



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

## Jet Gazette Newsletter

### May 2, 2025

#### News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

And just like that, we have arrived in the month of May. This week has been a whirlwind, especially for all those who traveled to Washington, D.C. for the 8th grade field trip. Our students are hard at work learning, our teachers are busy crafting engaging lessons and activities, and Barb Walstrom is in high gear getting the cafeteria ready for tomorrow night's annual Education Foundation Derby Dinner. Whew! There is a lot happening around here, so let's jump right into the rundown.

First Friday of May Rundown:

#### St. John Foundation Annual Derby Dinner

Barb Walstrom and her team continue to plan and put together another fantastic evening, Saturday May 3 at St. John School. 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.

#### Mary Crowning:

Each year Catholic schools crown Mary in May because the Church dedicates this month to her, honoring her as the Queen of Heaven and the Mother of Jesus. The May Crowning, often led by students (and in our case the 8th graders) placing a floral crown on a statue of Mary, celebrates her virtues, especially her faith, humility, and maternal care for the Church. It's a beautiful tradition that brings the school community together in prayer and devotion, helping students grow in their love for Mary and see her as a spiritual mother and model of holiness. Our Mary Crowning will take place before this Wednesday's All School Mass, May 7.

#### Amazing Shake:

We're excited to bring back The Amazing Shake competition for our middle school students on Friday, May 9. This event emphasizes eye contact, a firm handshake, and confident communication, as students work through a series of real-world simulations led by local business leaders and community volunteers. We are still in need of volunteers for this event (8am-12pm on May 9). Please email me if you are interested.

#### GCCS Band Camp:

All GCCS band students are invited to attend the summer Band Camp at Powers Catholic High School, running June 9–13 from 2:00–5:00 p.m. Cost is \$45.



### Mark your calendars:

- Spring Concert – May 16, 2:00 p.m. in the church
- Grandparents Mass – May 21, 8:10 a.m. All-School Mass
- Class of 2021 Reunion – May 28, 11:30 a.m.
- Volunteer Breakfast – May 29, 8:00 a.m. in the Activity Center ([RSVP here](#))
- 8th Grade Clapout – May 30, 3:25 p.m. in the Courtyard
- 8th Grade Graduation – June 4, 8:10 a.m. All-School Mass (breakfast to follow for 8th grade families)
- Last Day of School – June 5 (includes Honors Convocation, Eucharistic Procession, and End-of-Year Celebration)

At St. John, the 8th grade field trip to our nation's capital holds special significance. It is more than just a capstone academic experience; it is a milestone moment in the life of our school community. Many of our students have been part of St. John for 9, 10, or even 11 years, growing in faith, knowledge, and friendship from their earliest days in preschool or Kindergarten. This trip is a celebration of how far they have come, both as learners and as young people of faith.

Our 8th grade students spent the week touring Washington, D.C., in what proved to be a whirlwind of learning, discovery, and unforgettable experiences. Their journey included stops at Gettysburg, the White House, the National Archives, several Smithsonian museums, Ford's Theater, historic Alexandria, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Arlington National Cemetery, the Pentagon Memorial, the monuments of the National Mall, Mount Vernon, and the Capitol Building, just to name a few. We were truly blessed with beautiful weather, a knowledgeable tour guide, a skilled bus driver, an enthusiastic group of parent chaperones, and the steady leadership of Mrs. Whitney.

On a personal note, this class holds a special place in my heart. I have had the privilege of serving as their principal since they were in second grade, and I have known many of them even longer, since their kindergarten days, thanks to my daughter Addison, who is part of this wonderful group. Watching them grow into the kind, capable, and faith-filled young leaders they are today has been one of the great joys of my vocation. To see them walk through the halls of our nation's history and pause to pray in the Basilica was a moving reminder of the beautiful blend of citizenship and discipleship we strive to cultivate in our students.

