Greetings,

We continue our 2020-21 academic journey. This week has been eventful but exhausting. The students and staff continue to be flexible, adjusting to the daily challenges we are faced with as we venture through this school year. Here is what’s happening after Day 89.

- Personnel update: Mr. Austin Tripp, a recent graduate from the University of Michigan-Flint has been hired to teach music and band at both Powers Catholic High School and St. John School. Mr. Tripp completed his semester-long student teaching experience at Imlay City and is looking forward to working with our students while growing the music program at St. John School.

- More personnel updates: Mr. Nicholas Moore, our second grade aide, has taken another teaching position within Genesee County Catholic Schools. We wish him the best. Starting this coming Monday, Mrs. Salzano’s second grade aide will be Mr. Spencer Stark. Mr. Stark recently graduated from Oakland University after completing his fall semester student teaching experience within the Rochester school district. Mr. Stark graduated from both Holy Family and Powers Catholic and is very excited to be joining our St. John family.

- St. John School received MANS Accreditation this week. This accreditation will last for the next five years. The accreditation team visited our school on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Included below are some comments from the team members that will be included on the overall report.

  “St. John the Evangelist is a Catholic School Community clearly dedicated to instilling Catholic character, strengthening academic excellence, and empowering the students to serve others. A strong sense of family and community embody this great school.”
  “The school, staff and leadership have done a great job throughout the entire year. The family feel is apparent, the staff is supportive and leadership is striving for greatness. Thank you for the hospitality and for bringing Christ's light to our youth.”
  “There is a solid sense of order and classroom student engagement as well as contentment among the student body. Numerous displays, including statues, pictures, displays reflecting a rich Catholic culture.”
  “It is apparent by the evidence and the conversations with administration and staff that this school is filled with disciples who are driven to share the love of Christ.”
  “This is a great Catholic school. The principal and staff embody the goals and standards of excellence. The school is supported by Fr Robert, along with Fr Ryan to ensure the future of Catholic education in the Fenton community.”
  “The students I encountered were very friendly and polite, a sign that they feel comfortable and secure.”

- I am looking forward to receiving our MANS Accreditation report and will go over it with Fr. Robert and then the school staff. We will be using this report as we work to create a school improvement committee and plan so that this becomes a continuous, integral process here at St. John School.

We have 90 or so days remaining in our school year. Please continue to pray for the health and safety of our families and staff.

God bless,
Andrew Schmit

Our Mission: St. John the Evangelist Catholic School is a faith-based community dedicated to teaching, learning, and living as Jesus did.
REMINDER: The office will be CLOSED DAILY from 3:10-3:30 PM to allow office staff to assist with dismissal procedures. Phones will still be open (you may have to leave a message), but the office will be closed to ALL visitors (unless you have scheduled an appointment). Any students needing early dismissal will need to be picked up prior to 3:10. After 3:10 PM, all students will be sent to the loop or Jets Club. Students may not wait by the office.

POWERS SPIRITWEAR SALE

In celebration of Catholic Schools Week, the Powers Catholic Spirit Shop will be doing onsite delivery of Powers Catholic Spirit wear for our future Chargers at St. John School.

Orders can be placed at https://powers-catholic-high-school.square.site/s/shop starting tomorrow, January 23rd, until Wednesday, January 27th. Orders will be delivered to our school on Friday, January 29th. Simply select SJS as your preferred pickup site during checkout. Many items will be discounted in celebration of Catholic Schools Week. We look forward to seeing our future Chargers in the stands again soon!

FROM THE PSA...

GCCS SKI CLUB

Are you looking for a fun outdoor activity to do with your family??? Join the Genesee County Catholic Schools Ski and Snowboard Club!!! On Friday evenings, Ski Club meets at Mt. Holly to enjoy a night of fun and fellowship. Even if you have never skied/snowboarded, give it a try. You get two free lessons with your membership. Lift tickets and rentals come at a very reasonable cost!! Look for details in the attachment to the Jet Gazette!!! Hope to see more St. John School Families there!!

SAVE THE DATE

We will be having an SJS Spiritwear Sale during Catholic Schools Week. The sale will take place in the Founders Hall over in the Father Harvey Activity Center.

