



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## Jet Gazette Newsletter

February 19, 2021

### News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

Every day is a blessing. Last year, Ash Wednesday was on February 26. Two weeks later we... (I can't say it but we all know and should remember it well). So here we are, on our Lenten journey once again, spiritually traveling from the desert to the empty tomb on Easter Sunday. Our teachers have started incorporating Lent into their daily lessons. One example of this comes from my conversation with Mrs. Salzano's second graders during lunch today. They were excited to let me know the things they were giving up for Lent but more importantly the things they were going to do. One student exclaimed, "Mr. Schmit, I'm giving up drinking pop and I'm going to pray every night!" Our second graders are showing that while it is important to deny ourselves of things during Lent, it is important that we should be doing something that brings us closer to God. Awesome job, second graders!

Here is my Friday after Ash Wednesday rundown:

- Parents, please make sure your students are in the required SJS uniform from Dennis Uniform every Monday-Thursday. This means all shirts, sweaters, pullovers, and uniform bottoms should be the school approved uniform. Girls only may wear leggings under their uniform skirt or jumper. If your child needs an extra layer during the winter, there are sweaters and fleece pullovers available through Dennis Uniform. Fridays are Spirit Wear days (SJS Spiritwear or Powers Catholic Spiritwear allowed) with uniform bottoms or jeans free from rips and tears only. The Used Uniform closet is open daily after school dismissal.
- We will be opening up current family registration on Monday. The Diocese of Lansing tuition assistance grant applications are due on March 1. Please refer to the information on page 2 of this week's JG.
- Our new family Open House is scheduled for Thursday, March 11, starting at 6pm. We are still figuring out the logistics of how we can safely allow for people to experience St. John School. More information will be coming soon. Regardless of what our Open House looks like, New Family Registration will open on March 11 so spread the word to your family and friends.
- March is Reading Month. Teachers will be sending home information with all the activities and special days that will be planned throughout March. Our NWEA Map Reading scores are showing significant improvement. Keep encouraging your children to read at home. It's a beautiful thing!
- We are continuing to experience vandalism in our bathrooms. We have seen everything from Pulitzer Prize poets (foul language graffiti) to paper towel interior decorating (wadded up paper towels being thrown against the walls), to Fixer Upper style demo days (urinal dividers being torn off the wall). Please talk to your students about being responsible and respectful of property and that this behavior must cease. Thank you for your assistance in this matter!
- Join us for weekend Mass throughout Lent. The parish will continue to provide opportunities to celebrate Eucharist in the Church, in the Activity Center, or in the parking lot. Mass times are 5pm on Saturday and 8:30AM, 10AM, and 11:30AM on Sundays.

We have five weeks until Spring Break. Keep praying for our community!

Enjoy your weekend!

Andrew Schmit

# PARENT CALENDAR



## February

- Fri 26 Stations of the Cross  
Sun 28 Powers Catholic High School Open House 12 PM-3 PM



## March

- Wed 3 Happy Birthday Ms. Adams!  
Thurs 4 **Half-Day for students-11:30 AM Dismissal  
Parent-Teacher Conferences (by request only)**  
Fri 5 No School for students-Staff PD  
Sun 7 Happy Birthday Mrs. Boyle!  
Tues 9 Happy Birthday Mrs. Cislo!  
Wed 10 Happy Birthday Mrs. Anderson!

The deadline to submit your FACTS application for Tuition Assistance for the 2021-2022 school year is March 1, 2021. Application fee is \$35.

Please use this link: [https://  
online.factsmgt.com/aid](https://online.factsmgt.com/aid)

**REMINDER:** The office will be **CLOSED DAILY** from 3:10-3:30 PM to allow office staff to assist with dismissal procedures. Phones will still be open (you may have to leave a message), but the office will be closed to **ALL** visitors (unless you have scheduled an appointment). Any students needing early dismissal will need to be picked up prior to 3:10. After 3:10 PM, all students will be sent to the loop or Jets Club. Students may not wait by the office.

## ATHLETICS UPDATE

5th-8th Grade Girls Basketball Clinic is starting next week. It will be held on Wednesdays from 6:30 PM to 8 PM. Please contact Kelli Doherty if your daughter is participating. [Kpdoherty@gmail.com](mailto:Kpdoherty@gmail.com) or 810-513-5505

### Basketball Clinic Info for Grades 3 and 4

- **Boys:** Our boys clinic for grades 3 and 4 will be held on Tuesdays from 6 PM to 7:20 PM. Please email Jamie Crawford ([crawfordskibum@yahoo.com](mailto:crawfordskibum@yahoo.com)) to let him know your son will be attending.
- **Girls:** Our girls clinic for grades 3 and 4 will be held on Thursdays from 6 PM to 7 PM. Please email Chris Wise ([chris@randywiseteam.com](mailto:chris@randywiseteam.com)) to let him know your daughter is attending.

### Other Clinic Info

- Boys Basketball is offered for boys in grades 5-8. Basketball clinics will be held on Mondays and Wednesday from 5-6:30 PM.
- Cheer will take place on Tuesdays after school until 5 PM and on Saturday mornings from 8-10 AM.

