



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Greetings,

Just like that we go from summer-like spring weather to late October in a quick 24 hours! This sudden weather change had me thinking this morning, relating this weather reality to life. Throughout this school year I have experienced moments like this abrupt change in weather. I'll admit, as we have moved closer to the conclusion of the academic year, I have wanted things to stay bright, warm, and sunny but there have been moments and situations that are reality checks for me like a 40 degree drop in temperatures from one day to the next. However, thank God for these moments. These reality check moments help me to stay grounded, pray, and re-evaluate plans and processes so that I can learn, grow, and move forward. I want to be the best husband, father, and principal I can be. So thank you all for being patient with me as I continue to figure out how best to lead this school into the next school year! (Rumors be flying but I did NOT submit my application to Powers Catholic High School- You're stuck with me!). Enough about that. Let's get to my 8.5 school days left rundown:

- THANK YOU to the Auction Committee and the host of volunteers who helped put on a fantastic Cheeseburger in Paradise Auction party last Saturday evening. I am beyond grateful for how our school community rallied together to have an end of the year celebration. Kelly Ahn and Company, thank you, thank you, thank you for leading the charge and making this event happen.
- We will not be having the traditional Fun Day for this school year. Each homeroom is going to be doing their own activities on either June 9 or June 10. These end of the year activities will be for the students only. Fortunately we can celebrate the end of our school year but unfortunately we cannot open it up to all parents.
- We will hold an abbreviated academic awards ceremony for grades 4 and 5 on June 9 and then invite the parents of the 6th and 7th grade students on June 11 to attend Mass with the awards to follow. More information will be coming soon.
- Next school year we will be resuming our participation in GCCS athletics. More information will be coming soon for next year's 5th-8th Grade families who want to participate in our Fall, Winter and Spring sports programs.
- We are excited for our SJS community to participate in a Treasure Race fundraiser on June 8 starting at 6pm. Celebrate the end of the school year by putting together a team of treasure hunters as you go through a series of clues with your teammates in the hopes you are the first to find the treasure. All proceeds will go to support the St. John tuition assistance program. More details on page 3.
- Thank you to the parents and teachers of the 8th graders who helped to spearhead several activities throughout this month with the fact that we had to cancel the annual 8th Grade field trip to Washington DC. Although it is difficult to replace all that is the DC trip, the students were able to experience some fun and exciting activities as a class throughout May.

We will hear Matthew's account of the ascension of Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel reading. Matthew writes in Chapter 28 of his Gospel account that the Eleven went to the mountain "to which Jesus had ordered them." He continues, "When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted." They worshiped but they doubted. This phrase jumps off the page. The Eleven had encountered Jesus. They witnessed the miracles. They walked, talked, and ate with Jesus. Yet, even as they saw him on the mountain (in the Scriptures anything that happens on a mountain means it's pretty stinking important) they doubted. How easy it is for us as human beings to lose our faith or become skeptical when the going gets tough. Let us pray for one another that even in our times of doubt that God continues to move us, mold us, and change our hearts.

Have a great weekend!

God bless,

Andrew Schmit

"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Matthew 28.

PARENT CALENDAR

May

Mon 31 No School-Memorial Day

June

Wed 2 Happy Birthday Mrs. Flannery!

Wed 4 All School Mass 10 AM

Fri 4 8th Grade Last Day-Clapout

Mon 7 Last Day to order physical Scrip Cards

Tues 8 Treasure Race

Wed 9 Last Day for Preschool

Wed 9 8th Grade Graduation Mass

Fri 11 11:30 AM Dismissal-Last Day of School



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.

Please remember to send face masks and water bottles to school with your child. Families should be providing their own masks. As the weather is warming up, we want to be sure that everyone is staying hydrated.

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.



The office will be closed during our 10 AM All School Mass on Wednesday, June 4th to allow all staff to attend Mass.

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.

