



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

Jet Gazette Newsletter

April 12, 2024

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

It was another successful week at St. John School and obviously a memorable one with the solar eclipse on Monday. Our staff did a great job preparing the students for the experience and it was enjoyable to see the students, staff and parents taking in the experience on Monday afternoon. I know I say it time and time again but there are so many wonderful things going on in this building on a daily basis. Just today, Mr. Marion's 4th grade students had a singalong with Mrs. Boyle's preschool class. I also was able to sit in on a 6th grade social studies class utilizing the discussion skills they have been learning while participating in a seminar/Socratic learning activity. Our students are learning, are engaged in their faith, and I am forever grateful to our families, our staff, and teachers who work tirelessly to help this continue to grow and prosper. Let's jump to the rundown.

38 School Days and a 2nd Round of the Masters Friday Rundown

- **Uniform Reminder:** Shorts and skirts/jumpers/skorts without leggings are now permissible since we are into the month of April. Uniform shorts and jeans shorts (no rips, tears or frayed fringes) are to be of an appropriate, fingertip length.
- **Spirit wear Reminder:** Spirit Wear Shorts are to be of an appropriate fingertip length. Also, leggings/jeggings/yoga pants are not acceptable attire by themselves, only if under a skirt. Spirit wear bottoms include jeans (no rips or tares), jean shorts (no rips, tares, or frayed fringes) regular uniform. Sweat pants, leggings or anything else that does not fall under the "jeans, jean shorts, or regular uniform bottoms" category is not acceptable on Spirit Wear Days. The only time sweatpants or gym shorts are allowed is when an "Out of Uniform" day is announced.
- **Tardies:** The School Day begins promptly at 8:05. Please make sure your child has enough time to be in his/her seat when the bell rings. If your child is walking in the front door with the 8:05 bell, he/she is considered tardy. It takes most kids about 2 minutes to get to their classrooms. Additionally, 5th-8th Graders stop by their lockers to drop off their backpacks and coats, which takes even more time. 3rd and 4th grade students have to walk to the second floor, which again, takes additional time. It is difficult on the student, the teacher and classmates when kids are walking in after the tardy bell rings. If your child is here by 7:55, your child will have plenty of time to get to the classroom, get organized and be in his/her seat by 8:05.
- **Enzo's Pizza Night:** Wednesday, April 17, let Enzo's Pizza make your dinner. The flier is in this week's Jet. The school will receive a portion of sales for that day.

- 8th Grade DC Trip: Final preparations are being made for the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. Our 8th graders, parents, and school chaperones will be leaving on Monday, April 22 and returning on Thursday, April 25.
- Book Fair: We are looking for volunteers to help us during the annual Book Fair, April 29-May 2. Follow this [link](#) to sign up if you are interested in helping the Book Fair be successful again this school year.
- Family Fun Night: Our 2nd Annual Family Fun Night will be held on Wednesday, May 1 from 4pm-6pm throughout the school. There will be activities, games, food, and the Book Fair will be open as well.
- Mary Crowning: Our annual crowning of Mary will take place at the beginning of Mass on Wednesday, May 1 with the 8th grade students adorning the statue of Mary in our church with flowers with a crown of flowers to be placed on our Blessed Mother's head.
- Grandparent Mass: We will hold our annual Grandparents Mass on Wednesday, May 15 during the All School Mass at 8:20. Grandparents and parents are invited to the Fr. Harvey Activity Center for some refreshments following Mass.

God's timing is amazing. The Gospel passage read at Mass on Wednesday was from John 3. We all know the 16th verse, "God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." But Fr. Robert decided to speak to the children, focusing on the verse, "For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God (John 3:21)." Fr. Robert connected this passage with the Solar Eclipse, engaging the students with his homily based on their experiences of viewing the Eclipse. As he explained to the children that even a little light, like what we experienced at the height of the totality-ish phase of the eclipse was still bright enough for us to see. So, even that little amount of light is bright and in the same way when we open our hearts to God and allow even a little light to shine through it will be bright and it will take over, just like what happened as the moon moved out of the path of the sun. God's light "is meant to be really, really bright. And the more we can open ourselves up to the son, Jesus, the son of God, the more the light will shine through us. And open, hopefully, in other people, a little more of God's light in their lives."

Let us pray that we allow the light of Christ to shine through us as we go about our daily routines and interactions.

Have a blessed weekend.