Just a reminder that all students are required to wear a mask and should bring their own water bottle. Parents should wait outside for their students to be dismissed. Parents are not allowed in the gym at this time.

We also putting together an Athletics Boosters club and looking for interested parents that would like to participate on the Boosters board. If you are interested, please send your contact information to: [Athleticdirector@sjeducation.com](mailto:Athleticdirector@sjeducation.com)

## REQUEST FOR DONATIONS



We are looking for donations of wire hangers and plastic milk cartons for an upcoming STEAM project. Additionally, we can always use donations of cardboard tubes from paper towel or toilet paper. If you have any of these items, please send them in to school with your child. THANK YOU!!!

## 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, hats, and gloves.

**Please be sure your students are prepared for recess everyday even if it looks like the temperatures might be too low. We all know Michigan weather changes rapidly and we try to get out students out each day if possible, even if it is only for a quick mask break. With recent weather, hats, gloves, and boots are a MUST!**

**PLEASE BE SURE TO LABEL ALL  
ITEMS!**



## PSA Auction Update

We are still looking for volunteers to assist in many different areas.

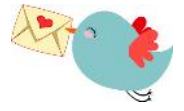
- **Are you savvy with a computer and possess awesome technology skills? WE NEED YOU!**
- **Are you more of the creative type and like to think 'outside the box'? WE NEED YOU!**
- **Are you a 'people person' who is comfortable with meeting new people and chatting in any environment? WE NEED YOU!**
- **Do NONE of these characteristics apply to you, but you'd still like to lend a hand to the success of St John School? WE STILL NEED YOU and want you to join our team of volunteers!**

For volunteer opportunities, please contact **Kelly Ahn** at **313.300.8841** or [kahn@stout.com](mailto:kahn@stout.com).



Sponsorship Opportunities still available. There are lots of perks to sponsoring the SJS auction.

# ON A PERSONAL NOTE



## Thank You:

- To the Ahn Family for donating books to the school.
- To the families who donated to our Souper Bowl can drive. UPDATE: We collected approximately 280 cans of soup for the Food Pantry.

## Prayers:

- For Mrs. Forsleff who has health complications.

Support the K of C Fish Fry on Lenten Fridays. See attachment for details.



Today's #microchallenge from bustedhalo.com



To stay up to date with parish events, click [here](#) for a link to the weekly parish bulletin .

## DRIVE-IN MASS

Available during all weekend mass times

How it works:

- + Park in the designated parking area in the north parking lot during any of our weekend Masses
- + Tune your car's radio to 88.3 FM
- + Watch the Mass on our outdoor screen as it is happening live in the Church
- + During communion, Extraordinary Ministers will come to your vehicle to distribute Holy Communion.



## Staff Spotlight

### What was the first concert you ever attended?

**Mrs. Ratke:** My brother took me to my first concert at the Fowlerville Fair to see Faith Hill before she became well known.

**Ms. Feazel:** New Kids on the Block

**Mrs. Dawes:** The first concert I attended was Elton John at the Pontiac Silverdome, 1974.

**Mr. Garbutt:** My first concert was New Found Glory and Good Charlotte at Cobo.

**Mrs. Davidson:** J Geils Band...Pine Knob 1979!!

**Mrs. Werschky:** Journey

**Mrs. Roche:** I went to see John Denver with my parents. I was in 5th grade. I love the t-shirt I got for a souvenir!

**Mrs. Anderson:** 1988 or 1989. The Palace of Auburn Hills...NKOTB!!!

**Mrs. Boyle:** NSYNC circa 1997 or 1998, when I was 10 or 11 years old. It was at the Pontiac Silverdome. I fell asleep during the encore.

**Mrs. Salzano:** LeAnn Rimes opening for Alan Jackson. I was there for LeAnn. I was a proud official member of her fan club, and yea, I still have the membership card if you want to see it!

**Mr. Stark:** Lollapalooza Music Festival in Downtown Chicago!

**Mrs. Whitney:** I think it was Bryan Adams.

**Mrs. Haiss:** I saw Billy Joel...I was in middle school and did not think it was "cool enough" to be my first concert. Now that I'm wiser, I've seen him live two more times.

**Ms. Adams:** Avril Lavigne in middle school with my best friends at The Palace of Auburn Hills!

**Mrs. Adams:** Not positive which concert was my first one, because I went to a lot of them back in the day, but two very memorable ones were Elton John, and Fleetwood Mac with Stevie Nicks, that were earlier ones. Both were great!!

**Mr. Tripp:** Michigan State Jazz Ensemble Concert in 2014. They were KILLER.

**Ms. Wharff:** When I was little, I went to a Garth Brooks concert (it was the 90s). I was in awe! The lights, the spectacle, the music, and he flew around on a wire!!

**Mr. Willard:** I think it was Fresh Fest at Cobo Hall.

**Mr. Schmit:** My first non-Catholic Christian concert was The Dixie Chicks at The Palace with my now wife...but I need to add that my favorite concert of all time was The Foo Fighters 2015 Broken Leg Tour at DTE.

