

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

Jet Gazette Newsletter

May 1, 2020

News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings!

We have somehow made it to May, with four weeks to go. I hope this edition of the Gazette finds your family well. At least the weather today (Friday) and this coming weekend can get us outdoors, enjoying God's creation!

I enjoyed seeing the social media posts of how our families enjoyed our Virtual Spirit Week. Thank you for participating. Thank you again to our St. John Spirit Squad for putting the week together. It is awesome how our families continue to adjust and make the best out of this situation.

Unfortunately we cannot have our traditional "Crowning of Mary" Mass this month. The Diocese anticipated this and the Bishop has requested we participate with our brothers and sisters throughout the Diocese of Lansing to participate in the "24-Hours-With-Mary." Here is link to the website: <https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/general/marian-consecration-24-hours-mary>

Sadly, we are going to begin getting the classrooms ready for Summer cleaning and preparation for next school year. Student personal belongings are going to be placed in individual bags to be picked up by our families in the coming weeks. More details to follow on how we will proceed with student belonging pick-up.

Every school in Michigan is waiting on information and direction for what will happen with next school year. I am in weekly meetings with GCCS principals and the educational leaders of the Diocese discussing plans/ideas for what the beginning of the school year could look like. This continues to be uncharted waters for all of us so thank you for patience and understanding. I will communicate necessary information to all of you when the plans for the fall become more clear and definitive.

Thank you to Finley Wise and Ava and Gabe Meyers who provided us our prayer, pledge, and announcements this week! We will have more guest announcers this coming week (Monday and Thursday) May 4th is Monday so I'm declaring a SJS Star Wars spirit day!

It's Teacher Appreciation week next week. I'm thankful for all of our teachers at SJS and all of our teachers at home! You all continue to make this a special community. On Sunday we will hear from the Gospel of John, where Jesus states, "I came that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Jesus makes the ordinary extraordinary. Let us continue to give our lives, our school, our parish to God so he can use us for His greater glory!

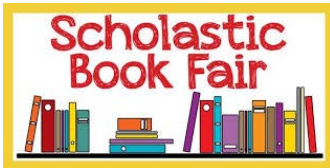
God bless,

Andrew Schmit

Food Service Update

If you are in a situation where you are in need of meals for your children, please contact the office. We will help you coordinate a time and place for food distribution.

Additionally, if you have experienced a change in your income, you may qualify for the free and reduced meal program for this school year. If your family qualifies, this will carry over into the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. Please fill out an online application at lunchapp.com. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Davidson at ddavidson@stjohnnfenton.com.



Please visit our online Scholastic Book Fair taking place now through May 10th. All purchases \$25 and above will include free shipping. We know how much our students love the Book Fair and we are so excited to still bring the Book Fair to them at home. You can access the Virtual Book Fair [here](#). Please share with your family and friends.

St. John Weekend Mass Times

Live streamed on the parish Facebook page

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 10 AM

See Page 3 of the Jet Gazette for more information regarding viewing Mass at home

Crim Foundation Mindfulness Initiative

The Crim Foundation Mindfulness Initiative has put together an array of free recourses for our community during this stressful time. There are adult options, and they have recently added youth options, for little ones and teens! Please check it out on their website:

<https://crim.org/mindfulness-resources/>

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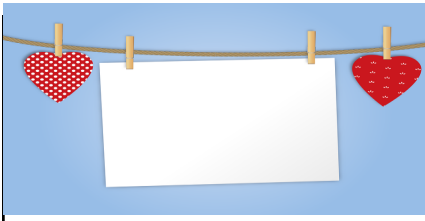
PSA NEWS

This month, PSA will be holding elections for the position of PSA Vice President. Next week, an email will be sent outlining the responsibilities of the Vice President position. This is an opportunity to be more involved in our school. If you are interested, please let the office know.

The purpose of the PSA is:

- To promote open communication among parents, teachers, and administration
- Promote good will and cooperation between and among parents, faculty, administrations, and the parish
- Direct and coordinate parent support to St. John School through assistance, activities, social functions, and fundraiser
- To foster a profound appreciation for the ideals of Catholic Christian education in the home and to promote Catholic Christian education through cooperation with the faculty





ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Prayers:

- For an end to the COVID-19 pandemic
- For all who are suffering from the coronavirus to recover
- For the health and safety of health care workers and all essential workers, especially for those in our SJS family.
- For all who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic
- For strength for Father Robert and Father Ryan as they continue to shepherd their flock while being physically separated from them
- For political leaders, that they make wise decisions that create unity



Thank you:

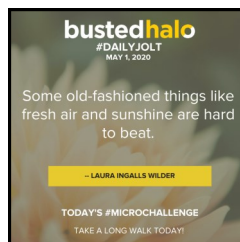
- To the SJS Spirit Squad for coordinating a virtual Spirit Week. It was so much fun!
- To Finley Wise and Gabe and Ava Meyers for your awesome renditions of our daily announcements.
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If you have a prayer request for the Jet Gazette, please let Mrs. Haiss know.

Building Foundations of Faith

Today's #microchallenge from bustedhalo.com



To stay up to date with parish events, here is a link to the weekly parish bulletin: <https://stjohnfenton.org/bulletins>



Staff Spotlight

What do you love about spring?

Mrs. Custodio: I love all the fresh blooms and baby animals. I love tulips and geraniums.

Mrs. Stickle: I love seeing the first flowers start to pop out of the dirt on a warm day. I'm very anxious for my magnolia trees to blossom. It should be any day now!

Mrs. Wright: My favorites about Spring are warmer weather, trees and flowers coming to life, birds chirping, and the beautiful smell of lilacs.

Mrs. Farella: My favorite spring flowers are purple hyacinths. They are not only pretty, they also smell wonderful.

Mr. Garbutt: The best part of spring is the golf season begins, usually, and the Masters Golf Tournament.

Mrs. Dawes: I love watching everything blossom and come to life, except mosquitoes! Also, planting my flower & vegetable garden.

Mrs. Boyle: Spring! I love when the air feels warm, but there is a cool breeze. I love the smell of fresh cut grass. I love the sound of a baseball game. I love the touch of warm sunlight on my skin after a long, cold winter. I look forward to camping, with campfires on cool nights. I love the tulips on Mackinac Island. Spring is beautiful!

Mrs. Ratke: I love to see everything greening up. My favorite spring flowers are hyacinths, tulips, and forsythia.

Mrs. Trecha: I love to see the bright yellow bloom of the forsythia shrub.

Mrs. Whitney: Hearing birds, seeing robins, and knowing winter is over!

Mrs. Haiss: My favorite things about spring are the return of warm sunshine, the short-lived smell of the lilac bushes, and the sounds of baseball season.

Mrs. Cislo: Sunshine, seeing flowers and plants peek through the soil, planting a garden, being able to get outside -everything about Spring feels refreshing and brings JOY! I haven't come across a flower I didn't love.;

Ms. Wharff: I love walking through community greenhouses and shopping for beautiful plants for my porch planters and house planters! My favorite spring flowers for outside are tulips, lilac, and hyacinths. For inside, I love making succulent planters.

Mr. Schmit: Well, usually baseball, but...

