



St. John the Evangelist Catholic School  
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## News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

It has been a good week to get back into the routine of things. I'm hoping and praying for uninterrupted education from this week until we hit our Spring Break after our half day of school on Thursday, March 27. Teachers and students were doing amazing things in the classroom this week as we returned to normalcy after the long weekend.

Rundown for the third Friday of February or as I like to call it, January 52nd:

- No Jr. Jets Basketball this weekend: Due to two funerals this weekend at St. John Church, we are moving tomorrow's slate of games to March 22. Thank you for your understanding.
- NWEA MAP: St. John School has completed the NWEA Map test for the Winter testing window. Our final testing window will open on April 15.
- The Fry: The annual Knights of Columbus (#7418) Fish Fry will be every Friday starting March 7 through April 11. The dinner is available from 4:30-7:30 in the Activity Center. Mrs. Haiss sent out a sign up genius this morning (February 21) with volunteer information and time slots are being filled quickly. All proceeds of the event help our local KofC.
- Early Childhood Program: Our annual Early Childhood night will be Thursday, March 13 from 5pm-6pm. This evening will be for parents and incoming students to our Preschool 3, Preschool 4 and Kindergarten. Teachers and staff will be available for questions and students will be able to experience some group activities in the classrooms. Please call the main office if you have any questions. This is for both currently registered families and families considering joining the SJS community. You can register for this event [HERE](#).
- Knights of Columbus Wild Game Dinner: Saturday, March 15 from 4pm-8pm come out to the annual Wild Game Dinner held in the Activity Center. Donations will be accepted at the door (\$25 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and under). There will be a table raffle, card raffles, 50/50, door prizes, a silent auction and the Big Ticket Raffle. I have raffle tickets for sale if you are interested in purchasing a chance to win an assortment of hunting gear, a golf package, and an Applefest Family package. Contact me for more info.

Over the past week, I had the chance to review the results of the most recent GCCS mid-school-year survey that so many of you took the time to complete—thank you! Every time we participate in this survey, it's an opportunity to reflect on why we continue to choose St. John School for our children, in my family's case, our daughters. We choose St. John not only for strong academics but, more importantly, for how it shapes hearts and minds for holiness.

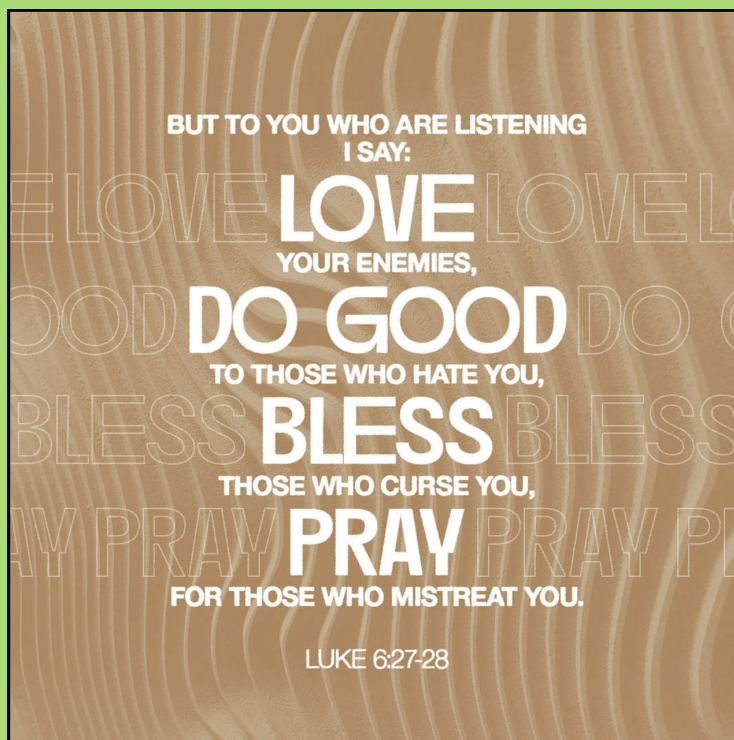
Both of our girls continue to grow in their love for learning, making strides academically. We are especially grateful for the support they've received not only from our teachers and aides, but from our resource teachers. This year, thanks to our school's budget, students who work with Ms. VanCura now have the benefit of a full-time resource teacher, which has been such a gift. But beyond academics, St. John is forming them into future Saints, teaching them to love as Christ loves.

