

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

Jet Gazette Newsletter

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News and Views from Mr. Schmit

"Lights, Camera, AUCTION!"

Tomorrow night is going to be great! I'm looking forward to seeing all of you and celebrating God's blessings while looking forward to the future of St. John School. The amount of time that our volunteers have put into this event is extraordinary. A huge thank you goes out to Michelle Pagnani and the PSA, Kelly Ahn, the auction planning committee, and the host of volunteers for putting together what will be an awesome evening.

As we are gearing up for the auction, planning for next year, and working on improving our school, I have to pause to make mention of the closing of St. Pius X School in Flint at the end of this school year. It is unfortunate that this one time powerhouse of Catholic education has declined to the point of closing. Yet, the rest of the GCCS is rallying around the SPX community. We are working together as partner schools to make sure the families of St. Pius have Catholic schools to attend in the Fall. Please read this letter from Mrs. Kasey Cronin, the Director of GCCS as she discusses the future of Catholic education in Genesee County.

God bless and thank you for supporting Catholic education!

Andrew Schmit

Dear GCCS Families,

As you have heard by now, St. Pius X Catholic School will not reopen next year. This decision was made after much prayer, thought and deliberation. My own children received an excellent education at St. Pius X and have lifelong friends they made here. The loss has been felt by many. We ask for your prayers for the entire St. Pius X Catholic School community of families, staff, and administration. As a GCCS community, we share in the loss of this school and seek answers.

Whenever a school in the GCCS family suffers, we all do. This closing as well as the closing of another excellent school, St. Mary Catholic School in Mt. Morris two years ago, have many wondering of the status of Catholic School in Genesee County. It is important to know that the Pastors, Principals, Diocese of Lansing Superintendent have been actively working on a plan to sustain Catholic education in Genesee County, including Flint. We currently are meeting biweekly with a consulting firm to develop a plan. We ask for your patience as we work through this process. Our goal is to have a general 5 -10 year plan in place in June 2020. We are currently discussing a myriad of options including looking at combining schools to a location near Powers Catholic High School, using existing schools and facilities, as well as building new. The committee is committed to having a Catholic School to serve the Flint area. The work also includes reviewing governance models and ways to fund our schools. The committee will continue to update you on their work.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
Philippians 4:6

Peace & Blessings,

Kasey V. Cronin
Executive Director

PARENT CALENDAR



February

Sat	22	PSA Lights, Camera, Auction!!
Wed	26	Ash Wednesday
Thurs	27	Prayer Service Hosted by 6th Grade-2:45 PM
Fri	28	Stations of the Cross-2 PM

March

Mon	2	March Jeans Days Begin—More details next week
Mon	2	March is Reading Month
Thurs	5	Half Day for Students-11:30 AM Dismissal Parent-Teacher Conferences
Fri	6	Half Day for Students-11:30 AM Dismissal Genesee County Catholic Schools PD
Sat	7	Happy Birthday Mrs. Boyle!
Mon	9	Happy Birthday Mrs. Cislo!
Tues	10	Happy Birthday Mrs. Anderson!

ST. JOHN JETS ATHLETIC NEWS



If you are interested in earning volunteer hours, please contact Katherine Carah for information regarding concession sales or timekeeping for the basketball games. You can reach Katherine at ad@stjohnfenton.com or use the link below to sign up.



Signup Genius Link for Concessions:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B48AAAD29A5FF2-boys>

Upcoming Athletic Events

7/8 Boys Basketball

Feb 26 vs St. Robert Mustangs 5 PM @ St. Mary
Feb 29 vs Holy Family Panthers 11 AM @ Powers

5/6 Boys Basketball (Green)

Feb 24 vs Holy Rosary 7 PM @ Holy Family
Feb 28 vs. St. John Yellow 6 PM @ St. John

5/6 Boys Basketball (Yellow)

Feb 28 vs St. John Green 6 PM @ St. John

The deadline to submit your FACTS application for Tuition Assistance for the 2020-2021 school year is March 1, 2020. Application fee is \$30. Please use this link:

<https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

Parent Teacher Conferences

Spring Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 5th from 2 PM to 6 PM. These conferences are held on an as needed basis only. Your child's teacher will communicate with you how these conferences will be scheduled. If you have questions regarding a conference for your child, please contact the homeroom teacher. There will be a half-day for students with dismissal at 11:30 AM on that day.



READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!

New Family Open House and Kindergarten Roundup

**March 12th
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**

Help us spread the word!

Disciple Maker Index Survey

The link to take the Disciple Maker Index Survey remains open until March 1st. Click [here](#) to take the online survey or pick up a paper copy at the parish office or the welcome desk at church.



**Lights
Camera
AUCTION**

Coming soon: February 22nd @ 5pm

**St John School Presents:
Lights Camera Auction**

Dress as your favorite movie character or evening attire

More Details to Follow

PSA NEWS

From PSA President Michelle Pagnani

Dear Families and Friends of St. John School,

Today is your **LAST CHANCE** to purchase your auction tickets. They are selling out fast so get yours today! Take a look below at a couple of the **AWESOME** prizes that you can bid on! You can also check out more of the exciting items up for auction on the school Facebook page. If you cannot attend, please consider making an online donation to help support our amazing school. Finally, please see the attached flyer listing many of the teacher-donated items for students. Our staff has donated some **SUPER FUN** activities that your children will **LOVE!**

You can donate or purchase tickets using the link below and clicking on the "TICKETS" section.

