



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

## Jet Gazette Newsletter

### March 15, 2024

## News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

We had a week filled with guest readers, field trips to Cranbrook (7th Gr), Sloan Museum (1st Gr), and Flint Institute of Music (2nd-4th Grs), 6th grade Biblical skits, a prayer service designed by the 7th grade and Stations of the Cross. The lead up to Spring Break is going to continue to be filled with all kinds of activity so buckle up!

52 School Days until school is out for the summer but we have a lot to do until then rundown:

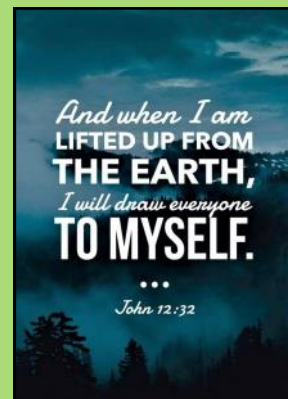
- There will NOT be a JET GAZETTE next week. Next Jet will be published on Friday, April 5.
- Join us for Mass this weekend: Masses this weekend for the 5th Sunday of Lent are on Saturday at 5PM (Youth Choir) and Sunday at 8:30AM, 10AM, and 11:30AM.
- Parish Mission: St. John Parish will be welcoming Fr. Leo Pattalinghug next weekend as he will be sharing his message with us over three evenings of talks, as well as during our weekend Masses for the 5th Sunday of Lent. Although the dinner with Fr. Leo on Saturday evening is sold out, there will be opportunities to hear Fr. Leo's presentation in the church on Sunday and Monday at 7pm.
- Confirmation: Our 7th and 8th graders will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Boyea on Thursday, March 21 at 6:30pm.
- Applefest: The Applefest Committee is looking for someone to take over the role as set-up chair. If you or someone you know has interest in taking on this important role, please email Miriam Sage using [sjapplefest@gmail.com](mailto:sjapplefest@gmail.com). The Set-Up committee is perhaps the most important of all the committees because without it, there is no Applefest.
- PSA Auction News: I have to take this moment to say thank you to Cherish Miotke. The last three auctions have been chaired by Cherish and she has done an exceptional job. The Auction Chair is a huge undertaking and we continue to have awesome parents step forward to take on that responsibility. Next year's PSA Auction will be chaired by Mrs. Lindsay Carlson and Mrs. Whitney Kruger. There will be a kickoff meeting during the month of May so look for future auction communication.
- Loop Lines: Parents, the purpose of the loop lines for the morning and afternoon is to drop off or pick up students in an orderly and SAFE fashion. All families are to utilize the designated loop lines unless otherwise agreed upon with Administration or in the case of a tardy or an early dismissal from school. The following is not permissible: using Lincoln Street as your own personal loop drop off line and parking then walking to the loop line to pick up your child.
- Tardies: St. John School Day starts promptly at 8:05. We give a warning bell at 8:00 and the tardy bell rings at 8:05. Students should be in their classrooms, ready to learn by 8:05. We are noticing an increase in tardiness lately. Being on time, ready to learn not only helps a student be more successful but it is a courtesy to the rest of the class, the teacher, and the main office.

- Boys Basketball Season: The 5-6 and 7-8 basketball seasons have come to a close. Thank you to Wes Nolde, Jeff Tirrell, Jamie Crawford, Montgomery Morgan, Tyler Stewart, and Brett Sawatzki for helping our boys to grow as a team, develop as players and learn what it means to be a good teammate.
- Science Fair Project Open House: On Wednesday, April 3 come and check out the middle school projects from 4pm-6pm.
- Reading with a Charger: On Thursday, April 4 members of the Powers Girls Varsity Basketball team will be coming to St. John School to read with our students. We don't know all the details, yet but we are looking forward to the Regional Champion (Playing for more hardware next week) Lady Chargers in the building!
- Mark your calendars:
  - Family Fun Night: Wednesday, May 1
  - Mary Crowning: Wednesday, May 1 during All School Mass
  - Amazing Shake: Friday, May 10
  - Spring Music Concert: Friday, May 17
  - Volunteer Breakfast: Thursday, May 30
  - 8th Grade Clap-out: Friday, May 31
  - Fun Day: Tuesday, June 4
  - 8th Grade Graduation Mass: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 6pm. Open to the entire SJ parish and school community.
  - Last day of School: Thursday, June 6: 4th-7th grade awards at 9AM in Church. Eucharistic Procession and Adoration at 10:30AM in school. Moving up to next grade level at 11:30AM Lower Loop.

