Greetings,

Our 8th Graders had their final day of school today. In the words of Napoleon Dynamite, "Lucky." The teachers, staff, and parents were able to work together to create some great and lasting memories throughout their final weeks of school let alone the entire year. The rest of the student body was excited to bring back the traditional 8th Grade Clapout and send our 32 SJS graduates on their way to high school. ONE MORE WEEK until the 2020-21 school year is officially in the books.

Here is my 4.5 days to go rundown:

- Lena (Preschool) and Julia (Kindergarten) MacFarlane won the “Principal for the Day” Auction item. The MacFarlane sisters will be co-principals for the day on Tuesday. Their first order of business is to grant an “out of uniform” day for the entire school.

- St. John Parish is holding a Eucharistic Procession after the 11:30AM Mass this Sunday to honor the feast of Corpus Christi! The procession will begin in the main church, proceed around the parish campus, and conclude with adoration and benediction at the outdoor sanctuary.

- Celebrate the last week of school by joining us for a Treasure Race adventure through downtown Fenton. The Treasure Race will be on Tuesday, June 8, starting at 6PM. Download the Treasure Race app, create an account and register your 2-6 member team. The registration fees ($50 per team) will be donated to the school, going towards the Tuition Assistance program. As always, thank you for your continued support of SJS! See you at the race on Tuesday!

- Fr. Ryan wants to say goodbye to the students of SJS. Fortunately he has time in his crazy-busy schedule to be at the school next Thursday, June 10 in the afternoon to see the students and give them a little going away treat! Please continue to pray for Fr. Ryan as he is finishing up his duties at St. Mary Magdalene while making the move to Ann Arbor.

- Our 4th-7th Grade Honors Assembly will be held directly after the 8:20AM mass next Friday. Parents of the 4th-7th grade students are invited to join us for mass prior to the assembly.

- The next parish-wide Parking Lot Rosary is set for June 23 at 6:30. We will be praying the Glorious Mysteries. Students and parishioners will be working on contributing artwork for the Glorious Mysteries that will be displayed on the big screen during the praying of the Rosary.

- Our main playground (for ages 5-12) is great. Our preschool playground is not. I am in the process of getting quotes for a playground addition, transforming the dirt and grass that is inside the fence, just to the north of the existing play area, into a well-purposed space that allows students to explore and be imaginative as they play with their peers. The new space will not just be for preschool but will include age appropriate structures and playscapes. I am forming a committee to help with generating fundraising opportunities and the planning of this future addition. If you are interested in volunteering your time and expertise, please contact me as soon as possible.

Sunday (or Saturday evening) we will hear the passage from Mark’s Gospel where Jesus sends his apostles ahead of him to prepare for the Passover Feast. His disciples asked him, “Where do you want us to go to prepare for you to eat the Passover?” Jesus responds by giving them the instructions to follow so that Christ could introduce the Eucharist and begin to unveil the paschal mysteries to them. What’s amazing to me is that we are able to experience this passage during every mass. The priest prepares the altar as an active participant in the Sacred Feast so Jesus can be revealed to us. We participate in his sacrifice and all it takes is that we are willing to ask Jesus, “Where do you want us to go?” This leap of faith we make every Sunday (or every Mass) can then permeate our everyday experience. Let us pray that we can be a Eucharistic people, willing to allow the Lord to use us in whatever way possible to radiate his love and glory to all we encounter.

God bless and have a great weekend,

Andrew Schmit
Due to various classroom celebrations next week, Mr. Schmit has declared Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday OUT OF UNIFORM days. All students should be in uniform on Monday (unless something is pre-arranged with your homeroom teacher). On Friday, students in grades 4-7 should be in uniform for the Honors Assembly.

**Student Medications**

Student medications are available for pick up in the school office. Any medications not picked up by the last day of school will be sent home in your child’s backpack.

**From Your Parent and School Association Board**

Thanks so much for supporting SJS this past year!! We appreciate our volunteers so much!!! The PSA is looking for additional board members and volunteers for the 2021/2022 school year. If interested please contact a PSA board member or let Deb/Angie know in the office.

We need volunteers to help with The Spirit Wear Shop and the Online Store. We will also need additional volunteers to help plan and organize fundraising and community gathering events for the next school year. It is a fun way to get involved and be a part of the SJS community (plus you get some of your volunteer hours in). If you have ideas or suggestions please always reach out! We can’t wait to hear from you!

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**PARENT CALENDAR**

**June**

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**Library Books Due**

Today was the last day to check out library books. All books will be due on the last day of library class for each classroom. Please be sure to return all books. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jennings at tjennings@sjseducation.com.

**Lunch Fees**

Please be sure that all lunch fees are paid before the end of the school year. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Davidson at ddavidson@sjseducation.com.

