



# St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

## Jet Gazette Newsletter

### May 12, 2023

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

#### News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

During this Teacher Appreciation Week I can't help but think about all the teachers who have been impactful in my life, from the people who taught me to my mentor teachers and coworkers who I learned from, to the teachers who I now lead. I could spend time talking about all of the people who come to mind from my school years to my years of service with Powers Catholic High School. However, I want to focus now on the teachers I see day in and day out at St. John School. We are blessed to have so many wonderful, dedicated teachers in this school who do so much to not only instruct our students academically but who also take so much time to help shape our children spiritually, socially, and emotionally. I cannot thank our teachers enough for who they are and what they mean for this school-parish community. God bless all of our St. John teachers and all of you who are teachers.

May 12 rundown:

- **Hallway Decorations:** Thank you to the parents who have decorated the hallways to help the school celebrate our teachers as we approach the conclusion of the end of this academic year.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week:** Thank you to the families who continue to spoil the teaching staff with treats. We greatly appreciate your generosity.
- **St. John Drama Club:** A huge THANK YOU to Melanie McPeake, Val Pickard, and Jacque DeConick, for all the time they put into making the four presentations of Shrek a great success. The 36 fourth through eighth grade students who participated within our drama club did such a fantastic job over the slate of four shows held in the Grand Hall of our Activity Center and on the stage at Powers Catholic High School. The Drama Club has been under the direction of Melanie McPeake for the last 5 years, performing the shows: Twinderella, The Best/Worst Christmas Pageant Ever, Aladdin, Beauty and the Beast and Shrek Jr. The Musical. Melanie loved all the kids she has worked with over these last five years, imparting words of wisdom and showering them with compassion, love, and support, while helping them all to grow in confidence. I also want to recognize the 8th graders who participated in all of those shows over the last 5 years, namely Kiera Boike, Max Crumm, Mary McPeake, Morgan McPeake, and Maddeline Widder. Obviously the Drama Club will be under new direction next year so stay tuned for announcements in the fall.
- **Testing Windows:** We are finished with our NWEA test and I'm looking forward to diving into the data later next week and meeting with Mr. Mark Callahan, the Director of Genesee County Schools as we look forward to instruction and goal setting for next school year.
- **Derby Dinner:** The Jockeys and Juleps Derby Dinner for the St. John Educational Foundation was held last Saturday. Barb Walstrom and Martha Koenigschecht put together a wonderful and enjoyable evening.
- **Spring concert:** The Spring Concert will be next Wednesday, May 17 at 2pm in the church. We will go through Kindergarten through 8th Grade and finish with all the grades coming together to sing. Students should wear their St. John uniforms for the concert.

- Fun Day: We will be sending out a link to a Sign Up Genius next week, asking for volunteers to assist with our June 6 Fun Day morning.

As I reflect and pray on this Sunday's Gospel from John I am struck by one verse in particular: *"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live."* (John 14) In John 14, Jesus continues to teach his disciples, imparting upon them the importance of true discipleship as he prepares to undergo his passion and death. This verse sticks out to me in light of Sunday being Mother's Day, especially because of my mother Joan Schmit. My mother raised 7 children, teaching us all to love and serve one another and live our lives in such a way that people see Jesus in us. Yesterday I drove back from the Diocese and talked on the phone with my mom for the entire ride because I had to wish my parents a happy 55th Wedding Anniversary. As we talked we reminisced, we talked about our Faith, shared about books we were reading and even got a little history conversation into the mix. When I was a middle school kid there's no way I thought I would or could ever have this kind of relationship with my mother. Yet as I reflect on all of this now I think all of that work that she did up front to impart the importance of Jesus first, then family, she can now reap the benefits of it as she watches her seven children raise their own families. So, all of you mothers out there, keep plugging away even though it might take your children some years to figure it out but they will. Have a Happy Mother's Day!

Have a blessed weekend. See you on Monday.

God bless,

Andrew Schmit  
Principal



# Dates to Remember

## MAY

Sat	13	Middle School Dance at Powers 6PM
Sat	13	<b>Happy Birthday Ms. Patty!</b>
Sun	14	<b>Happy Mother's Day!</b>
Sun	14	<b>Happy Birthday Ms. Bade!</b>
Wed	17	Spring Concert 2 PM
Wed	24	Grandparents Mass
Wed	24	<b>Happy Birthday Mrs. Minnick!</b>
Thurs	25	<b>Happy Birthday Fr. Robert!</b>
Fri	26	<b>Half-Day-11:30 AM Dismissal</b>
Sun	28	<b>Happy Birthday Mr. Tucker!</b>
Mon	29	<b>Memorial Day-No School</b>

## JUNE

Fri	2	<b>8th Grade Last Day/Clapout</b>
Fri	2	<b>Preschool Last Day</b>
Wed	7	<b>8th Grade Graduation Mass 6 PM</b>
Thurs	8	<b>Last Day for students-Half Day-11:30 Dismissal</b>

## JOIN US FOR GRANDPARENTS MASS

Wednesday, May 24th  
8:20 AM



RSVP for the volunteer breakfast [here](#).

### Save the Date

Join us for the 8th grade Clapout on Friday, June 2nd. Homerooms will line up in the courtyard to congratulate and clapout our 8th graders as they exit the building. The 8th grade will exit at the 3:30 dismissal bell. Parents are welcome to join us. If you are joining us, please park by the Activity Center. Do not leave your car unattended in the loop line.