There are only two weeks remaining in our Lenten journey. Two weeks until we celebrate our Risen Lord on Easter Sunday. This Sunday's Gospel reading, being read at three of the four masses, allows us a glimpse into Jesus' discourse to his Apostles regarding the ultimate purpose of His mission on Earth; "But it is for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Jesus explains further into the teaching in John's Gospel that "when I am lifted up from earth, I will draw everyone to myself." On that Good Friday, Jesus was raised up and in his death on the cross we were drawn to him so that when he rose from the dead we would be forever free. My Jesus Jam for today has been "Death Was Arrested" by North Point Worship. The song culminates with an exuberant singing of "Oh we're free, free, forever we're free. Come join the song for all the redeemed. Yes we're free, free, free, forever Amen, when death was arrested and my life began." We are free because of the Glory of God. It's no wonder that St. Ireneaus, a 2nd Century Turkish Bishop, wrote that "the glory of God is man fully alive." Christ's fullness of glory from the cross forgives us of our sins, and heals our brokenness, making us fully alive in the Father. With this we can truly live out our calling. This is what the teachers and staff of SJS try to impart on our students daily. We are fully alive when we are living for Jesus, sharing his love and joy and we can do this even when we are in math class or literature class or on the playground.

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

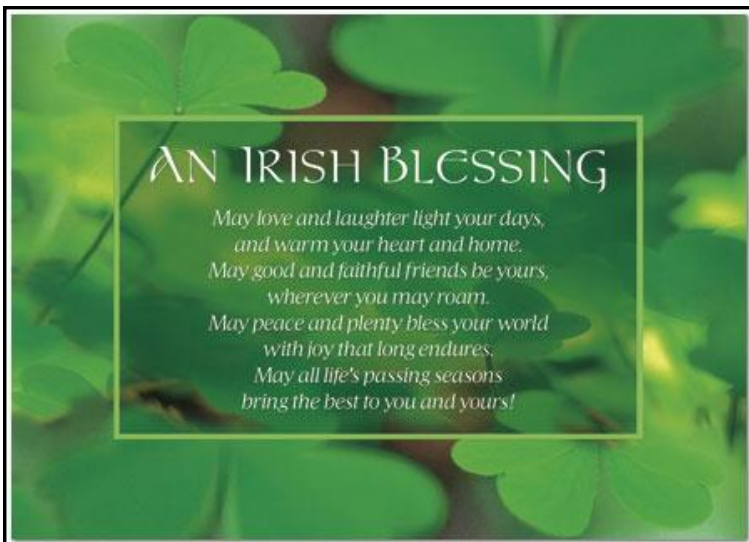
God bless,  
Andrew Schmit  
Principal



# Dates to Remember

MARCH		
Sun	17	Happy Birthday, Mrs. Bragg
Sun	17	Happy St. Patrick's Day
Thurs	21	Confirmation Mass-6:30 PM
Fri	22	Half-Day-Spring Break Begins at 11:30 Dismissal
Fri	29	Good Friday
Sun	31	Happy Easter!
APRIL		
Mon	1	Easter Monday-No School
Mon	1	Happy Birthday Ms. Jennings!
Tues	2	Classes Resume
Wed	3	Middle School Science Fair Project Exhibit - 4PM to 6 PM
Fri	5	Detroit Tigers Home Opener-students may wear Detroit Tigers shirts/sweatshirts
Mon	15	Spring Picture Day

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Next month, you will see that our lunch menu includes another lunch option that will be offered daily. Starting on Tuesday, April 2nd, in addition to the main entrée that changes daily, students can also choose from:

Cheese Pizza

WOW Butter Sandwich

Turkey Ham and Cheese Lunchable

## 2024-2025 Registration Fee

If you elected to pay your registration fee for next year up front, please send your payment to the office by March 22nd. If your fee is not paid, it will be rolled in to your tuition bill for next year. If you have questions, please contact the office. (Most families elected to roll it in to next year already, but if you want to pay it in advance please pay before Spring Break).

## Volunteer Hours

Don't forget to log your volunteer hours. You can log hours [here](#) or you can access the form on the school website under the "Good Stewards" tab. As a reminder, all families are required to volunteer a total of 18 hours. If your only SJS student is a preschool student, you are only required to volunteer a total of 10 hours per family. Families are charged \$10 per unfulfilled volunteer hour at the end of the school year. Thank you for all the time you give to make our school and parish a wonderful place.

## March Jeans Days

During the month of March, students may pay \$1 for the privilege of wearing jeans on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. All proceeds from this collection will go towards a schoolwide Lenten service project. Jeans must be free of rips and tears. **Dennis Uniform shirts are still required.** Students do not need to pay on Fridays which are already regular Spiritwear days. Students may pay \$1 daily or pay for all days in advance (\$9). **Students must be in full St. John Uniform on Wednesdays for Mass.**

The following remaining days are considered Jeans Days:

March 18, 19, 21



The Amazing Shake (<https://www.theamazingshake.com/home>), developed by the Ron Clark Academy, is a live competition that allows students to practice important professional and social skills that will enable them to operate confidently and successfully in a variety of settings.

Goals of the Amazing Shake:

- Giving a proper handshake
- Professional conversation skills
- Presentation skills
- Problem solving skills
- Handling unfamiliar situations
- Poise under pressure

A version of the competition will take place at St. John School for our middle school students on May 10th. Students will be given opportunities to prepare in school. You can help your kids prepare at home, too. Each week, we will share a couple activities that you can practice at home with your children. (These activities can work with students of all ages, not just our middle schoolers who will participate in The Amazing Shake in May.) Give them a try!

