

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

This school year has been a blur because just like that the first marking period is completed. The rundown this week is brief so let's get to it. Here's the rundown for October 22:

- Power School: The parent portal will be closed at 5pm today so teachers can work on grades.
- Report Cards: Report cards will be made available for viewing on Thursday evening. We will no longer be grading virtues across all grade levels K-8. More emphasis will be placed on social skills and work habits.
- Trunk or Treat at Powers Catholic is tomorrow from 4pm to 6pm. More information is attached.
- The SJS Trunk or Treat will be in Knights of Columbus (or Lower Loop Lot) on October 28 from 6-7pm. The Knights of Columbus will be serving hotdogs and chips to all attendees. We will need some volunteers to help serve food. Please call Mrs. Anderson in the main office if you are able to help.

As we are now nine weeks into this school year and the students are very comfortable in their learning environments, it is now very important for us to continue working with our students to help create positive classrooms and a culture that promotes kindness, empathy and understanding. Back in November of 2019, Kasey Cronin made a presentation to the SJS community about how to help our students become more empathetic, caring and compassionate. Kasey based much of her presentation on the book "Unselfie" by Dr. Michele Borba. I will be trying to find some time that we can have some informational meetings regarding this topic once again. Until that time, I will be using a portion of this weekly write-up over the next several weeks to encourage all of us parents to help foster a culture of empathy, care, and compassion in our school community.

Finally, it is amazing how God communicates with His children. I'm guessing God wanted to remind me to keep my focus on him despite the craziness of life. The song "It is Well" performed by Kristine DiMarco with Bethel has been my ear candy for the week after hearing it on Monday. "And far be it from me to not believe even when my eyes can't see/And this mountain that's in front of me will be thrown into the midst of the sea/And through it all, through it all my eyes are on You and through it all, through it all it is well." What a powerful reminder of how God is bigger than anything I am going through and I need to change my perspective to seeing things through faith. However despite that realization maybe I wasn't listening intently enough because I just read the Gospel for this weekend's mass and it's the story of Jesus healing the blind man from the Gospel of Mark. God continues to work despite, right?

Let us pray this weekend with the focused faith of the blind man as he declared to Jesus, "Master, I want to see." Let us lift up our community in prayer so we can continue building His kingdom.

God bless,
Andrew Schmit
Principal

Dates to Remember

OCTOBER



Friday	22	End of First Quarter
Sunday	24	Happy Birthday Mr. Willard!
Monday	25	Happy Birthday Mrs. Salerno!
Tuesday	26	Drama Club Practice-After School until 5 PM
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
Thursday	28	Last Day to wear Uniform Shorts until April
Friday	29	No School for Students

NOVEMBER



Monday	1	All Saints Day
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Trunk or Treat

Our Annual Trunk or Treat will take place next Thursday, October 28th in the Knights of Columbus Parking Lot (aka the Lower Loop). Trick or Treating will take place from 6 PM to 7 PM. Families who would like to host a vehicle can arrive for set-up beginning at 5:15 PM. You do not have to host a vehicle to bring your family for trick or treating. Please use the link below to RSVP. Please respond by Monday, October 25th.

The K of C will be serving hot dogs at this event. We could use a couple parent volunteers to help them set up. If you are available, please contact the office.

Please be sure to RSVP so we can plan for enough candy and hot dogs!

TO RSVP: <https://forms.gle/yUtBQzfCMn3a7G2q7>



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.

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

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 1st. 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.



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.

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

Come Cheer on the Jets!!



7/8 Grade Tackle Football

Wed 10/27 vs. Montrose

5:30PM@ Montrose

5/6 Grade Flag Football

Sun 10/24

2:30 PM@ Powers

5/6 Grade Girls Basketball

Mon 10/25 vs. St. Robert

5 PM @ St. Robert



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!

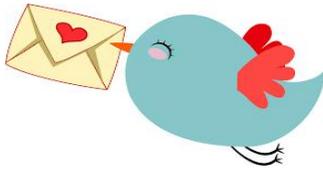
PowerSchool

Our grades and attendance program is called PowerSchool. You will need to access PowerSchool to view report cards. The first quarter ends today and report cards should be available for viewing next week. We will notify you when they are ready. Please note that PowerSchool will be disabled today while teachers prepare report cards. It will be turned back on once report cards are available. For new account set ups, password resets, or other questions, please email Mrs. Wright at cwright@sjseducation.com.



