

## News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

We have had a busy five days of school this week. Along with everything else going on, our first through eighth grade students began our fall NWEA MAP testing this week. As a faculty we will begin diving into the data so that we ensure academic growth and success for our students. Also this week on Thursday, several members of the St. John staff were able to attend a Partners in Mission workshop at the Diocese to help us rethink and revitalize our retention and recruitment strategies when it comes to enrollment management. The day was filled with plenty of great information which allowed us to begin evaluating our process and strategies. One thing to share at this moment is that we will be jump-starting our re-enrollment for next school year much earlier than we have experienced here at SJS. Blah blah blah, enough of that. Here is my first five day week of the school year rundown:

- **AppleFest Ticket Challenge:** A huge thank you to all who helped make the Applefest Raffle Ticket Challenge successful.

\*\*Homeroom Challenge: 1st Place - Ms. Wharff, 2nd Place - Mrs. Trollman, 3rd Place - Mrs. Ratke

\*\*Student Challenge - 1st Place - Grayson Stratton, 2nd Place - Peyton Carpenter and 3rd Place - Oliver Guerra

\*\***BONUS CHALLENGE for a day off of school:** We sold 91% of our allotted tickets (80% was our original goal) for a grand total of \$20,270. We will have an extra day off from school on **Monday, Oct 11**.

\*\*Raffle drawing is on Sunday at 6pm.

\*\*THANK YOU!!!!!!!

- **Athletics:** This week marked the return of SJS middle school participation within GCCS athletics. Although not wearing the green and gold of SJS, 15 of our 7th/8th grade boys are playing on a combined GCCS team, wearing the Blue and Orange of Powers Catholic with boys from Holy Family, St. Robert, Holy Rosary, and St. John Vianney. The 42 player team beat New Lothrop 14-0 to begin the season! The SJS 7th/8th Grade girls basketball team plays on Wednesday, September 22 at 6PM over at St. Robert in Flushing. Our SJS 5th/6th grade girls basketball team will take the court on Thursday, September 23 at 7PM against Holy Family in our home gym. Come out and support our Jets!
- **Powers Catholic Homecoming:** Some of our athletic teams will be joining the parade tonight prior to the 7pm football game up at Atwood Stadium in Flint. Our 8th graders were able to attend Mass and join in the festivities at the high school earlier today.
- **Pet Blessing (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi)** will be Monday, Oct 4 after the AM Loop in the Courtyard. More details on page 3.
- **Prayers:** Please pray for the Forlenza family with the death of Joe Forlenza, former principal of Powers Catholic High School and a strong supporter of Catholic education in the Flint area for so many decades. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them...
- My job responsibilities have been preventing me from getting outside to monitor the upper loop waiting lines in the afternoon. I hope it has been running smoothly. Haha. If anyone wants to volunteer to take on that responsibility I would appreciate it GREATLY! Please contact Mrs. Anderson in the main office.

I am humbled by the generosity of our parish-school community. The faculty, staff, and families working together are what makes this a dynamic school. God is working. Keep the parish and school in your prayers.

Have a great weekend!

Andrew Schmit  
Principal

# Dates to Remember



## SEPTEMBER

Monday	20	Picture Day
Monday	20	Youth Choir begins after school. Registration info on page 3



## OCTOBER

Friday	1	<b>No Hot Lunch</b>
Monday	4	Pet Blessing at 8:10 AM
Monday	11	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Friday	22	End of First Quarter
Sunday	24	Happy Birthday Mr. Willard!



### Celebrity Pie Auction

Place your bid now!!

This year, our celebrity bakers are Father Robert, our very own Mr. Schmit, and Fenton Fire Chief, Bob Cairnduff.

Click [HERE](#) to bid!



### Picture Day Information

Picture Day is on Monday, September 20th! Students must wear a regular St. John uniform for picture day. All students will be photographed even if pictures are not being purchased.

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE.**

There are no paper order forms. If you would rather not submit an online order, please call the studio 810-610-5439 and we will take your order over the phone.

Click this link or copy and paste this web address below into the address bar.