### Scenario #1

Ask your child how he or she might start a conversation with a new student who just transferred to St. John School from another school.

### Scenario #2

(This would be a great one to try over Spring Break!)

The next time you visit a restaurant, ask your child to place his or her own order. Remind your child in advance to use “please” and “thank you,” to speak in a clear voice, and to maintain eye contact with the server or cashier.

# Athletics

See attached flyer regarding Middle School Track!

## FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

### 5-8th grade Boys Basketball

Huge congratulations to the 5/6th grade boys team and their coaches. You had a great season-grew a ton as a team and represented our school with class and sportsmanship all season! It was super fun to watch you all support each other and have fun.

Way to go to both the 7/8th grade teams and their coaches on a great season. You played some new teams this year and played a lot of games, with some of you having to play on both teams due to injuries and illnesses. These teams have grown as a team and a class and it was great to be a part of you and appreciate how you all represented our school. Special congrats to our 8th grade boys basketball players-THANK YOU!!



Team banquet for 5/6 and 7/8-Tuesday, March 19th-Activity Center at 5:30 PM. Please bring your clean uniforms in a bag with shirt and shorts together.

### Jr. Jets

We have our final Saturday of the Jr. Jets basketball tomorrow. Hope to see you there! A HUGE thank you to all of the volunteer coaches and parents that have helped put this on and made it a huge success. We started this program last year as a trial to see what would work and we have grown the Jr. Jets program in to more than just a basketball league, but an actual program! We will have more to come as we need some additional volunteers to help with new offerings. And THANK YOU to Christina and Jeff Gainer as the Jr. Jets basketball program leaders and to Kristy Bray and the Athletics Boosters for their ongoing support of all of our crazy ideas!

Our next program is Jr. Jets Volleyball-Co-Ed for K-4. This will start Saturday, April 6th and run for 4 sessions. You can choose all 4 or the ones that work for your schedule. Let's keep our kiddos active and playing with their classmates! You can sign up for Jr. Jets Volleyball [here](#).



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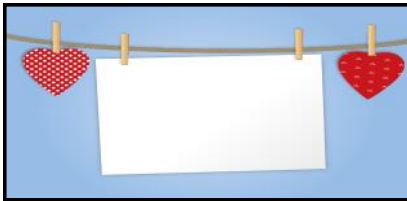
Adult St John Crew



Adult Johnny Long Sleeve T-Shirt

New Spiritwear items are available. Check out our [Spiritwear website](#) today!





# ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

## Prayers:

- For Mrs. Hogan's Great-Grandma Judy who is recovering from surgery.
- For our students who are preparing for Confirmation at the end of the month.

## Congratulations:

- To Eliza Campbell (3rd grade) who was the overall grand prize winner for all grades in the Ancient Order of Hibernians St. Patrick's Day Coloring Contest. Most of the Catholic schools in our county participate in this contest and, to our knowledge, Eliza is the first grand prize winner from St. John School.
- Congratulations is also in order to Amelia Brehm who was the 1st place winner for the 2nd grade level and to Reese Meissner who was the 1st place winner at the 1st grade level. We are so proud of everyone who participated.



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#DAILYJOLT  
MARCH 15, 2024

Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up the cross each day, and follow in my steps.

-- JESUS (LUKE 9:23)

**TODAY'S #MICROCHALLENGE**  
FAST FROM SOMETHING BESIDES YOUR LENTEN SACRIFICE TODAY. IT COULD BE FOOD, OR IT COULD BE SOMETHING ELSE SUCH AS COFFEE OR YOUR FAVORITE SHOW. THEN OFFER THAT SACRIFICE UP TO GOD FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION.



## Staff Spotlight

Mrs. Duran  
Kindergarten

**How long have you worked in education?** I have worked in education for 17 years and this is my 14th year at St. John.

**What is your alma mater?** Go green! MSU!

**What is your favorite thing about working in a Catholic school?** Our community of faith

**Tell us about your family:** I'm a Duran now! My husband, Raul, and I will celebrate our three month anniversary on Saturday, 3/16.

**Do you have any pets?** Our labradoodle, Beauregard, is just the cutest!

**What are your favorite hobbies?** I love to create-draw, paint, hand letter, sew, and Craft.

**What are your favorite foods?** Tacos and Italian food are some of my favorites.

**What is one thing you will Not eat?** Watermelon

**What is your favorite vacation memory?** Biking around Mackinac Island with my mom and brother.

**What is your favorite movie?** Lord of the Rings-all of them!

**It's March is Reading Month starts today. What is one of your favorite book?** Charlotte's Web. It was my favorite as a child, and I love it still!

**What is one of your favorite books to read with students?** I LOVE picture books.

Reading to the kids is my favorite thing to do. Too many books to pick from!!

**Yesterday was Pi Day. What is the best kind of pie?** Cherry Crumble

**Little known fact about you:** I have played violin for more than 30 years!

**This or That?**

Game Night or Movie Night

Tulips or Lilacs

Farmer's Market or Greenhouse

Pinkalicious or Pete the Cat

Chocolate Bunnies or Marshmallow Peeps