God bless,
Andrew Schmit



Dates to Remember

APRIL		
Mon	15	Spring Picture Day
Wed	17	PSA Dine to Donate Fundraiser-Enzo's Pizza
Sat	20	GCCS Family Fun Night at Powers-5 PM
Mon	22	8th grade leaves for Washington DC
Tues	23	K of C Pastoral Appreciation Dinner
Mon	29	Book Fair Week Begins
MAY		
Wed	1	May Crowning at 8:20 AM Mass
Wed	1	Family Fun Night from 4 to 6 PM
Sat	4	Happy Birthday Mrs. Wilson!
Sat	4	Education Foundation Derby Dinner
Fri	10	The Amazing Shake Event for Middle School
Mon	13	Happy Birthday Ms. Patty!
Wed	15	Grandparents Mass 8:20 AM
Fri	17	Spring Music Performance 2 PM
Tues	21	Happy Birthday Ms. Kelsi!
Fri	24	Half-Day-11:30 AM Dismissal
Fri	24	Happy Birthday Mrs. Minnick!
Sat	25	Happy Birthday Father Robert!
Mon	27	Memorial Day- No School
Tues	28	Happy Birthday Mrs. Hogan and Mr. Tucker!



Sign up [here](#) to volunteer at the Book Fair!

Spring Picture Day

Monday, April 15

ALL ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE BY 9 AM ON PICTURE DAY.

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Students may DRESS THEIR BEST for spring pictures. It is not a dress down, comfy cozy day. Please note that only students who have pre-ordered will have their pictures taken. **This is different from the fall. There will not be a proof sent home with the option to order afterwards.**

There will be no order forms sent home. If you would rather not submit an online order, please call the studio 810-610-5439 and we will take your order over the phone.

Directions to order: Simply search for your student by name. You can type either their first or last name and you will see student names pop up. If you have multiple students please submit separate orders for each child. IF YOU ALSO WANT SIBLINGS PHOTOGRAPHED TOGETHER, PLEASE CHOOSE "NEW PERSON" AND TYPE "SIBLINGS" FOR THE FIRST NAME, AND THEN ENTER THEIR LAST NAME. If you do not see your students name, choose "New Person" and add their information during check out.

You DO NOT need to send the printed receipt to school. We will already have a record of your payment!

If you have any problem ordering or have any questions, please call Signature Portrait Studio at 810-610-5439 or send an email to Emily.signatureportraits@gmail.com.

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.

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No Lucky But Blessed We're off to the **Races** **SATURDAY MAY 4th 2024**
 KENTUCKY DERBY 150th

ST. JOHN FOUNDATION ANNUAL
Derby Dinner

Grab your hats and place your bets.
 Come dressed in your Derby best and support
 St. John School and Parish.

Cocktail Hour: 5:30PM
 Race Time: 6:20PM
 Southern Dinner
 Cuisine to follow

Fenton Winery & Brewery
 Banquet Venue
 370 N. Long Lake Rd.,
 Fenton, MI 48430

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS \$100

Education in Faith
 If you would like more information
 contact Barb at (248) 250-2036 or
 Email: blwalstrom@stjohnfenton.org

Purchase tickets or
 make a monetary
 donation with just a
 quick camera scan
 of our QR-Code.

ENZO'S PIZZERIA

PIZZA FUNDRAISER

Calling all St. John's families, friends, and pizza lovers! Present this flyer at the Leroy Street location and Enzo's will donate 20% of your total food purchase to St. John Fenton!

Join Us
 April Anytime Between
17 10:30 AM - 8:45 PM

Located At
 1539 N LEROY ST. FENTON

Call
 (810) 208-0756
 Or, order online at
enzospizzeriaoffenton.com

The Education Foundation will be having a Wine Toss at the Derby Dinner and are asking families to help by donating a bottle of wine for the fundraiser! Please drop off the wine bottles in the main office by April 26th. If you are able to donate, please click [here](#) to sign up.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Appreciation Dinner
A Shepherd of the Flock

honoring
Reverend David Harvey
 Tuesday, April 23, 2024

\$25.00 per person
 Doors open at 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm

This is a catered event, so seating is limited.
 Reservations with payment can be made online:
stjohnfenton.org/pastoralappreciation,
 at the parish office, or by including your name, phone
 number and number of attendees with payment and
 dropping in the offertory boxes in the church.

Please make checks payable to:
 Knights of Columbus Council #7418.

Reservations cannot be accepted after April 15th,
 payment not accepted at the door.

For further information contact Fritz Balmer 810-955-6583



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 to point to any photograph or wall art in your home. Tell him or her to tell a story about what is happening in the picture in 60 seconds.

