

## News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

This week has been a blur, but I am grateful for the moments that allowed me to witness the learning process in action. I watched a kindergarten class practice their reading after working through a phonics packet, seeing their progress unfold. Praying a decade of the rosary with a first-grade class was a truly special experience, reminding me of the beauty of childlike faith. I also had the chance to help students with a division lesson on partial quotients. Finally, I watched our seventh graders fully engage in a history lesson that was a colonial America simulation, thoughtfully debating whether it was time to declare independence from the Crown. Added to the whole week we had more field trips, gathered as a school to listen to members of the Fenton Community Orchestra perform, and we ended the week by praying the Stations of the Cross together in the church. Each of these moments was a reminder of the joy and growth that happens in our classrooms and school every day.

March Madness Rundown:

- Jet Gazette: There will not be a Jet Gazette next week with the short week going into Spring Break.
- End of Third Quarter: The third quarter comes to a close on March 27. The parent portal will be closed at 11:30 AM on 3/27. Digital report cards will be ready by 3:30 on 4/11/25.
- Uniform: AFTER we return from Spring Break, students are allowed to wear shorts and girls do NOT have to wear leggings underneath their skorts.
- Lenten Focus: Fr. Robert continues to offer a variety of prayer and devotional opportunities for the early mornings and evenings in the Chapel of the Holy Innocents, Monday through Friday during the holy season of Lent. The time in prayer in the chapel is truly wonderful. A rosary will be prayed at 5AM and 8PM, followed by Mass at both 5:30AM and 8:30PM (Daily Mass will continue to be prayed at 8:10 each morning). Each day after the early morning and evening Masses he will hear confessions and have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7:30AM and 10:00PM.
- THANK YOU: The boys basketball season has come to a close. Our home basketball games wouldn't be possible without our dedicated volunteers. Thank you to Kim Rogers, Don Laney, Dan Bray, Pat and Beth Caughlin, Deklynn Bray, Lilly and Gabby Rogers, Chloe Moore, and Finn Doherty for running the scoreboard, taking book, running the ticket stand, selling concessions, and cleaning up after games. Your support of Jets Athletics is greatly appreciated.
- Upcoming Spring Break: Spring Break begins AFTER the **11:30 dismissal on Thursday, March 27.**
- No School: Friday, April 18 (Good Friday) and Monday, April 21 (Easter Monday)



- **Mark your calendars:**

\*Family Fun Night-Wednesday, April 23, 2025

\*Mary Crowning: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 during All School Mass

\*Amazing Shake (for middle school): Friday, May 9, 2025

\*Spring Music Concert: Friday, May 16, 2025 @ 2PM

\*Volunteer Breakfast: Thursday, May 29, 2025 @ 8AM

\*8th Grade Clap-out: Friday, May 30, 2025

- Mass this weekend: At every Mass, everything we do while listening to the proclamation of the Gospel has biblical roots. We stand as a congregation, sing “Alleluia,” and make the three-fold sign of the cross after the priest or deacon announces, “A reading from the Holy Gospel according to…” The Gospel holds a special place in the Liturgy of the Word because it records Christ’s own words and actions. The reverence we show, whether through standing, the Gospel procession, or signing our forehead, lips, and heart, is a reminder that we are not just hearing a reading but encountering Jesus Himself. With this in mind, come and join us at Mass this weekend; Saturday at 5:00PM, Sunday at 8:30AM, 10:00AM, and 11:30AM.



On this third Sunday of Lent I find myself drawn to the scene on Mt. Horeb that we hear in our first reading when God calls Moses to lead His people (unless you attend the 11:30AM). This moment is filled with profound meaning, revealing not only God’s call but also how we are to respond.

When Moses hears God’s voice from the burning bush, he responds, “Here I am,” a statement of trust and readiness seen throughout Scripture. God then tells him to remove his sandals, a sign of humility before the divine. Standing on holy ground, Moses does not turn away but listens. We, too, are called to recognize the sacred spaces where God speaks, in prayer, the sacraments, and those around us. When Moses asks for God’s name, the Lord reveals, “I AM WHO AM,” proclaiming His eternal presence. He is not just the God of the past or future but of this very moment, walking with us through every step of our Lenten journey.

