



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

Jet Gazette Newsletter

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News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Happy (Modified) Applefest Weekend!

As we continue to capitalize on every day we have for in-person instruction, we are grateful for the extraordinary efforts made by our teachers, the staff, Fr. Robert and Fr. Ryan, the students, the parents, and of course our parent-volunteers to keep this school heading in the right direction.

We are now 4 weeks (17 days) into our grand SJS Phase 4 experience! Thank you for taking time each morning to check the temps of your children prior to leaving. Our community continues to proceed with caution when it comes to illness during these early days of the academic year. I thank you all for taking the new protocols and procedures seriously. Please remember to **call the school office each day for each absence so we can continue to track symptoms**. The Genesee County Health Department updated their COVID19 Symptoms this week so I want to quickly run through a daily decision scenario that our entire school community should utilize prior to coming to school.

As what has become best practice each morning, please continue to check your child's health and utilize his/her health baseline. Remember to check temps prior to leaving as well. The initial knowledge of your child's temp will assist us as we continue the temp checking each morning during Loop. You should be looking for NEW or worsening symptoms not explained by a known medical condition. If your child is not feeling well, ask the following questions:

- Question 1: Is your child experiencing ONE of the following: fever (100.4 or higher), uncontrolled cough, shortness of breath, or new loss of taste or smell? If YES, keep your child (and siblings) home and contact your doctor. If NO, proceed to the next bullet point.
- Question 2: Is your child experiencing TWO of the following: chills, sore throat, body aches, new onset of severe headache, diarrhea/vomiting, or congestion/runny nose? If YES, keep your student (and siblings) home and contact your doctor.
- If you answer YES to Question 1 and/or Question 2, keep the child and siblings home until you speak with a doctor.
- IF the doctor provides your child with an alternate diagnosis and does NOT test for COVID, the child can return to school following our regular sick guidelines (for example, 24 hours fever free without the use of medication). Siblings can return to school immediately.
- IF your doctor tests for COVID, your child and siblings must stay home while awaiting results. PLEASE NOTIFY THE SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY. GCHD will be notified and *may instruct us to have close contact quarantine while awaiting results*.
- NEGATIVE: Ok to return to school when feeling better and 24 hours fever free without medication. Siblings and close contacts can return immediately to school.
- POSITIVE: Your child, family and close contacts must continue to isolate/quarantine per CDC guidelines. NOTIFY THE SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY.
- Following a positive test result, your child can return to school: 10 days after symptoms first appeared AND symptoms are improving, AND 24 hours fever free (without the use of medication). Close contacts will continue to quarantine/isolate for 14 days from the last date of exposure to a positive person and monitor for symptoms.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me or send me an email . Above all, when in doubt call your doctor. I am not a medical professional nor have I ever played one on TV.

I hope and pray that you have a great weekend. See you all on Monday!

God bless,

Andrew Schmit

PARENT CALENDAR



September

Fri	18	NO SCHOOL-Applefest Golf Outing
Sun	20	Applefest Raffle Drawing-5 PM Livestream
Mon	21	Football and Cheer Skills Clinic-4:30-6 PM
Wed	23	Picture Retake Day-AM only
Wed	23	PM Loop Bottle Drive
Fri	25	Padre Pio Relic Veneration and 6 PM Mass-see parish bulletin for more information
Mon	28	New Family Zoom Meetings



October

Sat	3	Happy Birthday Ms. Jacoby!
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Masks for Sale

Face masks with the St. John School logo are for sale in the school office. The cost is \$8 per mask. We have adult and child sizes. If you would like to purchase one, please send cash or check in an envelope and specify which size you would like. We will send them home with your student. You can also let us know by email if you would like to order one.



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Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date on day to day activities and be informed of special announcements.

Facebook: St John the Evangelist Catholic School

Instagram: stjohnfenton



ATHLETICS UPDATE



Although our participation in GCCS interscholastic sports is on hold, we want to provide our students with opportunities to focus on improving their athletic skills and team building. Starting Monday, all students in grades 5-8 will have the opportunity to participate in our first intramural Sport Skills Clinic. For the next several weeks, our clinic will focus on football skills. Additionally, we will be offering a clinic focusing on cheerleading skills for students in grades 3-8 at the same time. The clinics will be held on Mondays from 4:30-6 PM. All student athletes participating in the clinics will be required to wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines. A parent is **REQUIRED** to attend the first session with their child in order to go over protocols and sign a release form.

