

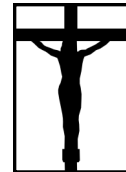
# St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

## Jet Gazette Newsletter

### September 13, 2019

#### Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tomorrow is the feast day of the Holy Cross. It commemorates the recovery of the Holy Cross by Saint Helena in Jerusalem. The cross became an object of veneration. Let us look to the cross often and recall that when we make the Sign of the Cross, we give our entire self to God—heart, mind, body, and soul.



*O cross, you are the glorious sign of victory.  
Through your power may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus.*

**Things you can do with your family:** Display a crucifix in your home, teach young children how to make the Sign of the Cross, pray the Stations of the Cross, or make a fun dessert in the shape of a cross.

#### News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Thank you to everyone for supporting Applefest. I look forward to seeing everyone this weekend enjoying all that Applefest has to offer. I will keep my comments rather brief this week but wanted to touch upon a couple of items worth noting.

- Welcome to Mr. Corey Garbutt, who joins our middle school teaching staff. He will be teaching middle school math and seventh grade geography. Mr. Garbutt has taught for nine years and joins our staff with knowledge and expertise in differentiated instruction as well as the NWEA. He is a parishioner and school parent and is looking forward to getting into the classroom. His first day is Monday.
- A big thank you goes out to all who participated in the Lincoln Driven to Give promotional event that was held last month. The school will be receiving a check for nearly \$4700. We are already looking forward to and planning next year's promotion.
- Our NWEA testing window opens up next week. Our students will be taking their first round of NWEA tests throughout the mornings over the next two weeks of school.

The GCCS principals and pastors have been meeting with Mrs. Kasey Cronin, the Director of GCCS and Mr. Tom Maloney, Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Lansing periodically to discuss the sustainability of Catholic education in our region. Here is a brief message from Kasey.

Work continues to be done to bring long-term sustainability to Catholic education in Genesee County. The Diocese of Lansing, under the direction of Superintendent of Schools Mr. Tom Maloney, has contracted with an outside consulting firm. The firm has worked closely with Mr. Maloney along with the Pastors and Principals of the GCCS to evaluate our schools, operations, long-term outlook, local data, other Catholic school models around the state and country, as well as identifying potential areas of opportunity. The entire group has met twice and is regularly engaged in this work. We acknowledge and understand your interest in staying informed on this matter. Our mission to serve your family and children is the reason behind this work and we will continue to update you throughout the process. Please pray for this work.

Enjoy Applefest Weekend! See you out there,

Andrew Schmit

# PARENT CALENDAR



## September

Tues	17	Constitution Day—Wear Red, White, and Blue
Wed	18	All School Mass 8:20 AM
Fri	20	Popcorn Day
Wed	25	Grandparents Mass 8:20 AM—Details to come next week
Thurs	26	Prayer Service 2:45 PM



## October

Wed	2	NO All School Mass—Priests at Convocation
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In celebration of Constitution Day, students may wear red, white, and blue next Tuesday.

### Grandparents Mass September 25th



In honor of Grandparents Day, we will be prayerfully remembering our deceased and living grandparents at our school Mass on Wednesday, September 25. We invite all grandparents to join us at Mass. Mass will begin at 8:20 AM. Students will walk over to church with their class and join their grandparents in the pews. The PSA invites grandparents to a reception after mass in the gathering space.

### AUCTION 2020 UPDATE

From Auction Chair Kelly Ahn

As we jump into a fun-filled Applefest weekend, our SJS 2020 PSA Auction may be the furthest thing from your mind. However, PLEASE SAVE THE DATE:

**February 22, 2020**

Mark your calendars now so that you don't miss this GRAND EVENT! This is our school's most important fundraiser requiring many volunteers to make it successful. To volunteer, please contact Kelly Ahn: kahn@stout.com. There will also be auction information on the volunteer form coming home next week. Have a wonderful Applefest weekend!

### Protecting God's Children Virtus Training

All St. John School volunteers are required to take the Virtus training. There is an upcoming session being held right here at St. John in Fenton.

Sunday, October 13th  
1 PM

Please register at [virtus.org](http://virtus.org). Call the school office for registration information.

### Daily Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures



Please remember that K-8 Drop Off starts daily at 7:40 AM. Any students dropped off prior to 7:40 AM will be sent to Jets Club and charged a fee. There is no supervision for students prior to 7:40 AM, so students will be sent to Jets Club for safety reasons.