## 2023-2024 School Year

We are still working on finalizing the calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. So you can begin planning, the first day of school will be Tuesday, August 22nd for grades K-8. It will be a half-day. Our first day of preschool will be on Wednesday, August 23rd. We will publish the final calendar



### Volunteer Hours

Don't forget to log your volunteer hours. The form to log hours can be found on the school website under the "Good Stewards" tab. As a reminder, families are charged \$10 per unfulfilled volunteer hour. Thank you for all the time you give to make our school and parish a wonderful place.

Open Enrollment is taking place now. If you know anyone looking to transfer schools or enroll their young child, please let them know about St. John School. Encourage them to set up a tour or call the office for more information. Your recommendations are our best form of marketing. New families can find a link to register for the 2023-2024 school year on our website. You can also share that link with them by clicking [here](#).

## 2nd grade Mother's Day Tea



## REMINDER

We are now into the 4th quarter and the end of the year is quickly approaching. Please be sure to pay all remaining tuition balances by the end of April. Many students also have negative balances in their lunch accounts. Please be sure to pay those fees as soon as possible.





# ATHLETICS

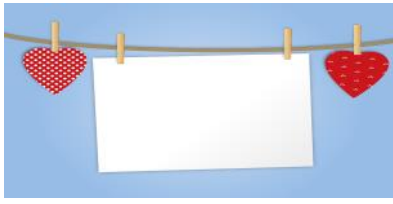
## TRACK FAMILIES

Update from Coaches: All families with track athletes, whether they have already shown up or not, need to join the Remind group on the Remind app. Moving forward all communication will come through Remind only. The class code is: @gccssa. All athletes need to fill out the GCCS Athletics Emergency Contact Form. All athletes need to be picked up from practice no later than 5:30 or they will be waiting with PCHS Security.

**Stay tuned from information regarding Summer Sports Clinics. Junior Jets Volleyball information/sign up will be out next week!**



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# ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

## Prayers:

- For all mothers everywhere. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them.
- For Patti, aunt of Emelia and Eli Justice, who is ill and in hospice care.
- For Chris Ebbitt, uncle of Elijah and Patrick Garbutt, who is ill.
- For Gary Arman, grandfather of Luke and Ryan Repke, who is ill.
- For all the victims of the MSU shooting, especially for former SJS student, Nate Statly. There is a GoFundMe account set up to support his family for those who wish to donate. Click [here](#) to access the GoFundMe page.

## Thank You:

- To the many families who decorated our halls for Teacher Appreciation Week.
- To the Noah Morgan family for providing lunch for our staff on Monday.
- To the Miotke and Valko families for providing breakfast for our staff on Thursday.
- To the Rogers family for delivering Crumbl cookies to our staff.

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

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#DAILYJOLT  
MAY 12, 2023

Where there is great love,  
there are always miracles.

-- WILLA CATHER, AMERICAN WRITER

**TODAY'S #MICROCHALLENGE**  
CALL UP A FRIEND TODAY AND REMIND THEM THAT  
THEY'RE LOVED AND PRAYED FOR.

## Staff Spotlight



What is one of your favorite recipes/dishes that your mom is known for?

**Mrs. Kromberg:** My mom makes the best tomato cheese bread! I still ask for it on my birthday.

**Ms. Adams:** My mom's cream cheese bars! So simple, yet so yummy! I also love my mom's Chinese Coleslaw during our family get togethers in the summer. Happy Mother's Day, Mom!

**Ms. Kozara:** My mom makes the best barbecue ribs. She makes the sauce from scratch. It's a family favorite.

**Mrs. Roberts:** My mom was best known for her yummy Cream Puffs.

**Mrs. Wright:** My mom always made the best pies...butterscotch, rhubarb, and strawberry!

**Mr. Tucker:** Chocolate Roll

**Mrs. Roche:** My mom makes really good lemon Bundt cake and the best stuffing ever!

**Mrs. Bragg:** Beef and Noodles over mashed potatoes! One of my childhood favorites, and I still love when she makes it today!

**Mrs. Williams:** I grew up eating the best homemade Middle Eastern food! My favorite dish that I still beg her to make for me are her Dolmas! She's making them for me tomorrow.

**Mrs. Trollman:** My mom makes the best taco salad. It's simple yet, when replicated, never tastes as good! She also makes amazing homemade stuffing!

**Mrs. Farella:** My mom made the best Italian spaghetti sauce and meatballs, as well as homemade ravioli!

**Mrs. Adams:** When I was a kid, my mom always asked what we wanted for our birthday dinner, and I always requested Swiss steak and mashed potatoes. It was my favorite. My mom always makes great pies at Thanksgiving, too!

**Ms. Wharff:** There are too many favorite dishes that Mama made to list here. She loved to cook for her family and friends-she always made sure there was enough for everyone (and extras to send home with each of us). This Mother's Day we are holding her memory close.

**Mr. Marion:** My mother makes a terrific Detroit style deep dish pizza from scratch!

**Mrs. Dawes:** My mom made the best four cheese lasagna, homemade bread, and cinnamon rolls.

**Mrs. Anderson:** My mom made so many amazing dishes. She could put things together that you would never think about! However, the ones that my family loved the best are her Orange Jello (made with mandarin oranges and cream cheese) and her Mary Nash Jello...which was my absolute favorite! We definitely miss her making these but carry on her traditions at the holidays!

**Mrs. Salerno:** My mom's beef roast and mashed potatoes on Sundays was the best.

**Mrs. Haiss:** My mom's banana split cake was the best!

**Mr. Willard:** My mom's barbecued spare ribs were fantastic!

**Mrs. Cislo:** My mom made the best beef stroganoff. It was always my birthday dinner. :)

**Ms. Schefka:** My mom makes the best lasagna!