At St. John School, we continue to strive to give our students opportunities to encounter Jesus, especially throughout our Lenten journey. Whether through the celebration of the Mass, praying of rosaries, Stations of the Cross, adoration, or acts of service, our children are invited to step onto holy ground and listen for God’s voice in their lives. As we continue through Lent, may we, like Moses, be ready to say “Here I am” when God calls. May we remove whatever keeps us from fully standing in His presence, and may we trust in the great “I AM” who leads us to freedom and new life.


Have a blessed weekend.

God bless,

Andrew Schmit

Principal

# Dates to Remember

		<b>MARCH</b>
Thurs	27	Comfy Cozy Out of Uniform Day
Thurs	27	End of 3rd Quarter
Thurs	27	11:30 AM Dismissal-Spring Break Begins
		<b>APRIL</b>
Tue	1	Happy Birthday Ms. Jennings!
Mon	7	Classes Resume
Fri	11	3rd quarter report cards available online at 3 PM
Fri	18	Good Friday-No School for staff or students
Sat	19	Happy Birthday Mrs. Mullaney!
Sun	20	Happy Easter!
Mon	21	Easter Monday-No School for staff or students
Mon	28	Science Night at PCHS 5 PM to 7 PM-more details to follow

## 2025-2026 Calendar Info

The calendar for the 2025-2026 is still being finalized and should be released in the next few weeks. Here are some important dates that we can share with you now.

First Day of School (K-8)	August 18th(Half-Day)
First Day of School (PK)	August 19th/20th
Christmas Break	December 22nd-January 2nd
Spring Break	March 30th –April 3rd
Last Day of School	June 4th



## Athletics

GCCS Middle School Track will start in April after Spring Break. Click [here](#) for more information.

## IMPORTANT

### Report All Student Absences

This is a must!!! Please be sure to let the office know of ALL absences whether due to illness or not. To report an absence, you can call the school office or you can send an email to Mrs. Haiss at [ahaiss@sjseducation.com](mailto:ahaiss@sjseducation.com). If you are emailing the teacher, please include the office on your email.



### March Jeans Days

During the month of March, students may pay \$1/day for the privilege of wearing jeans on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. All proceeds from this collection will go towards schoolwide Lenten service projects. Jeans must be free of rips and tears. Uniform shirts are still required. Students do not pay for jeans on Fridays which are already regular Spiritwear Days. Students must be in full St. John uniform on Wednesdays for All School Mass. Students may pay daily or pay for all Jeans Days in advance (\$11). You can also pay for jeans days online [here](#).

Remaining Jeans Days: 24, 25.





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 how he or she might start a conversation with a new student who just transferred to St. John School from another school.

#### Scenario #2

(This would be a great one to try over Spring Break!)

The next time you visit a restaurant, ask your child to place his or her own order. Remind your child in advance to use “please” and “thank you,” to speak in a clear voice, and to maintain eye contact with the server or cashier.



# 40 Cans for Lent

From March 5<sup>th</sup> through April 20<sup>th</sup> 2025

sponsored by the  
St John the Evangelist



supporting our  
St. Vincent dePaul  
Food Pantry



**Fighting Food Insecurity in Our Community**

Items  
For Donation

- canned beefstew,
- canned chili, canned soups,
- boxed cereals (unsweetened),
- peanut butter (20 oz sized), jelly,
- canned and boxed pasta, canned tuna
- hamburger helper, mac & cheese,
- canned vegetables (corn, green beans, peas)

In lieu of food donations cash and check donations are accepted. Make checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul

For answers to questions please direct them to  
JOHN THOMAS (810) 407-0261

You're invited to the Ladies Auxiliary  
**Lunch with the  
Easter Bunny**

**Saturday,  
April 12  
11am to 1pm**  
For Kids Ages 12 and under

**K of C Hall**  
Located behind St. John School

Donations of cake mix and frosting will be accepted for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

To help support the K of C in their efforts to feed the hungry, we will have a donation box in our lobby throughout Lent. You can drop items off