The other night, Aidan brought home a book from the school library about St. Thérèse of Lisieux. After reading it to me, she looked up and said, "I want to be a Saint." What more could we hope for as parents? This weekend's Gospel reading from Luke 6:27-38, Jesus calls us to love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, and give without expecting anything in return; a call to live holy, Saintly lives. At St. John, our children don't just hear these words; they live them, surrounded by teachers who model Christ's love every day.

Have a blessed weekend,

Andrew Schmit

Principal



# Dates to Remember

MARCH		
Mon	3	Deadline to apply for Tuition Assistance
Mon	3	Happy Birthday Ms. Adams!
Tues	4	GCCS Spelling Bee
Wed	5	Ash Wednesday
Fri	7	Happy Birthday Mrs. Boyle!
Sun	9	Happy Birthday Mrs. Cislo!
Mon	10	Happy Birthday Mrs. Anderson!
Thurs	13	Early Childhood Information Night 5 PM
Mon	17	Happy Birthday Mrs. Bragg!

## KIDS HEART CHALLENGE

The Kids Heart Challenge is wrapping up. Please send all donations end by next Friday, February 28th. Our goal is to help others who have sick hearts. This is a wonderful way of showing how we care.



## Roller Skating

Our PE unit on roller skating will begin the first week of March for 1st-8th grades. Please send in your child's helmet so he/she is able to skate. **This is a requirement.** Helmets may be stored in the gym during our roller skating nit newsletter. Please be sure your child's helmet is clearly labeled.



## Athletics



We still have a few weeks remaining in our Boys Basketball season. Bring your family out to cheer on the Jets!

### UPCOMING DATES

Saturday, Feb. 22nd	12 PM@ Powers	7th/8th grade
Monday, Feb. 24th	5 PM@ SJS	5th/6th grade
	7 PM @ SJS	7th/8th grade

## 2025-2026 Tuition Assistance

The window to apply for tuition assistance for the 2025-2026 school year is now open. **Applications are due by March 3, 2025 if you would like to be considered for grants from the Diocese of Lansing.** Please note that the diocese cannot accept applications past the deadline. This also includes all supporting documents required for application.

Both the St. John Scholarship Fund and the Diocese of Lansing Scholarship Program are need-based assistance programs. Need is determined by an independent, third party service, FACTS Management, which makes its assessment based on income and tax information. The application is only available online and requires a \$35 application fee. Families applying only need to fill out one application for consideration for both St. John and Diocese of Lansing assistance. You do not need to fill out an application for each child. You must fill out this application to be considered for any form of tuition assistance from the St. John School Scholarship Fund or from the Diocese of Lansing Scholarship Program. A link to the application is provided below.

[Link to Apply for Tuition Assistance](#)

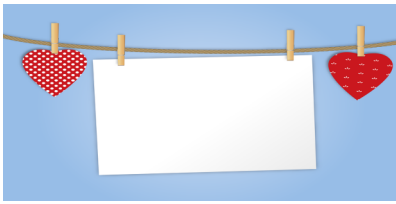
## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Knights of Columbus are in need of volunteers to help with their annual Lenten Fish Fry. The Knights of Columbus are steadfast in their support of St. John School. They provide scholarship money, host our Catholic Schools Pancake Breakfast, grill hot dogs for our Trunk or Treat and Fun Day events, and are always a phone call away when we need their support. This group of servant hearted Catholic men does all of this at no cost to our school.

There are six Fridays during Lent which the K of C need volunteers for the Lenten Fish Fry. Please consider signing up to help. You can sign up as a family (kids are welcome to help). Middle School students are allowed to volunteer without a parent. NJHS students can apply this to their volunteer hours. Please consider volunteering for at least one Friday. If you are looking for a way to give back during Lent, this is a great opportunity. You can earn parent volunteer hours, give back to our K of C, and be involved in our parish.

If you sign up as a family to help, please only take one volunteer time slot





# ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

## Congratulations:

- To our Grade Level Spelling Bee Winners who will be advancing on to the GCCS Spelling Bee on March 4th:



	First Place	Second Place
4th Grade	Brianna Webb	Julia McFarlane
5th Grade	Karson Morris	Jason Sordyl
6th Grade	Harper Lanning	Lorelei Arndt
7th Grade	Sonya Wilson	Genevieve Sutphen
8th Grade	James Crawford	Fianna Doherty

## Prayers:

- 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.**

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 #DAILYJOLT  
 FEBRUARY 16, 2025

This is nothing else but to carry Our Lord in our arms. Now if we carry Him in this way, He will, without doubt, Himself carry us.

— ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

**TODAY'S #MICROCHALLENGE**  
 TODAY, PERFORM AN ACT OF KINDNESS FOR SOMEONE WHO NEEDS SUPPORT, WHETHER IT'S OFFERING A LISTENING EAR, A HELPING HAND, OR A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

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



## Staff Spotlight

What was your very first job?



**Mrs. Mowery:** Scooping ice cream at Uncle Ray's Dairyland

**Mrs. Boyle:** Scooping ice cream and making lattes at Scoops Ice Cream/Brewed Expressions in Napoleon, MI during my sophomore to senior years of high school.

**Mrs. Mullaney:** My first job was at a ASD home when I was 16. I volunteered for service hours until I was 18, then I worked full time there until going off to college.

**Mrs. Anderson:** I worked for Mervyn's in Flint way back when it first opened up in the '90s. It was my first time working "out of the house"...previously I worked for my parents' alarm company. I appreciated the opportunity as a college student but quickly learned it wasn't the right fit for me.

**Mrs. Gabrielson:** Officially it was at Taco Bell. Unofficially, from 12-15, I played the Easter Bunny and Santa's elf at the dinner for the homeless event at the catering hall where my dad worked.

**Mrs. Hatmaker:** Sales associate at a local greenhouse

**Mrs. Dawson:** I officially worked at a dermatology office and unofficially did landscaping for a family friend.

**Ms. Hajek:** Ice Cream Shop

**Mrs. Verschuren:** Culver's

**Ms. Lautner:** In 6th grade, I babysat my 3 year-old niece and 10 month-old nephew each day during the summer. Part of my job was making dinner for my brother and sister-in-law to be ready when they got home.

**Mr. Forsleff:** I worked on a rabbit farm.

**Mrs. Bragg:** I bussed tables at Harbor Steak House in Keego Harbor.

**Mrs. Roche:** I worked at The Limited at Genesee Valley. I LOVED that job...and my 40% off discount!

**Mrs. Kromberg:** Babysitting of course, but the first job I really loved was serving ice cream at Dairy Queen!

**Mrs. Salzano:** I was a waitress at the brand new restaurant Bangkok Peppers in 2002!

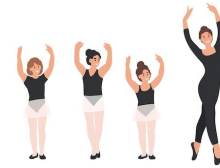


**Mrs. Trollman:** My first job was a summer day camp counselor for Oakland County. I did it for years at several different camps and eventually I became the supervisor of a couple of the camps.

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**Ms. Kozara:** I taught ballet and tap to 3 and 4 year olds.



**Mrs. Miller:** Babysitting in the neighborhood was my first job.

My first job I drove to was at Little Caesars.

**Ms. VanCura:** My first job was at Tropical Smoothie!

**Mrs. Minock:** My first job was at Smitty's Ice Cream Shop on Leroy St. where Tremaine Realty is now. It was later bought by Uncle Ray's! They were there several years before moving to their current location!



**Ms. VanTol:** Lifeguard at Warwick Hills!

**Mr. Tucker:** My first job was at 14 as the organist for the local Lutheran church I practiced at. My first hourly job was for a software company doing testing and database maintenance for their SIS and IEP/504 management software.

**Mr. Marion:** When I was 15 years old, I started packing drill bits at my dad's cutting tool manufacturer called Michigan Drill and also was a score monitor at a bowling alley in Hazel Park.

**Mrs. Roberts:** Besides being the neighborhood babysitter, at sixteen I got my first job at Toys R Us!

**Mrs. Buzo:** My very first job at 16 was as a counter girl at Fenton House Restaurant. We made the best breadsticks, and to this day, I still remember the recipe.



**Mr. Schmit:** When I was 18, I was a greenskeeper at Briar Ridge Golf Course, chasing gophers and dreaming of being a Masters champion.

**Mrs. Gautherat:** My first job was working at Frank's Nursery in Saginaw. The cool thing about working there is I worked with my mom!

**Mr. Willard:** Dishwasher at Leong's Chinese Restaurant in Chesterfield Township

**Mrs. Cisto:** Uncle Ray's Dairyland in its original location-\$1.55 an hour. That's where I learned to count back change, no calculator allowed. Great job and great memories.