Wednesday, February 3rd from 3 PM to 6 PM
Thursday, February 4th from 8 AM to 11 AM

If you are interested in volunteering to help sell spiritwear and/or assist with the online spiritwear shop, please call/text Michelle Pagnani at 810-845-8414.

The deadline to submit your FACTS application for Tuition Assistance for the 2021-2022 school year is March 1, 2021. Application fee is $35. Please use this link: https://online.factsmgt.com/aid
HELP WANTED

We are looking for a few more parent volunteers to assist with Popcorn Fridays. If you are interested in helping, please contact our popcorn chairperson, Jillian Arndt at jillian.ski@gmail.com. All volunteer requirements must be met in order to volunteer.

ATHLETICS UPDATE

Our sports skills and conditioning clinics resumed this week. We are offering Cheer, Volleyball and Boys Basketball clinics. There is no registration form necessary to attend.

- Please note volleyball change for next week. Monday will be for grades 5-8. Wednesday will be for grades 7-8 only. Contact Coach Gordley if you have any questions. Volleyball is held from 5:30 PM to 7:15 PM.

- Boys Basketball is offered for boys in grades 5-8. Basketball clinics will be held on Mondays and Wednesday from 4:00 PM to 5:20 PM.

- Cheer will take place on Tuesdays after school until 5 PM and on Saturday mornings from 8-10 AM.

Just a reminder that all students are required to wear a mask and should bring their own water bottle. Parents should wait outside for their students to be dismissed. Parents are not allowed in the gym at this time.

We also putting together an Athletics Boosters club and looking for interested parents that would like to participate on the Boosters board. If you are interested, please send your contact information to: Athleticdirector@sjeseducation.com

How to Access Report Cards Online

Parents can print/view report cards from the PowerSchool Parent Portal using the following directions:

1. Log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal (online report cards are NOT available in the mobile app)

2. Select the student from the upper left menu if multiple are available

3. Click on the Report Card link from the left-side menu. Students in grades K-3 use the Standards Based Report Card and students in grades 4-8 use the Traditional Report Card.

4. To print a report card: With the report card displayed on the screen, click on the printer icon in the top blue bar and then use the browser print window to select the printer and print the report card.

DRIVE-IN MASS

Available during all weekend mass times

How it works:

+ Park in the designated parking area in the north parking lot during any of our weekend Masses
+ Tune your car's radio to 88.3 FM
+ Watch the Mass on our outdoor screen as it is happening live in the Church
+ During communion, Extraordinary Ministers will come to your vehicle to distribute Holy Communion.
Greetings St. John Families!!!

By now you've all MARKED YOUR CALENDARS with this year’s SPRING AUCTION DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021!!! We know you're looking forward to this AWESOME event and you may be wondering: How can I HELP to make this year’s auction successful for our students, teachers and staff? Here are just a few ways you can contribute your time, talent and treasure to our school’s biggest fund raiser of the year!!!

• **Be an Auction Sponsor:** Business Owners, Families and Friends of St. John are all welcome to become a sponsor of this year's event to help offset the costs and allow 100% of the funds raised to go directly to technology upgrades, curriculum and other beneficial items. Please reach out to Michelle Pagnani about sponsorship opportunities @ michellepagnani@yahoo.com.

• **Donate an item, service or gift card:** Think of a gift YOU would like to receive personally and then consider donating this treasure to the 2021 Auction. Our silent portion of the auction consists of many different types of trips and trinkets, jewelry, gift baskets, gift certificates local experiences and opportunities. The sky really is the limit. There is something for everyone. Men, women and kids, athletic enthusiasts, book lovers, foodies, pet owners, music and movie fans, car nuts. Pamper yourself. Love to shop. Want to take the night off from cooking? …Our silent auction accommodates all of these interests and you can help us offer that variety of options with your generous donations.

• **Volunteer your time:** It takes many volunteers and much time to coordinate an event of this magnitude. Help is needed with pre-planning, the night of the event and also long after the last guest has gone home. If you can share an hour or two, please let us know. If you have always enjoyed ‘party planning’, we need you and your creativity! Remember, this is an easy way to fulfill your annual volunteer requirements.