Although we do not know exact dates for when we can begin our interscholastic sports, we would like to get our student athletes prepared as much as we can, in advance. For this reason, we are encouraging families to turn in sports physicals for students who may be thinking about participating in a sport this school year. The MHSAA has made amendments to the sports physical requirements for this school year. If your child had a sports physical for the 2019-2020 school year (completed on or after April 15, 2019) and St. John School has it on file, you may not have to get a new physical this year. You must fill out the [MHSAA Sports Health Questionnaire](#) and submit it to the office for review. After we verify we have all necessary information on file, we will confirm with you that your child is set to participate. If your child did not receive a sports physical for the 2019-2020 school year, he or she would be required to visit the doctor for a current sports physical.

We are also looking for volunteers to help us in a variety of ways with our Athletics Program. We need volunteers who are interested in coaching. Additionally, we are in the early stages of creating a St. John School Athletics Boosters Program. If you are interested in helping with this organization, please contact our SJS Athletic Director Scott McPeake at 810-869-4344 or via email at athleticdirector@sjseducation.com.





PowerSchool

Our grades and attendance program is called PowerSchool.

Account information was sent via email to new K-8 families this week. If you have any questions or need a password reset, please call the school office or email Mrs. Wright cwright@sjseducation.com.

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

PowerSchool mobile app: District Code is BSQN

VISITOR PROCEDURES

- **Essential staff and students will be the only people allowed in the school building** unless special permission is granted in advance by administration
- The Uniform Closet will only be open and available to parents after school, beginning at 3:30 PM. You do not need an appointment.
- Adult guests entering the school will be screened for symptoms, wear a facial covering, and wash/sanitize hands prior to entering
- Sick students and early dismissal students will be escorted to the door to meet parent
- **Guests will not be permitted to join students for lunch**
- During this temporary time period, **no third party lunch deliveries**
- If an item from home needs to be delivered to a student, please leave the item on the table between the two sets of glass doors in the front lobby. Be sure the item is clearly labeled for the student to whom it belongs. Office staff will periodically check for items throughout the day.



Cans for Seminarians Challenge

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting empty cans/bottles and or bottle return slips in the parish parking lot Wednesday afternoon at 3PM. Bring your returnables with you and while you wait in line for PM Loop, drop off your empty

bottles/cans and help our Knights raise money to offset the cost of tuition for seminarians studying to be priests.



Picture Retake Day will be next Wednesday, September 23rd. Pictures will be taken in the morning only. Students who wish to get a retake should return their initial picture package to the office. Any students who were absent on our first picture day will also be photographed. Finally, if your student needs a retake, please email the office or your child's teacher so that we can be sure your child does get his or her picture taken.

If your child is a new student who started after picture day or your child was absent on picture day and did not order pictures yet, use the following directions from the photographer:

If you have missed the original picture day, there will be a makeup day **next Wednesday 9/23** in the morning. Please click on the following link, or copy and paste into your browser. Please order by 9/23!

ospgo.com/TJM

You will need to:

1. Select "St. John Fenton" from the drop down menu
2. 2. Type "Prepay" in the password field
3. Enter your email
4. Place your order.

If you have any problems, call Signature Portrait Studio at 810-610-5439

FOOD SERVICE UPDATE

We are continuing to promote and follow social distancing in the cafeteria at lunch time. To help us adhere to our protocols, we are asking parents who send students with a cold lunch to please include the following items in your student's lunch box whenever possible: silverware, napkins, and condiments. This will help prevent crowding at our lunch counters.



We would like to thank everyone who has already donated so much time and support for Applefest. It is not too late to participate this year!

- Raffle – The parish goal is \$100,000. We need to work overtime to achieve this goal! The 2019 raffle proceeds were \$70,000. **Additional tickets are available to pick up and/or purchase in the parish office.** Raffle Drawing will be Sunday, September 20th at 5.p.m. Join us Livestream!

Time is running out to turn in your Applefest tickets. Since we are unable to host our traditional festival, our raffle drawing is more important than ever. Our Applefest team has been working like crazy to achieve our parish goal of \$100,000 in ticket sales. We need your help to make this happen! With 3 days left until the drawing, here are the ways you can turn in your tickets:

1. **Turn them into the parish office:** The parish office will be open today and Friday until 4:30 PM. You can drop them off right in the parish office.
2. **Turn them into the black collection boxes in the church:** You can turn in your tickets at church all weekend up until the 11:30 AM Sunday mass.
3. **Turn them into the Activity Center on Sunday:** The last opportunity to buy and/or turn in tickets will be Sunday afternoon from 12 to 4 PM in the Activity Center.

