



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

Greetings,

I hope and pray you are well and enjoying your Friday (or Saturday, or Sunday, or whenever you are reading this). I have a lot of information in the rundown so let's get to it.

January 20th Rundown:

- Report Cards: The 2nd Quarter Report Cards will be made available in the parent portal at 4pm this afternoon.
- Enrollment update: As of this afternoon we have 75% of our current students enrolled for the 2023-24 school year.
- Attendance: I have not stressed attendance enough this year as we have shifted from Covid protocols to a more normal-ish routine. I need our school community to understand the importance of being here at school, on time, for the duration of the school day on a consistent basis. Going forward I remind everyone of the SJS Attendance Policy: **“All students enrolled in St. John the Evangelist Catholic School are expected to be punctual and regular in attendance.** Students attend school every scheduled school day for the entire day and are expected to be in assigned areas at assigned times unless officially excused. Absence from school will be excused if: absence was caused by illness, it is a case of emergency, or satisfactory arrangements have been made with administration).” 8 unexcused absences begins the notification process with 15 unexcused absences resulting in the school notifying the truancy officer for Genesee County. **PLEASE NOTE: 3 Tardies constitute 1 unexcused absence.**
- More on attendance: **Good Attendance**-9 or fewer absences: students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more, **Warning**-10-17 absences: students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school BEFORE their senior year of high school. Missing a day of school puts a student behind classmates. **Chronic Absenteeism**-18 more absences: Excused and Unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn. Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year.
- Dismissal: All students are to be dismissed to their assigned loop lines (preschool and siblings in front, kindergarten to 3rd grade plus siblings in the upper loop and fourth grade to eighth grade in the lower loop) unless a parent has purchased one of the auction spots, or previous arrangements have been made with the office. Students cannot leave school or hang out in front of the school waiting for their ride upon dismissal without being accompanied by an adult (parent or school staff member).
- Tuition Assistance: The Diocesan deadline for Tuition Assistance is March 1. Tuition assistance is only available for Kindergarten through 12th Grade students. If you are seeking financial assistance through St. John School, you should still apply with FACTS. We use the same information to award financial assistance as well.
- New Family Open House: If you have friends, neighbors, family members, co-workers who have been asking you about St. John School, invite them to attend our Open House on Thursday, February 2 from 5pm to 7pm. More information will be coming soon! Our Open Enrollment Period for new family registration opens on Thursday, February 2.

- Catholic Schools Week: Our annual Catholic Schools week begins on January 29. Our Catholic Schools Week committee has some fun activities planned for us throughout the week. If there are any dads who are Knights of Columbus members, we need volunteers to help with the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast for students and staff on Tuesday, January 31. I've heard from three Dads thus far. Please email me if you are interested in helping us out that morning.
- Boots and Buckles Auction: The Auction is only two weeks from now! Last year the Auction netted us nearly \$185,000. If you look around the school, those funds helped us upgrade and add to our security camera system, purchase materials for classrooms, take out the mess of shrubbery behind the school, purchase chromebooks, replace some doors and windows, and do some necessary infrastructure maintenance within the school. There are so many opportunities to help as we are heading into the final preparations for the big event. More information about our upcoming Auction can be found on page 5 of this week's Jet Gazette, in particular regarding raffle tickets, the tuition raffle, and day of event ticket sales. Yeehaw!
- Food Service: Please be sure to check your child's account to make sure that it is in good standing.
- Parking Lot: Parents and staff members, please drive SLOWLY and follow the correct traffic patterns while driving through our parking lot, especially in the morning. We have had a couple of close calls recently. If you are going to be entering the drop off lane, please use the second lane that runs directly in front of the Activity Center. If you are going to be driving through to park, please use the first lane that runs directly behind the Church.
- Join us for Mass this weekend: Our Mass times are 5pm on Saturday and 8:30, 10, and 11:30 on Sunday.

