



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

## Jet Gazette Newsletter

### April 26, 2024

#### News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

I had the honor and privilege to attend the 8th grade field trip to Washington DC this week. We left at 4:30 in the morning on Monday and returned around 12:30 or so this morning. Each day in DC we were on the go from 7:30am or so to 10pm. Needless to say we are all worn out from a fantastic week of memorials, exhibits, sdsfsdlllllllziiii SIDKwlslanzcxn.weeq -43fwewwwwwwwww wwwww;jm2222222dkk. Zzzzzzzzzzzzz zzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz. I apologize, I can hardly keep my eyes open at the moment. Haha.

The last Friday of April rundown:

- Book Fair: Our annual Book Fair is April 29-May 2.
- 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. Please email or call the office to RSVP.
- 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.
- First Friday Adoration: Come and join our parish for prayer and song before the Blessed Sacrament for St. John's First Friday Adoration, from 7pm to 8pm on Friday, May 3.
- St. John Foundation Annual Derby Dinner: Barb Walstrom and her team continue to plan and put together another fantastic evening, Saturday May 4 at Fenton Winery and Brewery. Please page 4 for details on how to purchase tickets. The Foundation was founded in 1980 with the goal of generating funds to offset the school's need for parish subsidy. Although the Foundation has yet to achieve its intended goal, it works to continue to raise funds to help push the corpus and events like the annual Derby Dinner go a long way in helping the Foundation continue to support St. John Parish and School.
- The Amazing Shake: Our middle school students will be participating in our first ever Amazing Shake at our school on Friday, May 10. The middle school students will individually be going through 20 or so challenges or "gauntlet" scenarios with the help of a host of volunteers from our school and greater community.



- Grandparent Mass with First Communion Recognition: We will hold our annual Grandparents Mass on Wednesday, May 15 during the All School Mass at 8:20. We will also recognize our First Communicants with a procession in their First Communion best. Grandparents and parents are invited to the Fr. Harvey Activity Center for some refreshments following Mass.

- Spring Concert: The annual Spring Concert will be held in the church on Friday, May 17 at 2pm. We are working on a procedure to dismiss students directly from the church that day.

As I wrote earlier, I was honored and privileged to be one of the school chaperones for our 8th grade field trip to Washington DC. I have to share with all of you that I am so incredibly proud of our 8th graders with how they represented themselves, their families, and their school while on the trip to

Washington DC. They looked out for one another, they acted (and dressed) appropriately and were extremely respectful of others and their surroundings. Several students displayed love and compassion for one another which is awesome because in this weekend's first reading John writes to his audience "Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth" Our students were living out these words and the words of the Gospel John, "I am the vine and you are the branches." This experience continues to add to the treasure trove of examples of why I am so grateful to be a member of this community. A special thanks and appreciation goes out to Mrs. Teresa Whitney for organizing everything with the tour company and the families along with a thank you to our parent chaperones for helping make this a memorable experience for all.

God bless and have a wonderful weekend,

Andrew Schmit  
Principal

*I am the vine;  
you are the branches.  
If you remain in me  
and I in you,  
you will bear  
much fruit;  
apart from me  
you can do nothing*

JOHN 15:5

# Dates to Remember

<b>APRIL</b>		
Mon	29	<b>Book Fair Week Begins</b>
<b>MAY</b>		
Wed	1	<b>May Crowning at 8:20 AM Mass</b>
Wed	1	<b>Family Fun Night from 4 to 6 PM</b>
Sat	4	<b>Happy Birthday Mrs. Wilson!</b>
Sat	4	<b>Education Foundation Derby Dinner</b>
Fri	10	<b>The Amazing Shake Event for Middle School</b>
Mon	13	<b>Happy Birthday Ms. Patty!</b>
Wed	15	<b>Grandparents Mass 8:20 AM</b>
Fri	17	<b>Spring Music Performance 2 PM</b>
Tues	21	<b>Happy Birthday Ms. Kelsi!</b>
Fri	24	<b>Half-Day-11:30 AM Dismissal</b>
Fri	24	<b>Happy Birthday Mrs. Minnick!</b>
Sat	25	<b>Happy Birthday Father Robert!</b>
Mon	27	<b>Memorial Day– No School</b>
Tues	28	<b>Happy Birthday Mrs. Hogan and Mr. Tucker!</b>

## From the PSA

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week is just around the corner! At St. John we like to celebrate our teachers all month long! Please help us by sponsoring a breakfast or lunch. See details by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44ACA823A7F94-49140908-sjsstaff#/>

Feel free to shower your teacher with love anytime!