[ospgo.com/1D93](http://ospgo.com/1D93)

You will NOT need to enter a password. Simply search for your student by name. You can type either their first or last name and you will see student names pop up. If you have multiple students, please submit separate orders for each child. If you do not see your student's name, choose "New Person" and add their information during check out. You DO NOT need to send the printed receipt to school. We will already have a record of your payment!

If you have any problem ordering or have any questions, please call Signature Portrait Studio at 810-610-5439 or email [Emily.signatureportraits@Gmail.com](mailto:Emily.signatureportraits@Gmail.com)

## Youth Choir

Youth Choir is starting back up on Monday, September 20th. Youth Choir is for students in grades 4 and up. Practice will be held in the church on Mondays after school until 5 PM. To sign your child up for youth choir, please email Freeman Tucker at [freeman@stjohnfenton.org](mailto:freeman@stjohnfenton.org).

## Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for parent volunteers to help out at the youth choir practices. You do not have to commit to volunteering every Monday. We are willing to set up a rotating volunteer schedule if we can get enough parents to volunteer. If you are interested in helping, please contact Freeman Tucker at [freeman@stjohnfenton.org](mailto:freeman@stjohnfenton.org). All volunteer requirements must be met to volunteer.



## Altar Server Training

The parish is offering a variety of altar serving training sessions for students in 5th grade and above. St. John students have the opportunity to attend a training session during school hours. There will be one more school day session on Friday, September 24th. If your child is interested in attending one of the training sessions, please submit his or her name using the following link: <https://stjohnfenton.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/44/responses/new>. The teaching staff will divide the students into groups to attend the training, so you do not need to pick a specific session. Students who are already trained altar servers, but would like to attend as a refresher, may sign up as well.



## Athletics

We are in full swing with Football and Girls Basketball. Congratulations to the 7/8th grade football team on a 14-0 win over New Lothrop this week!!

5/6th grade Flag Football begins after school Monday. A sports physical is required to participate. They will practice after school everyday for the first week. Bring a snack to eat before practice. Practice will run from 3:45-5:30 PM. Be sure to bring water for practice.

### Come Cheer on the Jets!!

#### 7/8 Grade Football

Wed 9/22 vs. Montrose 5:30@ Powers

Wed 9/29 vs. Durand 5:30@ Durand

#### 5/6 Grade Flag Football

Sun 9/26 2:30@ Powers

Sun 10/3 2:30@ Powers

#### 7/8 Grade Girls Basketball

Wed 9/22 vs. Holy Family Blue 6 PM@ St. Robert

Wed 9/29 vs. St. Roberts 5 PM@ St. John

#### 5/6 Grade Girls Basketball

Thurs 9/23 vs. Holy Family Gold 7 PM@ St. John

Mon 9/27 vs. Holy Family Blue 7 PM@ Holy Family

## PET BLESSING



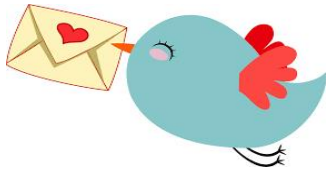
Join us for our annual Pet Blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi.

This will take place on Monday, October 4th at 8:10 AM in the courtyard. All pets **MUST** be on a leash or in a cage/crate. Also, all pets must go home after the

blessing. For pets who do not travel well or families whose schedule does not allow you to bring your pet, we encourage your child to bring in a picture to be blessed. A stuffed animal may also be brought as a stand-in for a pet.

Students should go to class as normal and will come out after announcements to meet parents and pets in the courtyard.





# ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

## Welcome:

- To the Edmunds family, Christian-3rd grade
- To the Loy family, Peter-1st grade

## Prayers:

- For Shannon Adams, Dylan and Sadie Beale's aunt, who is ill.
- For all the service men and women who are stationed abroad.

## Congratulations:

- To the winners of our Applefest Raffle Ticket Challenge:

### TOP 3 STUDENTS:

1. Grayson Stratton
2. Peyton Carpenter
3. Oliver Guerra

### TOP 3 CLASSES

1. Ms. Wharff-Kindergarten
2. Mrs. Trollman-2nd Grade
3. Mrs. Ratke-1st Grade



## 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>