The last couple of weeks I have been struggling to get around the school to be a part of the day to day learning activities in the classrooms, to be with the kids and support the teachers due to a host of things that I have had to focus on from the confines of my prison cell...I mean office. However, I need to change my perspective and be positive. So instead of prison cell I shall refer to my office as "the place of positivity from which problems are solved and hope abounds. (This will make sense with my discussion in the next paragraph.)

These issues and recent experiences have reminded me of a section from Dr. Borba's "Thrivers" book that we could all use in our day to day raising of children (and quite frankly in our own lives), in which she devotes an entire chapter to the teaching of optimism. Within Chapter seven she calls upon some of Aaron Beck's University of Pennsylvania research on behavior: how we think (cognition), feel (emotion), and act (behavior) interact. Sometimes people mistakenly fall into the "I don't feel like it today," feelings determine behavior (FDB) trap. We have the choice laid out in front of us to focus on the positive or to focus on the negative. Ultimately, successful, joy-filled people are optimistic and thankfully for us parents, this trait can be taught. Dr. Borba stresses that the first way to teach the trait of optimism is to model optimistic thinking. She spends some time reflecting on how optimism was passed to the British generation that endured The Blitz of 1940-41, in which over three hundred tons of bombs were dropped on London. The children of London did what their parents did and that was to model optimism and hope. "Kids who thrive in tough times have caring adults in their lives who model a positive outlook." Essentially, teaching optimism begins with us. We are inundated with negativity. I don't need to point out where this negativity is coming from but we can all identify it within our lives. Changing our perspective, our mind set to a positive one is difficult but knowing that we are influencing our children for the better should motivate us all. I will continue with some more thoughts on optimism in next week's Jet.

I hope and pray you have a wonderful and relaxed weekend. I hope and pray that all those attending the Daddy Daughter Dance and Mother Son Bowling events have a great time.

God bless,

Andrew Schmit
Principal

Dates to Remember

JANUARY

Fri	20	2nd Quarter Report Cards Available Online
Sat	21	Daddy Daughter Dance
Sun	22	Mother Son Bowling Event
Tues	24	Protecting Young Eyes presentation at Powers 6:30 PM-8:00 PM
Sun	29	Catholic Schools Week begins
Mon	30	Annual Day of Service for Catholic Charities-

FEBRUARY

Wed	1	Buy Dinner/Dessert at La Marsa and Crumbl
Thurs	2	Catholic Schools Week New Family Open House-
Sat	4	PSA Boots and Buckles Auction-Buy your tickets now!
Mon	13	NO SCHOOL-Applefest Raffle Incentive Reward

LAST CALL for Auction Sponsors!!

From PSA President Michelle Pagnani

I hope this post finds you well. I am writing to remind you that our school auction is fast approaching and there is still time to become a sponsor. Your support is vital in making this event a success and helping to raise funds for our school.

As a sponsor, your business will be featured in our auction program and on our website, as well as being acknowledged during and after the event. We have several sponsorship levels available, starting at \$500 with increasing levels of recognition and benefits.

We are expecting a large attendance at the event and your sponsorship will provide a great opportunity for you to reach out to our community and showcase your business.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to become a sponsor. I would be happy to provide you with more information or discuss the sponsorship levels in more detail.

Thank you for your consideration and we hope to see you at the auction .

Second Quarter Report Cards are now available for viewing online on Powerschool. If you need assistance logging in to Powerschool, please email Mrs. Wright at cwright@sjseducation.com.

Protecting Young Eyes presents

“The Digital Culture of Kids: Building a Framework of Trust”

Open to all GCCS School Families Grades K-12

January 24th from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Powers High School Auditorium

Click [here](#) to register.

Technology can do so much good in the world. But if not used well, it can also do so much harm. Never before in human history have young people had the ability to so radically change the trajectory of each other's lives so quickly.