FROM THE PSA PRESIDENT

Dear St. John Friends and Families,

We would like to offer our heartfelt appreciation for your support of the 2021 St. John School Auction. Your attendance, purchases and contributions have helped us to raise much needed funds to support the students and staff of St. John School. These resources will go directly towards programs, experiences and materials necessary to enhance a full, quality education for each one of our students.

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!

St. John school is a faith-based community dedicated to teaching, learning and living as Jesus did. With your continued support we can carry forth with our mission. God Bless!



TREASURE RACE

June 8th at 6 PM

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!



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.**

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.

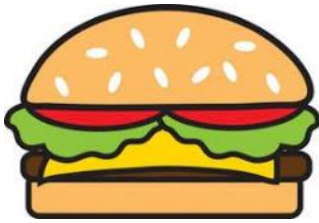


End of year cleaning? Decluttering?

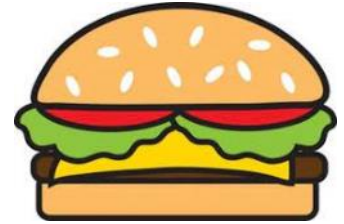


Donate your gently used backpacks, lunchboxes, and duffle bags. All monograms/team names will be removed and donated to local families in need. Please drop your items in the drop box located in the lobby.

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.



From our Amazing Auction Chair
Kelly Ahn



A TREMENDOUS THANK YOU to everyone who made the 2021 'CHEESEBURGER IN PARADISE' PSA AUCTION a HUGE SUCCESS

Michelle Pagnani, Krystal Payne, Cherish Miotke, Stephanie Claborn, Kelly Boike, Kelly Doherty, Cathy Tremaine, Kim Rogers, Sarah Carpenter, Anne Lehr, Andrew Schmit, Angie Haiss, Deb Anderson, ALL SJS teachers and staff, Fr. Robert Copeland, Melanie French, Alan Day, Freeman Tucker, Carla Ward, Hailie Tucker, Mike Ronthi, Cheryl Wright, Michelle Farella, Tracy Jennings, Judy Brigham, Mike Ahn, Sydney Ahn, Graycie Ahn, Steve & Martha Sera, Matt Pagnani, Wes & Tara Nolde, Jamie Crawford, Joe Crawford, Joe Doherty, Pat Rogers, Gina Claborn, Chris Bujak, Stefan & Meghan Schmelzer, Patrick & Adrienne Kane, Kelli Gatlin, Christina Gainer, Morgan Quick, Kelly Ruddy, Becky Singelis, Erica Crawford, Shannon White, Valarie Pickard, Melanie McPeake, Jennifer Scully, Julie Strief, Melissa Dolliver, Jodi Cuneaz, Sue Adams, Lahna Ward, Scott McPeake, Rick Rupert, Aisha Crawford, Rob & Lisa Palmer, Chris Romzek, Annemarie Romzek, Stephen Romzek, Aaron Romzek, Mitch Romzek, Aidan Plummer, Isabelle Klanseck, Madeline Hyten, Sarah Golden, "Big" Mike Johnson, Kia McAlindon, Robert & Jillian Mackey, Robert & Jennifer Foote, Jennie Campbell, Jennie Pelky, ALL families of auction volunteers who sacrificed their precious family time to make this event a success, Maygen & Dave Sementilli, Representative Mike C. & Angie Mueller, Randy Wise Automotive Team, Lifestyles Hot Tubs, B&M Tower Crane Rental, Arby's Fenton, LaFontaine Automotive Group, Wentworth Real Estate Group, Cathy Tremaine at Remax and The Shane Adams Group, John P. O'Sullivan Distributing, Inc. Landaal Packaging Systems, Cason Home Loans, Mulligan Heating, Inc. Sharp Funeral Homes, The State Bank, UB Station Café / Linden Union Block, Vic Canever Fenton, Attorney Matthew L. Norwood, FUNchitecture, Niles Industrial Coatings, Pro-Tech Machine & Aurora Automated Parts Feeding, BRP - Wes Nolde, Greenleaf Trust – Jeff Hoekstra, Micah Widder Group, Perani's Hockey World, Serra Automotive – Scott Borg, Vibe Well, Chef's Choice Custom Catering, Medawar Jewelers, Motor City Computer, Rosebrook Child Development Center the McPeake Agency, The DeGayner Family, The Miotke Family, The Brown Family, The Jamie Crawford Family, The Joe Crawford Family, Joanie O'Sullivan, Lindsey Carlson, The Payne-Fatolitis Family, The Sharp Family, The Scully Family, The Widder Family, The White Family, The Gibson Family, The Ward Family, The Landaal Family, The Brennan Family, The Sage Family, The Gartland Family, The Noah Morgan Family, ALL parents donating items and supporting local businesses, ALL local businesses donating items to our online auction, FEAST, ALL BIDDERS who contributed to the fun all week during opening online bidding and our final WINNERS!!, ALL SJS families selling raffle tickets and those who took shifts during weekend sales, The Valko Family, The Pillow Family, EVERYONE who purchased raffle tickets, ALL who spread the word and shared our fundraising info with family and friends AND those family and friends who continue to support SJS, ALL paddle raise donors, ALL cash donors, American Rental, Mobile Rhythm DJs, Gerych's, The UPS Store, On The Rocks Bartending Services, The Fenton House, Kustom Baked Kreations by Kelly, Crust, all of our friends at St John Parish who participated in online bidding at home or joined us at the festivities and ALL attendees of Saturday night's event.

