Greetings,

The month of April has felt like a sprint! The days are just flying by! The staff, the students, the volunteers, and all of you continue to make this school year a memorable one, a school year that we will talk about for years to come. This school year we have done so many remarkable things as a school community, despite the restrictions. Our students are growing spiritually, academically, and socially and it shows through my daily interactions with them, whether in the classroom, the hallway, the lunchroom, or on the playground.

Here is my April 23 rundown:

- Thank you to all who donated lawn bags or sent yard tools with the students this morning. Our campus looks amazingly beautiful after all of the work accomplished by our students and staff throughout the day today.

- Parents, we have done such a great job with our health protocols this year. We only have 34 school days remaining. However, we are beginning to run low on our supply of disposable masks, going through them at a much higher rate than earlier this school year. If possible, please send your child to school with a mask rather than relying on a school-provided mask each day. We are trying to avoid ordering more masks for this current school year.

- 8th Grade Parents, you are invited to join us for the 8:20 AM Mass, FRIDAY APRIL 30 for the Mary Crowning ceremony. The back pews will be reserved for you all.

- The PSA Cheeseburger in Paradise Auction is 4 weeks away! The classroom auction projects are on display in the lobby area. I will be sure to post a preview video of our projects prior to the auction going live!

- Teacher Appreciation week is May 3-7. I need to take a moment to share with you how proud I am to be leading this staff. We had a meeting after school this week. I stood before them, yammering away about something and I had to stop and take in the moment. I saw a group of dedicated professionals who have poured everything into this school year. They have adapted to what has been asked of them and have done an exceptional job at meeting our students’ academic, spiritual, and emotional needs. As Coach Dale says to his Hickory Huskers basketball team in “Hoosiers,” “If you put your effort and concentration into playing to your potential, to be the best that you can be, I don’t care what the scoreboard says at the end of the game, in my book we’re gonna be winners.” This group of educators continues to be the best they can be for our children and I am beyond grateful for all they do.

We have been rocking and rolling since our Spring Break here at SJS. Our amazing teachers are working with our students, capitalizing on every opportunity to engage them in learning. We’ve been busy academically and spiritually while trying to sprinkle in some fun activities. Yet, there were some events/situations that came across my desk throughout this week that reminded me how necessary our work is as parents, educators, and people of faith to keep our student’s spiritual health and their well-being at the forefront of everything we do. It is so vital that we try to remain balanced with our lives, keeping things in perspective, and teaching them through the way we live how to deal with the ups and downs. Maybe this paragraph is more for me than you, but God put this on my heart this afternoon so I felt like sharing it with you.

Have a great weekend and I will see all of you next week!

God bless,

Andrew Schmit
# PARENT CALENDAR

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### Testing Tips

We have started our final testing window for this year. Here are some suggestions to help make your child’s testing experience positive and successful:

- Make sure your child gets a good night’s rest.
- Have your child eat a healthy breakfast.
- Have your child pack a healthy lunch.
- Make sure your child arrives to school on time.
- Gently encourage your child to try their best.

### Book Fair

Our Annual Book Fair will be held next week in our school library. Students will visit the Book Fair Monday to preview items and will have an assigned shopping time with their class on Tuesday or Wednesday. Students who miss their shopping time or wish to make additional purchases may do so on Thursday, the last day of the Book Fair. There will also be an online store that is open now until May 1st. All online purchases will benefit the school, as well. You can access the online store here:

[https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stjohnschool18](https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stjohnschool18)

Finally, please check on the ewallet feature at the above link. You can set up this cashless feature for your child to use at the in-school book fair.

### Family Fun Night

The parish will be hosting a movie night tomorrow night in the church parking lot. The Greatest Showman will begin on the big screen at 7 PM and concessions will be sold.

### A Note from the PSA

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3rd-7th. Thank you to all families who have expressed an interest in showering our teachers with love. If you would like to help sponsor a lunch or breakfast for our amazing teachers, please sign up here:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b44aca823a7f94-sjsteacher](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b44aca823a7f94-sjsteacher)
Auction 2021: Cheeseburger in Paradise is just a few WEEKS away!! Here is what you need to know!!