After 7+ years, over 1500 presentations, testifying in front of Congress, and countless conversations with parents, students, educators, and officers, PYE has discovered that parental controls alone don't work and instead, there are 5 traits that often determine digital success in many families. We call these 5 traits the Digital Trust Framework. What is Digital Trust? Do you have it? How does it apply to conversation about social media? Pornography? YouTube? TikTok? Our fast-paced talk will use stories, simple examples, and quick tips that will give your family immediate actions.

Our desired outcome include:

- Knowing the benefits of creating digital trust.
- Greater confidence leading your family in the digital age.
- Awareness of the hardware and software tools that support your digital goals.

WE ALL FIT INTO GOD'S PLAN

Today, the oldest SJ student from each family was given a puzzle piece to take home. Please decorate your puzzle piece together to represent your family. Be sure to include your family name on the piece! All puzzle pieces should be returned to school by next Friday. We will put them together to display for Catholic Schools Week.



Catholic Schools Week

January 29th-February 4th



On January 30th, our students and staff will be participating in our annual Day of Service for Catholic Charities in Flint. To make this event successful, we are in need of donations. Please consider donating the following items:

- Toiletries-especially lip balm, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, and travel-size hand lotion
- New or gently used, clean socks (even those with no match)
- New or gently used, clean gloves (even those with no match)
- Fleece (2 pieces of 1 1/2 yards needed per blanket)
- Bags of individually wrapped candy (fun-size candy)
- Liquid Dish Soap
- Diapers in sizes 5 and 6

See attached flyer for more CSW details.

PSA Election News

Thank you to all who voted in our PSA Secretary election.

Congratulations to Anne Lehr for being ★ elected as the 2023 PSA Secretary. ★

A huge thank you to Brandi Neil (Webb) and Whitney Kruger who will also serve the board as at large members.
Thank you!

Michelle Pagnani - President

Krystal Fatolitis-Payne VP

Anne Lehr - Secretary

Brandi Neil (Webb) & Whitney Kruger -
Members at Large

2023-2024 Tuition Assistance

The window to apply for tuition assistance for the 2023-2024 school year is now open. **Applications are due by March 1, 2023** if you would like to be considered for grants from the Diocese of Lansing.

Both the St. John Scholarship Fund and the Diocese of Lansing Scholarship Program are need-based assistance programs. Need is determined by an independent, third party service, FACTS Management, which makes its assessment based on income and tax information. The application is only available online and requires a \$35 application fee. Families applying only need to fill out one application for consideration for both St. John and Diocese of Lansing assistance. You do not need to fill out an application for each child. **You must fill out this application to be considered for any form of tuition assistance from the St. John School Scholarship Fund or from the Diocese of Lansing Scholarship Program.** A link to the application is provided at the end of this email.

Grant Criteria eligibility for all grants:

Families must complete a FACTS financial aid application online **on or before March 1, 2023 to be considered for any of the Diocese of Lansing grants.** You may still apply for assistance from the St. John Scholarship Fund after this date.

Student must show a financial need of at least \$750.00.

The student must be Catholic, attend a Diocese of Lansing school, and belong to a parish in the Diocese of Lansing.

Please note that tuition assistance is only available for students in grades K-12. Preschool students are not eligible for tuition assistance.

Diocese of Lansing Grant:

Grades K-8 \$750 per student

Grades 9-12 \$1000 per student

Once the FACTS online form has been completed, the following information will need to be submitted to FACTS:

- Copies of your most recent Federal tax forms including all supporting tax schedules and W2's.
- Copies of supporting documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF.
- Copies of Federal Tax Forms from 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 (for business owners)
All supporting documentation must be uploaded online through the FACTS online form.

The link for the application is : <https://online.factsmtg.com/aid>

ST. JOHN SCHOOL PRESENTS

BOOTS & BUCKLES

SCAN FOR AUCTION INFO!