I hope and pray you all have a blessed weekend,

God bless,

Andrew Schmit

Principal

# Dates to Remember

MAY		
Sat	3	St. John Education Foundation Derby Dinner-see page 4 for more information
Sun	4	Happy Birthday Mrs. Wilson!
Mon	5	Confirmation Mass 6:30 PM
Tues	6	Spring Picture Day-AM only
Wed	7	Mary Crowning before All School Mass
Fri	9	Amazing Shake
Fri	16	Spring Concert 2 PM-Students must wear St. John Uniform
Wed	21	Grandparents Mass 8:10 AM
Wed	21	Happy Birthday, Ms. Kelsi!
Fri	23	11:30 AM Dismissal-Half Day for staff and students
Mon	26	Memorial Day-No School

Jets Club Registration Packets for the 2025-2026 school year are now available in the office. Please stop by to pick one up if your child will need before or after school care next year. Please send the office an email if you would like us to send one home with your child.

## FROM THE PSA

### Teacher Appreciation

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week is just around the corner. At St. John School, we like to celebrate our teachers all month long! Please help us by sponsoring a breakfast or lunch or by donating a gift card. Gift card donations can be sent directly to the school office. See details by clicking on the link below:

[Teacher Appreciation Sign Up Link](#)

Additionally, feel free to shower your child's teacher with love anytime during the week of May 5th-May 9th using an idea from the attached document. If you have any questions, please reach out to a member of the PSA.

# Spring Pictures

Spring Pictures are scheduled for next Tuesday, May 6th. Only families who have placed an order will have their students photographed. Signature Portraits will also do sibling photos upon request. Pictures will be taken first thing in the morning. If you have a preschooler who does not attend on Tuesday, you may still bring him or her in for pictures. Please come between 8:15 and 9:30 AM.

**Students who are having their picture taken may wear "Spring Best" to school. Clothing must be school appropriate, including modest fit and length. No spaghetti straps/tank tops/leggings allowed. Students not being photographed should be in regular St. John uniform.**

Please click [here](#) to order your portrait package. See below for more information.

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

**\*\*There is no online order form.**

Only students who have ordered will be photographed. 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:* 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 student's 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 text Emily at Signature Portrait Studio 810-610-5439 or Email

[Registration Link for Powers Camp of Champions](#)  
Sign up now for summer sports camps at Powers!



# Athletics

## \*\*\* Spring Girls Volleyball Clinic\*\*\*



Next week is the last week for volleyball camp. Details will be coming soon for additional clinics.

**SWISH BASKETBALL**

**SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP 2025**

*BOYS AND GIRLS SKILLS CAMP  
ALL LEVELS WELCOME*

**JUNE 9 - 12**

**REGISTER HERE:**

**PAY HERE:**

2 SESSIONS  
3<sup>RD</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE @ 9 - 11 AM  
7<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE @ 12 - 2 PM

Registration Fee **\$100**  
CAMP SHIRT INCLUDED

Day Drop-ins also available **\$30**  
or Cash at the door

**CAMP LOCATION** St. John School Gym  
600 N Adelaide St Fenton, MI 48430

**QUESTIONS:** (810) 223-5483



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 9th. 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!

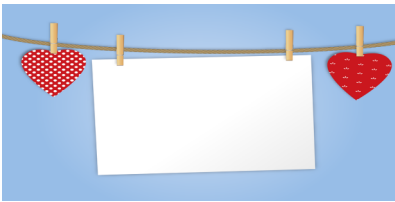
#### **Scenario #1**

Ask your child to think of a dream vacation or dream gift. Give him or 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 or she is leaving a friend's house or party. What she be said the friend or to the friend's parents to say thank you for this visit. Ask for details. Encourage eye contact!





# ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

## Prayers:

- For Julie Burger, mother of Noah, Abby, and Emma, who is dealing who had some recent health related issues.
- For Brent Wilson, father of Sonya Wilson and husband to Mrs. Wilson (preschool aide), who is receiving treatment for a serious heart condition.
- For Mike Minnick, father of Sean Minnick, who is undergoing cancer treatment.