- Pie Sales— Pre-ordered pies may be picked up after masses this weekend.



- Pie Auction – **BIDDING IS NOW LIVE!** Bidding ends Friday at 9 PM. Be sure to bid for your favorite!

Three local guests will be featured in this year's pie auction:

Crust - Chad Brennan

The Feast – Sean Gartland

St. John Pastor - Robert Copeland



Thank you for supporting our festival. Remember all proceeds directly support our parish and school!

Homeroom Parents for 2020-2021

Mrs. Roberts	TBD	Mrs. Whitney	Shannon White
Mrs. Boyle	Sarah Carpenter	Mrs. Farella	Valarie Pickard
Ms. Wharff	Christina Gainer	Ms. Feazel	Lisa Palmer
Mrs. Ratke	Morgan Quick	Ms. Werschky	Melanie McPeake
Mrs. Salzano	TBD	Mr. Garbutt	Jennifer Scully
Mrs. Cislo	Rebecca Singelis	Mrs. Adams	Cathy Tremaine
Mrs. Roche	Erica Crawford	Mrs. Dawes	Melissa Dolliver



ON A PERSONAL NOTE



Thank you:

- To the Tremaine family for donating books to the school library.

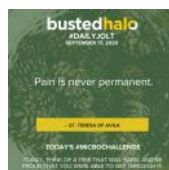
Prayers:

- For Mrs. Boyle who is recovering from surgery. We wish you a speedy and restful recovery!

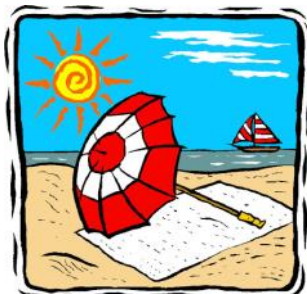
Building Foundations of Faith

As Catholic parents, we are called to provide moral education and spiritual growth for our children. What better example than to learn and grow in faith yourself? Visit this Jet Gazette feature weekly for thoughts, articles, and tips to strengthen and deepen your understanding of our Catholic 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

This week we asked our staff to tell us about their favorite summer memories.

Mr. Willard: Going to the drive-in theater with my son to see the original "Ghostbusters."

Mrs. Roche: My favorite summer memory is watching my kids swim and hearing them laugh with their cousins in Little Traverse Bay in Harbor Springs. There is something very magical about kids and summertime.

Mrs. Ratke: Going to South Dakota with the Ratke side. We had so much fun seeing Mt. Rushmore, going on waterfall slides, riding UTVs, and so much more. Great memories made.

Ms. Jennings: My favorite memory from this summer was having all my kids home!

Mrs. Farella: Sailing on the Grand Traverse Bay and family weekends up north.

Ms. Bade: Spending time with my grandma. :)

Mrs. Adams: Having family house guests almost the whole month of July! I love when family can come visit and enjoy themselves in the summer at my house!

Ms. Wharff: Sitting on the shores of Lake Superior. If I close my eyes, I can still hear the waves, feel the cool breeze of the water, and feel the sand on my toes!

Mrs. Wright: I really enjoyed time spent with my family during the summer. My 3 children live in different states and it was so special to be able to catch up on their lives **in person**. We visited parks, ate good food, and had great conversations. I was also able to visit Chicago to spend 3 days with my oldest daughter helping her move to a new apartment. Despite Covid-19, it was an awesome summer!

Mrs. Boyle: Spending time with baby Natalie and family, either camping or out at the lake. TI was nice get some crisp fresh air after a long quarantine.

Mr. Forsleff: Spending a week with my sister and her family in Denver.

Mrs. Haiss: My favorite summer memories were the ones spent with my family on the lake. The season is short in Michigan to enjoy the water and the sunshine so we tried to make the most of it.

Mrs. Roberts: Spending time with my girls at the pool!

Mr. Garbutt: My favorite memory of the summer was spending time on Silver Lake with my family.

Mrs. Dawes: Reading and enjoying chiminea fires with my husband!

Ms. Werschky: My favorite memory was being able to watch my son graduate, despite Covid-19. Way to go Powers!!

Mrs. Whitney: We spent a peaceful, relaxing week on Drummond Island.

Ms. Adams: My favorite memory of the summer was watching my very best friend get married to my 4th cousin up north with all of her best friends and family surrounding her. So now she's my cousin (4th)!

Ms. Jazzmine: Being able to take a wonderful road trip through the Smoky Mountains with my husband and Kiddo for the first time! Seeing my little guy's expression at how big and "on fire" they are was wonderful!