• **ATTEND THIS YEAR’S AUCTION!!!** Mark your calendar. Arrange for a babysitter. Get your tickets early. This is the perfect opportunity to enjoy a night out, mingle with other St. John families, and help your school flourish. Stay tuned to the Jet Gazette for ticket sales and additional information about this year’s event.

Please contact Kelly Ahn (PSA Auction Chair) at 313.300.8841 or kahn@stout.com to take advantage of any of these exciting opportunities to make Auction 2021 the BEST yet!

Thank you for your dedication to SJS!!!

-Kelly Ahn & SJS PSA-

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Dear friends and families,

The PSA would like to offer our sincere thanks for your support of the 2019/2020 St. John School AUCTION. Your attendance, purchases and contributions helped us to raise much needed funds to support the students of St. John School. The funds raised at last years auction went directly towards programs, experiences and materials necessary to assure a full, quality education for each one of our students.

Now planning is underway for the 2020/2021 school AUCTION. We know times are tough and challenging right now. We are so very thankful that our children are in school! Our kids are growing, thriving and learning in person. While many schools are closed and only offering remote learning our SJS staff is working hard to make an impact and they are succeeding. They are going above and beyond. The SJS staff is dedicated to providing a quality academic and spiritual education for your students. We are so blessed to have this advantage!

One of the elements of our school that we are most proud of is our partnership with our families and community. This active and dynamic relationship is an essential piece to our continued success. On behalf of the students, staff and families of St. John School, thank you for your ongoing support. We couldn’t do it without you!

How can we give back? How can we show the staff at SJS how grateful we are? One way it to support the AUCTION on May 22nd, 2021. You can donate to, volunteer for and/or sponsor this years auction!!

Thank you to our 2020 sponsors listed below! We are truly thankful for your overwhelming support. If you would like to sponsor the upcoming 2021 auction or if you have ideas/suggestions for sponsorships please let me know.

Michelle Pagnani: 810-845-8414 or michellepagnani@yahoo.com
ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Welcome:
- To the Duhon Family (Juliette, Grade 4)
- To the Klemz/Buelter Family (Giovanni, Grade 2)
- To Theo Bonura (Grade 1)

Thank You:
- To the Dedivanaj Family and to Crust for providing lunches for our site visit team. They said everything was over the top delicious!!

Prayers:
- For Mrs. Forsleff who has health complications.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
January 22

God our Creator, we give thanks to you, who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother’s womb; grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life. AMEN

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

January is National Soup Month. What is your favorite soup to eat/make on a cold winter day?

Mrs. Wright: On cold winter days, I enjoy making homemade chicken noodle soup, cheesy potato soup, and turkey chili. I love all three!

Mrs. Ratke: I love broccoli cheese soup with ham in it.

Mrs. Dawes: My two favorite soups are chicken/vegetable with homemade dumplings and vegetable beef.

Mrs. Roche: French onion soup is about the only soup that I truly enjoy.

Mrs. Whitney: I love chili or stew.

Ms. Adams: I don’t eat soup too often, but when I do I really enjoy a bowl of tortilla soup or chili.

Ms. Jennings: My favorite soup on a winter day is homemade chicken noodle soup.

Mrs. Cislo: I LOVE soup for lunch! Homemade Chicken Noodle with lots of veggies in it is the best.

Ms. Wharff: I love tomato soup and grilled cheese on a cold winter day! But my all time favorite soup is Butternut squash soup from a farmers market in Lansing where I'm from. :)

Mrs. Haiss: My favorite soups to make are beef barley and Italian chicken soup. I also love to order French Onion soup at restaurants or Sagebrush Tortilla soup. YUM!

Mrs. Farella: My favorite homemade soups are white bean chicken soup, Pasta Fagioli, chicken and barley soup, and paprika chicken veggie soup just to name a few.

Mr. Garbutt: Rustic Italian Gnocchi soup is my favorite.

Mr. Schmit: Large Crab Bisque to go, with bread. Beautiful...not really. I just like dropping Seinfeld quotes whenever I can.

Mrs. Adams: My favorite soup to eat/make is chicken noodle soup. I have a recipe I make in my crock pot that you use a whole chicken and vegetables to start. And then add noodles at the end. Great!

Mrs. Salzano: Broccoli Cheese with French fries