See attachment for other ways to show our staff appreciation during the week of May 6-10th. Any questions please let us know!



Join us on Wednesday, May 1st, for our 2nd Annual Family Fun Night from 4 to 6 PM. We will have face painting, snacks, and plenty of games and prizes. You will also be able to shop the Book Fair. This is a great event to come together as a school community for fun and fellowship.

If possible, please RSVP to let us know you're attending so we can have an idea of how many guests to expect. You can email Mrs. Haiss at [ahaiss@sjseducation.com](mailto:ahaiss@sjseducation.com) to RSVP. We hope to see you there! See the attached flyer for more information.

## Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is next week. All classes have an assigned day to shop. You can also visit during Family Fun Night on Wednesday evening.

Rather than worry about sending money with your child for Book Fair, another option is to load funds for your child to spend at right on the Scholastic site. The link for eWallet is [here](#). You may also send cash or check to the school.



Open Enrollment is taking place now. If you know anyone looking to transfer schools or enroll their 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 2024-2025 school year on our website. You can also share that link with them by clicking [here](#).

## 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.



The poster features a checkered border with red roses. At the top, it says "Not Lucky But Blessed" and "We're off to the Races". It includes the Kentucky Derby logo and "SATURDAY MAY 4th 2024". The main title is "ST. JOHN FOUNDATION ANNUAL Derby Dinner". Below that, it says "Grab your hats and place your bets. Come dressed in your Derby best and support St. John School and Parish." It lists "Cocktail Hour: 5:30PM" and "Race Time: 6:20PM" with "Southern Dinner Cuisine to follow". The venue is "Fenton Winery & Brewery Banquet Venue" at "370 N. Long Lake Rd., Fenton, MI 48430". A large red "\$100" is next to "INDIVIDUAL TICKETS". At the bottom, there is contact information for Barb at (248) 250-2036 or Email: [blwalstrom@stjohnfenton.org](mailto:blwalstrom@stjohnfenton.org) and a QR code for purchasing tickets.

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.

## It's time to order your 2023/2024 YEARBOOK!!!

### ORDERS DUE MAY 1st

Please use the link below to order your yearbook.

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE BY 5 PM ON 5/1**

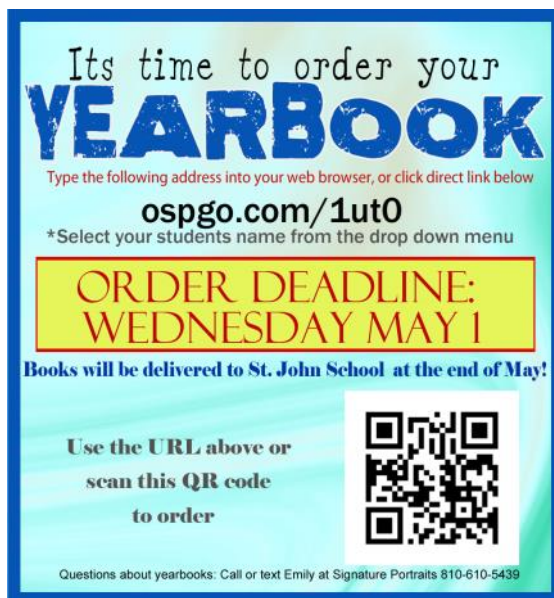
If you have multiple children, and need to order more than one book, you can submit separate orders (if you do this, you will need to enter your payment information separately each time) or you can just order multiple books under the same students name, and all the books will be sent home with that student. 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:

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 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!