## 2025 - "The Fry" is back!

### Knights of Columbus – Council 7418 Fenton



**Dine-in**

Friday's  
Mar 7, 14, 21, 28  
Apr 4, 11

St John The Evangelist  
Fr Harvey Activity Center  
600 N Adelaide  
Fenton, MI

No Fish Fry  
Good Friday  
April 18th

**2023  
Prices**

**Fish \$14.00**  
3 Piece Fried, Baked, Cajun  
**Shrimp \$14.00** 5 Piece  
**NEW - Combo \$15.00**  
2 Pc Fish 3 Shrimp  
Dinners Incl: Fries or Baked Pot,  
Roll, Slaw, Applesauce & Drink  
Also Serving:  
**Kids Meal \$6.00**  
Mac'n Cheese, Fries, Applesauce

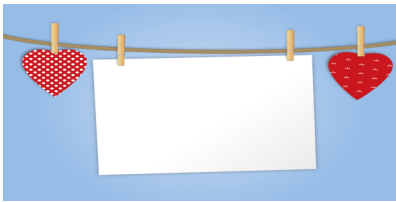
**Order Online:**



**Or by phone  
(810)-629-3560**

--- Dine-in ---  
**4:00-7:00 PM**  
--- Carry-out's ---  
**Order Online**  
**12PM Sun to 10AM Fri**  
**Or Phone-in**  
**Friday's 1:00-6:30pm**  
**(Walk-in Orders Accepted)**  
**ALL Pick-up's Inside Activity Center ONLY**

**Delicious, free home baked desserts by the Ladies Auxillary...hmm hmm good!!!**



# ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

## Prayers:

- For Jane Landaal, grandmother of Samantha, Colin, Weston, and Norah Landaal, who is ill and has entered hospice.
- For Mike Minnick, father of Sean Minnick, who is undergoing cancer treatment.

## Congratulations:

- To Bailey Moore for taking 3rd place among GCCS 4th graders in the St. Patrick's Day Coloring Contest for the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Great job!



## Thank you:

- To Deacon Rich for continuing your "guided tour" of the church with our preschoolers.



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

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#DAILYJOLT  
MARCH 21, 2025

It's important to have a relationship with God. He's the only one that can get down inside of you and heal what needs to be healed inside.

— JOYCE MEYER, AUTHOR

**TODAY'S #MICROCHALLENGE**

**PRAY:** WHAT PARTS OF YOU NEED HEALING? TURN TO THE LORD TODAY WITH A PRAYER OF HEALING, SUCH AS EXODUS 15:26 OR JEREMIAH 17:14.

## Staff Spotlight

Who is one of your favorite authors?

**Mrs. Kromberg:** Mary Pope Osborne of course!

**Mrs. Trollman:** Jan Brett for children's books. I also like Kristen Hannah, Lisa Jewell, and Frieda McFadden (psychological thrillers).

**Mr. Forsleff:** Roger Zelazny, Neil Gaiman

**Mrs. Bragg:** Shel Silverstein-as a child, I collected all of his books, and I still love to read them today! Another one of my all time favs is Og Mandino!

**Ms. Lautner:** I'm currently loving historical fiction writer Fiona Davis!

**Mrs. Buzo:** Emily Henry, Sarah Addison Allen, Alice Hoffman

**Mr. Marion:** Steve Berry (thriller writer)

**Mrs. Duran:** Our kindergarten favorite authors include: Mo Willems, Todd Parr, David Shannon, and Arnold Lobel!

**Mrs. Haiss:** I have enjoyed Kristin Hannah's books and I also love Elin Hilderbrand for quick summer beach reads!

**Mrs. Roche:** Liane Moriarty, Gillian Flynn, Elin Hilderbrand, Taylor Jenkins Reid, and Herman Wouk are some of my favorites.

**Mrs. Gautherat:** Kristin Hannah is one of my favorite authors! She definitely writes with emotion that is felt through her words.

**Mrs. Salzano:** Authors who write really good stories with incredible twists that you never see coming

**Ms. Kozara:** Patricia Polacco is one of my favorite children's authors, and Jodi Picoult is one of my favorite adult authors.

**Ms. Slack:** I love Shel Silverstein!

**Mrs. Mullaney:** Sarah J. Maas or Suzanne Collins

**Mrs. Gabrielson:** I have always loved Toni Morrison. She's from my hometown and The Bluest Eye takes place there. It was always cool to read about places that you have been. I like a good John Grisham book too.

**Mrs. Hatmaker:** I loved Sarah Dessen as a teenager.

**Ms. Hajek:** Danielle Steel

**Mrs. Verschuren:** Dr. Seuss