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**CHEERLEADING**

**STUDENT ATHLETE LEADER SPIRIT JET**

**Monday June 7th 8pm**

2021-22 Cheer Season Interest Meeting
All students 2nd-8th Graders interested in Fall Football Cheer, need to attend this information meeting
Zoom Meeting – ID: 899 767 6762 PW: GOJETS

**July 9th & 10th**

SJS Cheer Clinic  SJS Students K-8th grade
Register: $30 Additional & complete [Cheer Clinic Registration Form](#)
Friday 9am-4pm. Sat 8am-12pm with performance for Family and Friends!
Congratulations on the conclusion of another great year at St. John School. In celebration of this year’s accomplishments, we would like to invite you and your family to join us for a St. John School fundraiser! In partnership with Treasure Race, St. John is ready to send you on an adventure throughout downtown Fenton that you won’t soon forget. **100% of all registration fees for the race will go to St. John School, and the winning team will get to dig for $1,000 in buried treasure.**

Treasure Race is a new experience created by one of our St. John family members, it is an app-based scavenger race. One amazingly clever, highly interactive, technology-infused experience that’s designed to send teams on a uniquely, unforgettable adventure. Imagine an outing with your favorite people, add in a series of Indiana Jones style clues, mix that with some unfamiliar terrain, and you have a Treasure Race.

This fundraiser is anticipated to take between 2-3 hours, depending on the cleverness of your team. Teams may be comprised of 2-6 members and must contain at least one adult over the age of 18; we encourage the St. John students to join in the adventure. The registration fee is $50 per team. The first team to correctly solve all of the clues will find themselves in the locale of the buried treasure, which will be valued at $1000.

If you are interested in learning more about Treasure Race, please visit treasurerace.com. If you are ready to sign up and participate in the St. John Fundraiser:

- Download the Treasure Race app in either your Google Play Store or Apple App Store
- Create an account
- Register for the St. John Fundraiser race

If you have any questions, please contact the school office. Thank you so much for taking the time to consider joining us on June 8th. We hope to see you at the finish line!

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**POWERS CAMP OF CHAMPIONS**

Powers Catholic High School is excited for the return of Camp of Champions this summer. Camp of Champions gives our students the opportunity to develop athletic skills under the direction of Powers athletes and coaches. The Camp of Champions registration form is attached to this email. Please note: The registration form must be mailed to Powers. Do not return registrations to the SJS office.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

Beginning Monday, June 14th, the office will be open from 9 AM to 3 PM. The office will remain open until Friday, June 25th. The office will reopen on Monday, August 2nd. Please note the office will be closed on Wednesday, June 16th for a year-end staff meeting.

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**End of year cleaning? Decluttering?**

Donate your gently used backpacks, lunchboxes, and duffle bags. All monograms/team names will be removed and donated to local families in need. Please drop your items in the drop box located in the lobby.

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**June 7th is the last day to order physical Scrip cards. Please have all orders in by 10 AM. You may still buy electronic Scrip cards throughout the summer.**

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Are you looking for swim lessons for your child? Email Ms. Brack at cbrack@sjseducation.com for more information.
ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Congratulations:
• To the following students who were winners in the American Institute of Architects – Flint Kid Architect Competition. Students had to design their own treehouse in this year’s competition.

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**Winners receive a full semester class of their choice at FIA**

**Winners receive a one-day class of their choice at the FIA**

Thank You:
• To our Popcorn Chairperson, Jillian Arndt, and her volunteer crew for coming in on Popcorn Fridays this year to provide a special treat to our students and staff. We LOVE our Popcorn Fridays.

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

What is your favorite summer pastime?

Mrs. Dawes: My favorite summer pastime is spending time with my family, sitting on a beach reading, and eating ice cream!

Mrs. Wright: In the summer, I enjoy waking up early and going for a long morning walk. I also take time to sit outside in my favorite lawn chair enjoying a glass of iced tea while reading a good book.

Ms. Peazel: My favorite summer pastime was being up north at our cottage with my family. All of my cousins, aunts, and uncles would come up to our cottage and we had a mini family reunion during GM’s two-week shutdown. My cousins and I would play in the lake from dawn till dusk. We would go boating on Torch Lake on the 4th of July and then my cousins and I would camp at our family’s orchard that night.

Mrs. Galzano: I love in the summer when I can wake up super early and take my dog, Hank, for a walk before the neighborhood wakes up!

Ms. Wharff: During the summer when I was growing up, my favorite thing to do was stay outside playing with my brother, cousins, and neighborhood friends until the streetlights came on. Then we’d get mason jars and see how many fireflies we could each catch before it was time to head in for the evening. Summer nights growing up were the best!

Mrs. Whitney: I enjoy camping.

Ms. Bade: Relax in the sun and spend time with my family and play with my doggies!! :)

Mrs. Boyle: Camping, relaxing, and reading!

Mrs. Farella: We love to visit family in Traverse City over the summer and hike, bike, and sail in the Grand Traverse Bay.

Mrs. Minnick: Sitting in the sun reading good novel on my Kindle.

Mrs. Roberts: I love to hangout by the pool with my girls!!

Mrs. Ratke: Waiting for the ice cream truck

Mr. Tripp: Having my friends over for a bonfire

Mrs. Anderson: I enjoy spending time with my family up north at the cottage! Lots of fun summer memories and day trips are made from there!

Ms. Adams: Going to Oscoda with all of my best friends and family every summer in high school and playing sand volleyball!

Ms. Werschky: Hiking and cookouts.

Mrs. Haiss: I love reading and being by the water on warm days. I also enjoy quiet, sunshiny mornings where I can drink my coffee without rushing out the door.
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