popular school lunch? Hot Dog or Chicken Tenders and Tater Tots

You are a lifetime Fenton resident. What is one of your favorite memories of growing up in Fenton?
Everything! I've pretty much lived here since I was 5. I loved growing up in Fenton. Such wonderful memories from going to SJS to graduating from FHS. Such a great community to raise a family!

What is the best Halloween candy? Mounds Bar

This or that? AUTUMN EDITION

NFL or College Football

Chili or Soup

Hot Apple Cider or Pumpkin Spice Latte

Cozy Slippers or Fuzzy Sweater

Hayride or Walk in the Woods