Purchase tickets NOW on our website to our in-person event. Attendance will be limited. Tickets are sold on a first come, first served basis. Get your ticket now while they are still available! [https://sjpsa.ejoinme.org/2021](https://sjpsa.ejoinme.org/2021)

(Masks and a health assessment upon arriving will be required. We will be social distancing and health and safety recommendations have all been considered to provide an enjoyable evening of food, dancing and fun! Auction items (including classroom projects) will be displayed at the in-person event.)

Raffle tickets went home with your oldest student THIS WEEK! Please check backpacks for your family’s envelope. If you wish to sell more, additional raffle tickets are available in the office. The student who sells the most $15 raffle tickets will win an OUT OF UNIFORM day!! The CLASS who sells the most $15 raffle tickets will win a PIZZA PARTY!! All paid tickets must be returned to the office by Friday, May 21 for contest consideration.

You may also purchase $100 TUITION RAFFLE tickets in the office. The winner gets tuition paid for the 2021/2022 school year for one student. The winner may also opt to donate tuition to a student or select the cash option. You do NOT have to have a St. John student to win!! Only 100 TUITION raffle tickets will be sold, so your odds are fantastic!! The student who sells the most $100 TUITION RAFFLE tickets will win an Uncle Ray’s prize basket!! All paid tickets must be returned to the office by Friday, May 21 for contest consideration.

You may purchase event tickets, raffle tickets, contribute to this year’s paddle raise options and DONATE online. [https://sjpsa.ejoinme.org/2021](https://sjpsa.ejoinme.org/2021)

All donations are due by April, 26, 2021. Please turn in all classroom local donations to your homeroom parent and any other auction donations to the office by April 26th. We gladly welcome your generous donations and appreciate your support.

**DID YOU KNOW?!?!!**

You don’t need to be a business owner to SPONSOR the auction. We have many families who wish to be FRIENDS OF THE AUCTION and donate to this great cause at our sponsorship level.

If you don’t wish to be SPONSOR, that’s ok too!! If you would like to donate services, gift cards to your business (or even your favorite stores and eateries for non-business owners), an IN KIND item or basket to be auctioned, please reach out to Kelly Ahn or drop off your donation in the office by April 26, 2021. Monetary donations are always accepted and will be used solely to benefit St. John School.

We are still looking for donations on THESE items to complete our AWESOME raffle packages this year!! If you would like to donate one of these items or a monetary donation for this purpose, please let us know:

$150 Gift card to Storm Cloud Brewery, $150 Crystal Mountain Gift Card, Apple AirPods, Gift Card to Spymaker Escape Room for 8, gift card to Laser tag game for 8, Grill, Playstation, Nintendo Switch or X-Box, Instant Lottery Tickets, Laptop or iPad & Bicycle. Please check out our website DONATIONS page!!!: [https://sjpsa.ejoinme.org/2021](https://sjpsa.ejoinme.org/2021)

Please remember that this year’s auction ‘looks’ a little different. We have adopted a uniquely different, technologically savvy ‘style’ allowing ALL participants (in-person or otherwise) to be able to use a smart phone or other device to access the ONLINE BIDDING SITE for all baskets, packages, trips and classroom projects. While we are still anticipating an in-person event on May 22nd (contingent on all up to date CDC and Health Department regulations), you don’t need to be present to BID on the items auction items. Bidding will begin days in advance of the in-person event on May 22nd, so please STAY TUNED for more details on how you can bid!! You will need to register online to be an active bidder!! More details to come!!!

Volunteers are still needed!! Assistance is needed with acquisitions: follow-up phone calls and item pick up. High School students in need of SERVICE HOURS please reach out to schedule your volunteer time.

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Michelle Pagnani: michellepagnani@yahoo.com. Final opportunities through TOMORROW, April 24th. THANK YOU to our WONDERFUL sponsors!!!