Please use this link to order: [ospgo.com/1ut0](https://ospgo.com/1ut0)

If you need any assistance with ordering, please contact Signature Portrait Studio at 810-610-5439.



The poster has a blue border and a light blue background. It says "Its time to order your YEARBOOK". Below that, it says "Type the following address into your web browser, or click direct link below" and "ospgo.com/1ut0". A note says "\*Select your students name from the drop down menu". A yellow box contains "ORDER DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY MAY 1". Below that, it says "Books will be delivered to St. John School at the end of May!". At the bottom, it says "Use the URL above or scan this QR code to order" and includes a QR code. A footer note says "Questions about yearbooks: Call or text Emily at Signature Portraits 810-610-5439".



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 think of a dream vacation or dream gift. Give him/her 60 seconds to explain five compelling reasons as to why he/she should be able to take that trip or receive that gift.

### Scenario #2

Ask your child to pretend he/she is leaving a friend's house or party. What should be said to the friend or to the friend's parents to say thank you for the visit. Ask for details. Encourage eye contact!

# Athletics

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

Congrats to our middle school Track team on a successful first meet!

Sign up for Powers Camp of Champions will be coming soon.

Additional St. John Fenton Sports info will be coming home with students next week.

Junior Jets summer softball/baseball info coming soon!



Kids Kelly Green Johnny Hoodie



Kids St John Kelly Hoodie

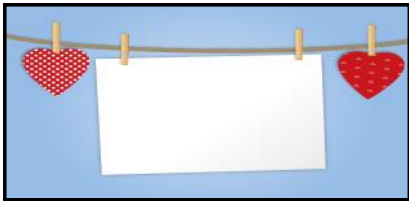


Adult St John Crew



Adult Johnny Long Sleeve T-Shirt

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



# ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

## Prayers:

- For Dominic Eedy's grandmother, Kathy Conquest, who is ill.
- For former school parent, Julie Strief, who is ill.
- For the special intentions of a school family.

## Thank You:

- To the Reed family for bringing Crumbl cookies for the staff on Tuesday. They were delicious!



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#DAILYJOLT  
APRIL 26, 2024

Be angry but do not sin;  
do not let the sun set  
on your anger.

-- EPHESIANS 4:26

**TODAY'S #MICROCHALLENGE**  
IF YOU FIND YOURSELF FEELING ANGRY TODAY,  
ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR FEELINGS, BUT WORK TOWARD  
SOLVING THE PROBLEM RATHER THAN LETTING YOUR  
ANGER GET THE BETTER OF YOU.





## Staff Spotlight

Mrs. Konett  
Kindergarten

**How long have you worked in education?** I have worked in education for 14 years and this is my 3rd year at St. John.

**What is your alma mater?** WMU-Go Broncos!

**What is your favorite thing about working in a Catholic school?** I love incorporating Jesus in everything we do.

**Tell us about your family:** I have a husband, Nicholas, (20 years in July) and two children, Johnathon (18) and Olivia (13).

**Do you have any pets?** Three dogs, Blue (6 month old Dane), Violet (5 year old Dane/Mastiff) and Teddy (10 year old Rescue)

**What are your favorite hobbies?** Watching my children play their sports-hockey, baseball, horseback riding, and softball

**What are your favorite foods?** Pizza!

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

**What is your favorite vacation memory?** Going to Puerto Rico over spring break to celebrate J's senior year.

**What is your favorite movie?** All Disney and Pixar movies, of course-I also love The Big Lebowski and The Royal Tenenbaums.

**What is the worst chore?** Laundry and windows

**What is one of your favorite things about the Easter season?** Getting together to celebrate

**What is your favorite book to read to students:** Any Mo Willems, Patricia Polacco, or Eric Carle

**What is your favorite board game?** Clue, Ticket to Ride, Rummikub

**Little known fact about you:** I have been skydiving twice!

**This or That?**

Game Night or Movie Night

Go to the Beach or Go Hiking

Tulips or Daffodils

Tacos or Nachos

Fancy Nancy or Pete the Pug