**Please email Mrs. Haiss if you have a prayer intention that you would like added to the newsletter.**

## Thank You:

- To the Reed family for bringing treats for the staff this week.





When: Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025  
11am-2pm

Where: Fenton High School

**Free Community Event**

20 Wellness-Focused Vendors  
(health, fitness, nutrition, mental well-being, and more)

Free Lunch for First 100 People

Kids Yoga

Community Resources

Bounce House and Face Painting

Raffle Prizes

RSVP Here



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#DAILYJOLT  
APRIL 30, 2025

Hope is not pretending that troubles don't exist. It is the trust that they will not last forever, that hurts will be healed and difficulties overcome. It is faith that a source of strength and renewal lies within to lead us through the dark into the sunshine.

— ELIZABETH CHASE, WRITER

**TODAY'S #MICROCHALLENGE**

SHARE HOPE WITH SOMEONE IN YOUR LIFE IN MOST NEED OF THIS SPIRITUAL RESOURCE, WHETHER BY OFFERING AN UPLIFTING PERSPECTIVE OR LENDING AN EAR TO THEIR TROUBLES.

Click [here](#) to read the weekly parish bulletin to stay up to date on parish ministries and events.

## Staff Spotlight

### What is your favorite ice cream treat?



**Mrs. Mullaney:** At Banana Boat, they have this really good Oreo, hot fudge, and strawberry blizzard! I love it, will definitely be getting it this summer!

**Ms. Lautner:** I love Uncle Ray's frozen yogurt! My favorite treat is frozen raspberry yogurt with brownie bits!

**Mrs. Roche:** Soft-serve twist!

**Mrs. Minock:** My favorite ice cream combo is a scoop of chocolate with a scoop of orange sherbet on a cone or bowl!

**Mrs. Buzo:** We love going to the Twist in Swartz Creek. They do "flavor of the week" and their Black Raspberry soft serve is Ahhhmazing!

**Mrs. Farella:** My favorite ice cream treat is a double dark chocolate fudge sundae with whipped cream!!

**Ms. VanCura:** Uncle Ray's has always been my favorite! I have a lot of really great childhood memories there.

**Mrs. Kromberg:** M&M blizzard with vanilla ice cream!

**Mrs. Trollman:** Udder Butter (Peanut Butter) ice cream from Cook's Dairy Farm!

**Mrs. Gabrielson:** A good cherry dipped cone or strawberry shortcake bar, or something with peanut butter and Reese's

**Mrs. Hatmaker:** any mint chip ice cream

**Mrs. Dawson:** Cookie dough or anything Reese's

**Mrs. Verschuren:** Chances are I'll never turn down ice cream, but I love a twist dipped in cherry or anything Reese's

**Mrs. Salzano:** The turtle sundae from Uncle Rays with chocolate soft serve base, Cookie Monster or White Russian Latte (when they have it) from the Ice Cream Garage, and the best best best flavor of ice cream I've ever had is O-o-oreo Cheesecake by Ashby's. They had it for a short time at the Ice Cream Garage two summers ago and haven't had it back since. I am waiting patiently for its return.

**Mrs. Anderson:** I love soft serve chocolate and vanilla twist in a sugar cone with sprinkles!! You're never too old for sprinkles!!

**Mrs. Mowery:** A vanilla malt loaded with cookie dough bits from Uncle Rays!

**Mr. Forsleff:** Just about any DQ blizzard or a banana split!

**Mr. Marion:** Vanilla and Chocolate soft serve swirl with a sprinkle dip!

**Ms. Kozara:** I love a chocolate cone from Dairy Queen!

**Mrs. Miller:** Is there really just ONE favorite? Cookie dough, Superman, and Uncle Ray's peanut butter yogurt!

**Mrs. Haiss:** Ice cream is my favorite!! I don't think I could choose just one. I think you should get to have ice cream EVERYDAY in the summer!