For auction questions or to inquire about volunteering, please contact Kelly Ahn (313.300.8841 or kahn@stout.com).

THANK YOU!!!
“Take it all in... it’s as big as it seems. Count all your blessings. Remember your dreams.”  Jimmy Buffett

A US23 EXPOSURE BILLBOARD OF A THANKS GOES OUT TO WENTWORTH REAL ESTATE GROUP. We are humbled and blown away by the support that the Wentworth Real Estate Group has shown St. John school and parish all of these years. Truly making a difference in the world of real estate in Fenton and beyond. Thank you John Wentworth and family for helping make this auction a Huge Success. If you need a superb real estate group, discover the Wentworth Difference today!  

A Best of Friend Company Sponsorship! This company has people that Care, that you can Trust and that will Help in multiple ways, especially when it comes to St. John School. An industrial size thank you to Niles Industrial Coatings for continuing to support this year's auction. For Best-In-Class Safety, Coatings and Technology contact Niles Industrial Coatings. https://nilesindustrial.com/

We cannot thank our sponsors enough for making the 2021 Cheeseburger in Paradise Auction possible. We are asking for final sponsorships, so we can plan this fantastic evening accordingly. This year has been difficult at best but the parents, businesses and community have continued to keep St. John school thriving. We are looking forward to a wonderful night of food, laughter, and friendship (socially distanced of course) as we continue to support our school. Thank you from the 2021 Auction Committee for being a part of our wonderful family
Thank you:
- To everyone who donated supplies and brought equipment from home to help with our service project to clean up the parish grounds.

Congratulations:
- To Powers Catholic Seniors and St. John alumni Method Hagan, Charlie Harrold, and Patrick Kehoe on your induction into the Powers Catholic Academic Hall of Fame. Inductees are recognized for their achievements based upon a combination of GPA and composite ACT scores.

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

Today's #microchallenge from bustedhalo.com

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.

To stay up to date with parish events, click here for a link to the weekly parish bulletin.
Staff Spotlight

Happy Earth Day! What is your favorite place or way to spend time in nature?

Mrs. Whitney: Camping, kayaking, and just being outside.
Mrs. Minnick: Sitting in the backyard with sun tea, a good book, and a lot of sun.
Mrs. Boyle: We love to camp (or glamp) and explore new places. One of our favorite places to take in the beauty of God’s creation is Mackinac Island. We try to go at least once a year.
Mrs. Wright: One place I love is Tahquamenon Falls. I have walked a lot of miles on the trails to see the spectacular falls. Truly a beautiful place to enjoy nature!
Mrs. Farella: I love the Great Lakes, going on hikes, and mountain bike riding.
Mr. Schmit: Golf
Mrs. Dawes: My favorite way to spend time in nature is hiking in the mountains. Estes Park, Colorado will always be one of my favorite places to enjoy and appreciate God’s amazing creations, especially a beautiful sunrise or sunset.
Mrs. Salzano: Hiking in the woods with Mr. Salzano and our dog, Hank, is my favorite outside activity. We love exploring new trails!
Mrs. Ratke: I love walking on our nature trail by our house and looking at the water sparkling from the sun.
Mrs. Cislo: Oh how I love digging in the dirt with my hands planting vegetables and herbs. It takes me twice as long because the beauty of planting a seed, bulb, or plant harvesting for a delicious fresh meal is truly a gift from God.
Ms. Wharff: I don’t think there’s anything better than watching a beautiful sunrise over Lake Superior! Seeing God paint the sky each morning is the perfect way to start the day (with coffee of course!).
Mr. Forsleff: My favorite activity is walking on any wooded trail, preferably without mosquitoes!
Mrs. Adams: My favorite way to spend time in nature is taking long walks with my puppy, Juno, and on most Saturday morning we walk with my sisters, too.
Mrs. Haiss: I love to be near the water. I love to sit by the ocean or be on the lake with a clear blue sky and listen to the sounds of the water. Sunrise and sunset over the water are beautiful too!
Ms. Adams: Hiking up mountains and running lakeside.