Scenario #2

Tell your child to think of a favorite gift they have received. Ask him or her to create a “verbal thank you note” to the gift giver. Give him or her 30 seconds to think about it and 60 seconds to speak.

Athletics



Please be sure to download the SportsEngine App if you haven't already!

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](#).

ST. JOHN FENTON
JUNIOR JETS

VOLLEYBALL SKILLS
K - 4 CO-ED
(WE WILL DIVIDE THEM UP BY AGE/EXPERIENCE)

Come join your SJF Friends and have some fun! We are offering a 4 -week session for the kids. These are designed as Skills and Scrimmages.

Will be at St. John Fenton Gym. Come learn new sports owith your St. John Fenton teammates.

Volleyball @ 9:00 AM - April 6, 13, 20, 27

Cost is \$60 paid in full
or \$20 per session

REGISTER HERE:
JR JETS SPRING 2024



Kids Kelly Green Johnny Hoodie



Kids St John Kelly Hoodie

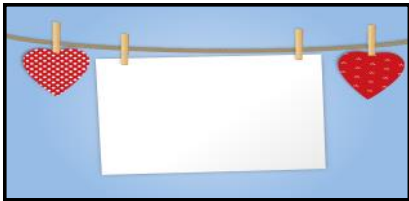


Adult St John Crew



Adult Johnny Long Sleeve T-Shirt

Check out our [Spiritwear website](#) today!



ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Prayers:

- For 6th grader, Kaylee Widder, who is hospitalized due to pneumonia.
- For 4th grader, Karson Morris, and her family, whose great-grandfather, Ronald Corrigan, passed away.
- For former school parent, Julie Strief, who is ill.

Congratulations:

- To the Higgins family on the birth of Georgia's baby sister, Stella June!



Thank You:

- To the Joe Crawford family for donating towards the school's purchase of eclipse glasses.
- To Powers juniors Zander, Maggie, and Anthony for spending time at SJS on Tuesday for your day of service.



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You have to be real with yourself. No one is doing that. People are too concerned with making everything nice and calm and pretty.

— DONALD GLOVER

TODAY'S #MICROCHALLENGE

TODAY, IDENTIFY AN AREA OF PERSONAL GROWTH FOR YOURSELF. DON'T BE AFRAID TO BE HONEST ABOUT A SHORTCOMING.



Staff Spotlight

Mrs. Bragg

First Grade

How long have you worked in education? I have worked in education for 15 years and this is my 2nd year at St. John.

What is your alma mater? I earned my undergrad from Oakland University-Go Grizzlies! I earned my masters from Marygrove.

What is your favorite thing about working in a Catholic school? Being able to take part in the formation of souls, sharing my faith with others, and being able to teach with Christ's Truth at the center of all my lessons.

Tell us about your family: I live in Waterford with my husband Dave, and our 4 children: Keegan (16), Aubrey (16), Paige (15), and Grayson (4).

Do you have any pets? Nope!

What are your favorite hobbies? I love camping with family and friends, attending weekly Bible Study Group, and I love using my Cricut to make custom shirts, crafts, and more!

What are your favorite foods? I am a huge foodie! I love pretty much everything! Popcorn is my favorite snack food-I make it just about every evening!

What is one thing you will Not eat? Eggs! Yuck!

What is your favorite vacation memory? Every year, we camp at Aloha State Park for the 4th of July week. We spend 7-10 days with family and friends relaxing, having fun, and exploring northern Michigan. I look forward to it every summer!

What is your favorite movie? Serendipity

What is the worst chore? Cleaning bathrooms! Thankfully, Mr. Bragg takes care of that in our house!

What is one of your favorite things about the Easter season? I love how beautiful the churches are decorated for Easter! It always comes after a gloom and doom season of winter. The flowers, bright colors, and extravagance bring such a feeling of joy as we focus on the resurrection of our Savior!

What is your favorite book to read to students: Favorite Book-A Giraffe and a Half by Shel Silverstein. Favorite series-The Secret of the Hidden Scrolls by M.J. Thomas.

Tomorrow is National Scrabble Day. What is your favorite board game? The Game of Life

Little known fact about you: I am obsessed with house plants! This year, I have more plants in my classroom than students. All of my plants have human names (Joe, Eddie, Billy to name a few). I also have one plant, Angie, who only drinks coffee!

This or That?

Game Night or Movie Night

Early Bird or Night Owl

Lilacs or Daffodils

Berenstain Bears or Elephant and Piggie

Go to the Beach or Go for a Hike