After school, ALL students are sent to the loop or Jets Club. There is no lobby pickup with the exception of Preschool 3. Any students in the lobby after 3:30 PM will be sent to the loop and then to Jets Club if they have not been picked up. Jet Club fees will apply. Students are not permitted to wait in the lobby due to weather. If there is a weather emergency, all students will be held in the building until the emergency is over. Otherwise, all students will be sent to the loop.

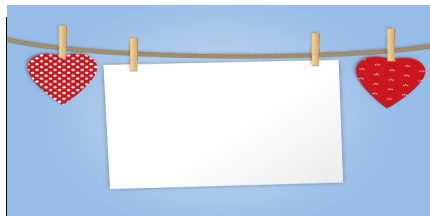
### Volunteer Opportunities



St. John School depends on many parent volunteers. We couldn't do so many great things without your help. In the near future, we will be sending home a volunteer form that will give you the opportunity to select different areas where you may be willing to help. In the meantime, please let us know if you are interested in the following:

- Eucharistic Minister at All School Mass
- Popcorn Helper
- Assistant to Scrip Coordinator
- Athletic Concessions
- PM Loop Supervisors—earn tuition credit

You can call or email the office and we will connect you with the right person.



# ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

## Thank You:

- To everyone who helped us kick off Applefest in a St. John School way, including the band, the spirit squad, our 2nd grade singers, and our cake walkers.
- To the Scully family for donating their guinea pig to the Kindergarten Class. They love their new class pet!



## Prayers:

- For a successful Applefest and good weather for the rest of the weekend

## 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.

Although it is Applefest, there is still mass this weekend. **Please join us for Mass on Saturday at 5 PM or on Sunday at 8:30 AM, 10 AM, or 11:30 AM. Due to Applefest, there is no 5 PM mass on Sunday.**

### Celebrating Sunday as a Catholic Family

This weekend, we will hear the parable of the lost sheep. We know God loves us and his mercy is endless. God rejoices when we return to him. Set aside time as a family to return to God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Discuss how receiving the sacrament made you feel and how you can share God's endless love with others.

**Today's #microchallenge from  
bustedhalo.com**

Be open to learning something new today (And take a moment to enjoy that cup of coffee).

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

## ST. JOHN JETS ATHLETIC NEWS



### Upcoming Athletic Events

#### 7/8 Football

<b>Sept. 18</b> away vs. Bentley	5pm @ Bentley
<b>Sept. 25</b> home vs. Beecher	5pm @ Powers

#### 5/6 Flag Football

<b>Sept. 22</b> vs. St. Robert/St. Pius	1:30pm @ Powers
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#### 7/8 Girls Basketball

<b>Sept. 18</b> home vs. Holy Family Gold	7pm @ St. Matt
<b>Sept. 25</b> home vs. Holy Family Panthers	5pm @ St. John
<b>Sept. 28</b> home vs. Holy Family Gold	9 am @ Powers

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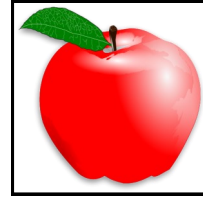
<b>Sept. 16</b> home vs. St. Robert	5pm @ St. Robert
<b>Sept. 19</b> home vs. Holy Family Panthers	5pm @ St. John

## HELP WANTED

We are in need of a concessions chairperson for this school year. This is a position that receives tuition credit. Responsibilities include coordinating concessions volunteers and shopping and restocking concessions items. Please let us know if you are interested.

**Looking ahead...**We are looking for a 7/8th grade volleyball coach. Practices will start in late October.

## Staff Spotlight



We could hardly contain all the excitement yesterday as the students were buzzing around in anticipation of our parish's 47th Applefest. Last week, we learned what our staff loves about Applefest. This week, we asked our students to name their favorite thing about Applefest. Clearly, our students have a different perspective. We should've just asked "What is your favorite ride?" :) Here are some of the answers we received:

Isabella Gadany (1):	The pirate ship
Donald Gainer (P4):	The really cool cars
Ryleigh Gartland (4):	All the rides
Ava Meyers (7):	The rides and the food
Amelia Rachor (6):	Hanging out with my friends
Dexter Roach (3):	Himalaya
Ashlyn Roberts (2):	The bumper cars
Gabby Rogers (P3)	The motorcycles
Anna Safford (8):	Seeing old friends
Elise Sage (5):	Air Raid
Miles Sterling (5):	Air Raid
Alivia Waligora (K):	The ferris wheel
Bella Zagornik (2):	All the "upside down" rides