My sincerest apologies if I have unintentionally left you off this list. PLEASE KNOW your Time, Treasure and Talent is APPRECIATED!! It is abundantly clear to me that IT TAKES A VILLAGE!!, and I am so glad each one of YOU is part of our village and the SJS Family! This is an EXTRAORDINARY group effort that requires each one of you and then some!! GOD IS GOOD! and his grace shines down providing miracles every day. We are so blessed! THANK YOU for your support and dedication to ST JOHN SCHOOL!!!

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Today's #microchallenge from bustedhalo.com



To stay up to date with parish events, click [here](#) for a link to the weekly parish bulletin .

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.



Staff Spotlight

What is your favorite sport to watch
and/or play?



Mrs. Salzano: I love watching baseball and playing volleyball! Kickball is also a great time!

Mr. Forsleff: Football

Mrs. Davidson: Without a doubt...FOOTBALL!!

Mrs. Roche: I love to watch College Football and Basketball. I am also a huge fan of anything in the Olympics.

Ms. Bade: Wrestling and football are my favorite to watch! Tennis is my favorite to play. :)

Mrs. Wright: A sport I enjoy watching is figure skating. A sport I like to play for fun is bowling.

Ms. Wharff: I love to watch Spartan football in the fall! Go Green!

Mrs. Minnick: My son's baseball games (t-ball).

Mr. Garbutt: I enjoy playing and watching golf. Hockey is a close second.

Mrs. Boyle: I grew up watching Tigers baseball. We would go to Opening Day most years when I was younger. When I'm at the games, I tend to people watch more than watch the game, though! In high school, I played volleyball and softball.

Mrs. Ratke: I love watching football and hockey.

Ms. Jacoby: Figure skating!

Mrs. Adams: I love to watch sports, so here goes. I love to watch high school and college football. I also love to watch Major League Baseball. I also always loved to watch my kids play sports, so soccer, football, basketball, baseball, cross country, and track.

Ms. Feazel: I can't choose just one...I like watching college basketball and football.

Mrs. Dawes: I love watching the Detroit Tigers baseball.

Mrs. Whitney: I enjoy watching baseball.

Ms. Adams: My favorite sport to watch is football or basketball. My favorite sports to play are soccer and basketball.

Mrs. Haiss: I love to watch baseball! Playing sports is not my forte...let's just say I make a better fan than teammate.

Mr. Tripp: Basketball!!

Mrs. Roberts: My husband and I always love a good basketball game!

Ms. Werschky: I love to watch college football! I really enjoy going to a good baseball game (And if they sell cotton candy...win win).

Mr. Schmit: Baseball, NFL Football, PGA, Tour de France, and, more importantly, anything related to U of M Athletics