<https://sjpsa.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/2020LightsCameraAUCTION>

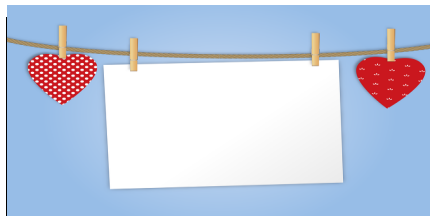
Thank you so much for making a difference in our school and supporting Catholic education. Thank you for making an impact! Thank you to our **AMAZING** and **GENEROUS** sponsors for supporting our children!

God Bless!

Thank you to our sponsors!



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ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Congrats:

- To Benjamin Morgan (Preschool) and his family, on the birth of his new baby sister, Isla Marie. Welcome to our SJS family, Isla.

Prayers:

- For the Grunewald Family on the passing of our beloved Sacristan and Altar Server Trainer, Barb Grunewald. May the angels welcome her to paradise.

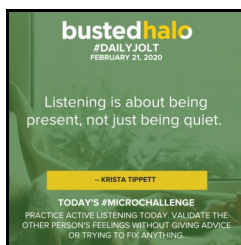
Building Foundations of Faith

As Catholic parents, we are called to provide moral education and spiritual growth for our children. What better example than to learn and grow in faith yourself? Visit this Jet Gazette feature weekly for thoughts, articles, and tips to strengthen and deepen your understanding of our Catholic faith.

Eucharistic Miracles

As part of our Catholic faith, we believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. This means that we fully believe that the body and blood of Jesus have taken the place of bread and wine during the consecration at Mass. Watch this amazing video, "[The Veil Removed](#)," to see a portrayal of what happens during the Holy Sacrifice at the Altar. Each Sunday from now until Palm Sunday, the parish will highlight one of the many Eucharistic miracles recognized by the Catholic Church. Last week, the focus was the Eucharistic Miracle of Ludbreg. To read more about this miracle, click [here](#).

Today's #microchallenge from bustedhalo.com



Ash Wednesday and Lent

Ash Wednesday is next week, marking the beginning of the Lent. Here are a couple great articles from Busted Halo that may help you prepare your heart for this Lenten season:

- "[Why Ash Wednesday Isn't a Downer](#)"
- "[25 Great Things You Can Do for Lent](#)"

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

Cooking for Crowds Food safety class

Nearly 50 people attended the class held here at the parish on February 1st offered by the Michigan State University Extension. Lisa Treiber, food safety educator and one of the presenters, sent this note: "Thank you for bringing together such a great group of people! I enjoyed sharing information with them and the questions that were asked were very good." If you did not pick up your certificate, they are in the parish office. And here is some feedback from some of the participants:

"I was pleased to know there are so many things we are already doing right."

"I learned so much!" (from multiple people)

"Thank you, this was so worth it."

Anyone interested in attending a session at a future date is invited to call the parish office. If there is enough interest we can schedule another two hour class.



Staff Spotlight

Lights, Camera, Auction is TOMORROW!
Our staff shares their favorite Disney movies
below.

Mrs. Custodio: Lilo and Stitch

Mrs. Stickle: The Little Mermaid was the first movie I ever saw in a theater, but I think my favorite Disney movie of all time is Ratatouille.

Mrs. Dawes: Narnia, The Lion, the Witch, and The Wardrobe and Secretariat.

Mrs. Farella: My favorite Disney movies are Frozen and The Lion King, but I also love The Incredibles.

Mrs. Boyle: I introduced Natalie to The Little Mermaid and she "sings" Ariel's "ah ah ah!" part. I also love The Lion King. The VHS version came out close to my birthday 25 years ago!

Mrs. Minock: I love Iron Will!

Mrs. Wright: It's hard to choose a favorite, but here are a few special ones that I love...Brother Bear and Up (in the animated category), Ant Man (in the superhero category), and The Finest Hours (in the drama category).

Ms. Jennings: Hmm just can't pick one. Cinderella, Bambi, The Parent Trap, Bridge to Terabithia, Holes, The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh, Toy Story, Wall-E ...

Mrs. Roberts: I love Disney movies, but I will say The Little Mermaid and Moana.

Ms. Wharff: I love all the classic Disney movies!

Mrs. Whitney: Fox and the Hound and Swiss Family Robinson

Mr. Garbutt: Mighty Ducks. A great story of hard work and dedication.

Mrs. Adams: This is a hard one to narrow down, but some of my favorites from when my kids were little are The Lion King, Aladdin, and Mulan.

Mrs. Ratke: There are so many good ones, but I like The Little Mermaid.

Mrs. Haiss: There are just so many great ones, but I love anything with great music like Beauty and the Beast, Mary Poppins, and Frozen. I also love Lady and the Tramp.

Mrs. Werschky: My favorite Disney movie is Beauty and the Beast.

Mrs. Cislo: The Lion King

Mr. Schmit: Muy difficult...but Wreck-it Ralph and Pirates of the Caribbean.