- **DONATE** - WHAT AND HOW
- **SPONSORSHIPS** - HIGHLIGHT YOUR BUSINESS OR FAMILY SUPPORT
- **TICKETS** - RESERVE YOUR TICKETS OR PURCHASE A TABLE FOR YOU AND FRIENDS
- **EVENT DETAILS** - BASKETS AND LIVE AUCTION ITEMS POSTED WEEKLY



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Click [here](#) to buy your tickets to attend the auction.

Remember to bring your raffle tickets to turn in at the auction. You can also send them into the school office.

Boots and Buckles Auction

Welcome
2023 St. John
School Auction

5:00PM SILENT AUCTION BEGINS & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

7:00PM DINNER & PRAYER W/ FR. ROBERT

8:00PM SILENT AUCTION CLOSES

8:30PM LIVE AUCTION BEGINS & BAND TO FOLLOW!

FATHER HARVEY WAY - ST. JOHN SCHOOL

Silver bullet Sponsor saves the day!!! Way to go Wentworth Family and Real Estate Group Thank you for coming through for us once again with your support!!! A billboard size thank you for helping make this years Auction possible!!! For all your real estate needs, you know who to call!!!! <https://www.johnwentworthgroup.com/>



All eyes on this next sponsorship!! Thank you to eos business surveillance solutions for your Horseshoe Sponsorship!!! Thank you, Miller family, for keeping an eye on us always!!! Great company, great family, great sponsors!!!! Check them out for all your security needs!! <https://www.nowyoucansee.com/>



If your Wise you know our next sponsor!!! Thank you to the next Horseshoe Sponsor!!! Looking for a new ride for 2023, look no further than the Randy Wise Automotive Group!! Thank you to the Wise family for showing your support to our amazing school!! We love and thank you for your generosity!! <https://www.randywiseauto.com/>



Did you know you can sponsor as a family? We are so thankful for the wonderful students, parents, and grandparents who make up our school and community!! Thank you to the Beale family for being a horseshoe sponsor! We are proud to have your support!! Grab your tickets!!! This year is going to be so much fun!!!!



THANKS-A-LATTE! We are so GRATEFUL for the Fatolitis-Payne Family and UB Station Cafe! We appreciate you! Thank you for your generous contribution to St. John the Evangelist Catholic School. We are grateful for our families who go above and beyond to help SJS thrive! What an outstanding community SJS/SJF has!! Your support helps make our school and local community a great place to be.



The next sponsor is both beautiful and fierce!! If you find yourself in a bit of a pickle, then she is the person to know!!! We love Attorney Shelly McFarlane because of her amazing heart and nonstop work ethic! Yeehaw to this howdy partner sponsor! <https://attorneyshelly.com/>



Feast your eyes on this!!! Thank you to the Gartland family and Feast for this in-kind sponsorship! Bid on this private cooking class for you and your guests at our upcoming Auction Feb 4th!!! We are so excited to share this evening with all of our supporters Try Feast today for a delicious sandwich and more! Check them out today!! <https://www.feastcookingschool.com/>



ATHLETICS



SPRING SPORTS

We are trying to determine what we will be able to offer this Spring for our middle school teams. Can you please fill out this survey so we know how many kids would be signing up. And they would be able to be on both track and baseball/softball if they wanted. Thank you so much for your help on this as we continue to grow our sports programs. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MSSports23>

BASKETBALL

- Practices for Boys Basketball have started. Game schedules will be released soon. Plan to come cheer on the Jets during basketball season!

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

- Adult Open Gym - starting Sunday January 29th, Co-Ed (30+), 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Cost is \$3.00 cash or check or card (through QR code on site)
- 3rd /4th grade open gym starting Sunday January 29th, 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM. Sign up day of on site .