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

PowerSchool mobile app: District Code is BSQN



ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Prayers:

- For the Adams family (preschool), on the passing of Evelyn's great-grandmother, Celia Adams.
- For Gabriela Lesneski who is ill.

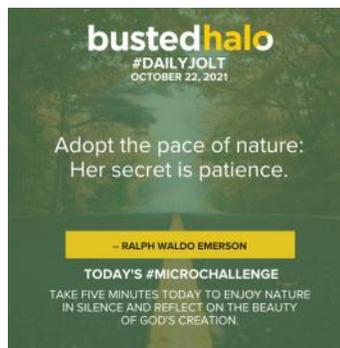
Thank You:

- To the 8th grade class for their work at Forgotten Harvest this week. They were able to harvest over 3000 pounds of food which will help feed over 3000 people. Check out the pictures on our Facebook page.
- To Powers Catholic High School, Ms. Sunday, and SJ alumni, Emma Gordley, Maria Gavulic, and Jack Siwek who visited our school on Thursday for Cookies with a Charger Day.

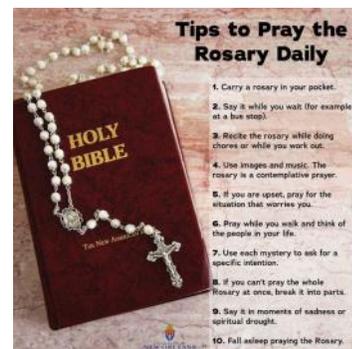


Building Foundations of Faith

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. Dawes

4th Grade Homeroom

How long have you worked in education? I have worked in education for 20 years. **How about at SJS?** 19 years

What is your alma mater? University of Michigan-Flint

What is your favorite thing about working in a Catholic school? Helping and guiding the students as they learn about Jesus and their Catholic faith.

Tell us about your family: My husband, Tim, and I have been happily married for 43 years.

Do you have any pets? Yes, we just acquired a stray cat. Her name is Tinker Belle. She is expecting kittens soon. If you are looking for a new kitty, let me know!

What are your favorite hobbies? Reading, walking, and flower gardens

What are your favorite foods? Filet Mignon and a baked potato with sour cream

What is one thing you will NOT eat? Escargot

What do you think is the WORST household chore? Dusting-It makes me sneeze!

If you could go anywhere on vacation, where would you go? Scotland, Ireland, Germany, and Italy

What is the best thing about fall? Fresh cool air and beautiful colors

What is your favorite movie? I don't have just one-I like the older movies/classics.

What is one of your favorite Bible stories? The story of Moses leading his people out of Egypt.

What is one of your favorite novels to read with students? My favorite books have good messages, such as The Whipping Boy and A Christmas Carol.

What was one of your most memorable Halloween costumes? When I dressed up as Pocahontas in the 3rd grade.

What is the best Halloween candy? Mounds and Almond Joy

This or that? AUTUMN EDITION

Chili or Soup

Hot Apple Cider** or Pumpkin Spice Latte

Cozy Slippers or Fuzzy Sweater

Scary Movie or Haunted House

Bonfire or Football Game

**With Cinnamon

Student Spotlight

What is the BEST Halloween Candy

Jackson Mounger (1st grade): M&Ms

Mikey Pagnani (5th grade): Twix

Dexter Roach (5th grade): My favorite candy would have to be Airheads because they taste amazing!

Annabella Mooney (Preschool): NERDS!- Because they are yummy and sweet and sour.

Emmett Crawford (4th grade): My favorite Halloween candy is Snickers.

Lexi Butler (2nd grade): Definitely peanut butter cups! I technically like anything with peanut butter in it!

Quinn McCormick (2nd grade): Nerds are the BEST!

Cooper Gartland (3rd grade): KitKats

Landen Naismith (4th grade): Skittles

Penny Carsten (3rd grade): KitKats

Sammy Medawar (Kindergarten): M&Ms! (but it was hard to choose between Twizzlers and Reese's)

Vivienne Burtner (Kindergarten): Skittles