JUNIOR JETS



2023 BASKETBALL LEAGUE

EDUCATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS
BOYS AND GIRLS GRADES K-4
SATURDAY GAMES WITH 30-MINUTE PRACTICE PRIOR TO GAME
GAMES WILL TAKE PLACE AT ST. JOHN SCHOOL GYM on Saturdays
PLAYER EVALUATIONS SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5TH 12:30 - 2:00
GAMES START FEBRUARY 11 TIME TBD
ALL SCHOOLS WELCOME

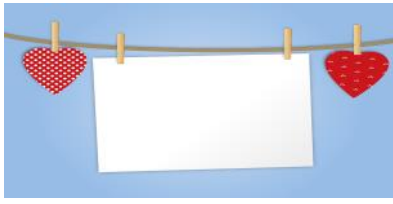
Register by 2/13/2023



**GRADES K-4
SIX GAME SEASON
INCLUDES JERSEY
\$75**

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QUESTIONS?? CONTACT CHRISTINA GAINER CMGAINER20@GMAIL.COM



ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Prayers:

- For Abby Carter whose grandfather, Ronald Lambrecht, has passed away.
- For Wayne Knecht (great-grandfather to Aida and Vera Sabatine) who is ill.

Thank You:

- To the Fenton Arts Council for donating books to our first grade students.
- To the Wilson family for donating books to our school library.

Congratulations:

- To Mrs. Weisbrod, our acting part-time counselor, on the birth of her daughter, Rosalina.
- To Powers Catholic senior and St. John alum, Lauren Harrold, for being named a finalist for the state of Michigan's Scholar-Athlete Award.



If you have any prayer requests you would like in the Jet Gazette, please email Mrs. Haiss.

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JANUARY 20, 2023

Reflect upon your present blessings -- of which every man has many -- not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.

-- CHARLES DICKENS

TODAY'S #MICROCHALLENGE
BEFORE YOU SHARE THIS POST, TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO NAME AND THANK GOD FOR AT LEAST ONE OF YOUR BLESSINGS.

Staff Spotlight

This week, we celebrated National Michigan Day. What are some of your favorite things about Michigan?



Mrs. Kromberg: I love that we get to see and be part of all 4 seasons!

Mrs. Dawes: I love summer and fall!

Mrs. Salzano: Michigan has some of the most beautiful scenery in the country, as well as cities big and small with great restaurants.

Mrs. Anderson: Michigan has so much to offer. Since my two oldest are in college we have done so much more exploration! We head out to Grand Haven to see Lake Michigan often. We visit the Sault, during the warmer months/Fall, and visit many of the wonders in the UP. My most favorite time in Michigan is the Fall. I love the Fall colors. To see them at a higher elevation and look down upon all that beauty is just breathtaking!

Mrs. Bragg: I love living in Michigan because we truly get a taste of all the seasons! I love the hot summer days, but I look forward to the beautiful fall colors. Snow is SO PRETTY - I wish we would get some soon! I also always look forward to all of the new life and fresh weather that erupts during the spring!

Mr. Marion: I love the different outdoor activities that you can do at all times of the year in Michigan. It gives our family something different to look forward to every change of season and year.

Mrs. Trollman: This is a tough one, there are too many things! I love that we have four seasons, especially such a colorful Fall, my favorite! I love spending time at the Great Lakes and collecting Petoskey Stones! I enjoy visiting the Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes, as well as Traverse City. One of my special places that I visit every summer is Mackinac Island where I got married!

Mrs. Cislo: The seasons-However, I am grateful for minimal snow this winter. Spring is the BEST!

Mr. Forsleff: I love the variety Michigan has-the seasonal changes and the beautiful nature and wildlife here.

Ms. Wharff: I love travelling all around our beautiful state! Some of my favorite places to travel include: Whitefish Bay, anywhere along Lake Superior, Saugatuck/South Haven, Mackinac Island, and Frankenmuth!

Mrs. Whitney: The four distinct seasons

Mrs. Roche: I love the seasons usually...this year the gray skies are really getting to me.

Ms. Adams: The magic and hope of SNOW DAYS! But they have been missing in action, lately.

Mr. Garbutt: Boat days and golfing.

Mrs. Haiss: There isn't much that beats a hot summer boat day on the lake in Michigan.