

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

## Jet Gazette Newsletter

### September 6, 2019

#### Prayer for Patriot Day (September 11th)

*Almighty God, we pray for peace in the world. Help the leaders of all the countries to make good decisions. Help us all to learn to live together and to try to understand each other even though we may seem very different from each other. Remind us when we forget, that we are all your children who share this earthly home. Help us to live in peace and harmony. Amen*



#### News and Views from Mr. Schmit

It is so wonderful to see how excited and engaged our students are in their classrooms. The staff and the students are making this school year a memorable one, even though we have only just finished our second week.

I took time last week to share some of the new things that we are working on this school year and will continue to share my vision in the coming weeks. However, we have had some staff changes that I would like to share with all of you so that we are all on the same page as a Catholic school family.

- Welcome to our new Art Teacher, Mrs. Stickel! The students are already learning so many great things from her and she is looking forward to collaborating with our staff.
- Welcome to our new music teacher, Mr. Matthews! Mr. Matthews will begin general music instruction next week. He looks forward to getting more students involved in our two bands this school year.
- Welcome to our new Pre-K aides, Mrs. Minock and Mrs. Delecki.
- Congratulations to Mr. Ratke for accepting a teaching position in the Milford school district. Mr. Ratke agonized over the decision to leave our teaching staff but felt it was God's will and an opportunity to get his foot in the door in a new district for a possible, future move to administration. He was able to visit our middle school students this afternoon and share his thoughts and feelings. He will continue to support our school as a parent and parishioner. He will be missed here at St. John and we wish him all the best!
- I hope to be introducing our new middle school math teacher next week!

We have an amazing week of learning, worshiping, celebration, and St. John athletics ahead of us!

- Please consider signing up to volunteer for Applefest. It is a great time to serve our church and community. My family will be joining the Stilsons once again this year, flipping pancakes on both Saturday and Sunday morning. I look forward to seeing so many of our parish/school families helping out next weekend.
- Ask your son or daughter if they want to beat Mr. Schmit in the Applefest 5k! The Schmit family is registered for races on Saturday morning. See you out there!
- Our All School mass is Wednesday at 8:20. Please come and worship with us.
- The 5th and 6th Grade girls basketball team tips off Thursday night at Holy Family, the 7th and 8th Grade girls basketball team sees their first action NEXT Saturday at Powers, our 7th and 8th Grade GCCS football team takes to the field THIS Wednesday and our 5th and 6th Grade flag football has their first game on Sunday the 22nd. Please consider going out to support our Jets athletes!

Please continue to pray for our families and students. God is doing so many great things in all of our lives. Have a great weekend and see you on Monday!

Mr. Schmit

# PARENT CALENDAR



## September



Mon	9	Applefest Loop Begins
Wed	11	All School Mass 8:20 AM
Thurs	12	Spiritwear Orders Due
Thurs	12	Applefest Opening Ceremony 3PM
Fri	13	<b>Half-Day for Applefest Weekend 11:30 AM Dismissal</b>
Tues	17	Constitution Day—Wear Red, White, and Blue
Wed	25	Grandparents Mass 8:20 AM—Details to come next week
Thurs	26	Prayer Service 2:45 PM

In celebration of Applefest, next Thursday and Friday will be Spiritwear Days.



### Mass Intentions

One of our beloved Catholic traditions is to have mass said for a loved one. Currently, there is an abundance of openings in the mass schedule (including many of our Wednesday all school masses). If you would like to have mass said in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact the parish office.

### MEDICATIONS

Any medication for your child must be kept in the school office. Medications should be labeled. You must also fill out a medication authorization form before any medication can be given. The form is available in the office or on the school website.



STEAM classes are in need of empty paper towel and toilet paper rolls. Please save and send in to school.

Be sure to return the following forms if you haven't already done so:

- Technology Forms
- Applefest Dismissal Form
- Spiritwear Form (only if placing an order)  
\*\*Reminder that glitter can be added to any Spiritwear item for a \$5 fee. Please be sure to clearly mark your order form if you wish to add glitter.

### Forms required from New Families:

- Concussion Awareness Form
- Background Check Form
- Birth Certificate
- Health Appraisal
- Immunization Records



### 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.

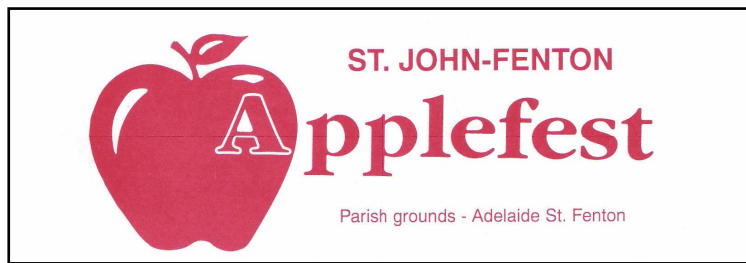
### Volunteer Opportunities



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.



Applefest is quickly approaching!  
The festival is September 12-15.



### **APPLEFEST LOOP**

- Applefest Loop begins with AM loop September 9th and will continue until all tents have been taken down. This loop will be used in the AM and PM for ALL families (Preschool-8th grade). For Applefest Loop, please drive down the hill to the K of C lot and drive back up the hill. When the car line extends past the K of C lot, please turn right into the dirt lot by Bush Park to create multiple lines. We cannot back up traffic at the top of the hill per the Fenton Police. Your child will exit the car at the top of the hill by the playground **on the passenger side**.
- Look for adult supervisors or staff members for direction. There will be middle students helping escort younger students into the building in the morning.
- Please be patient and plan extra time. We will have preschoolers that need to be buckled into car seats so your patience is greatly appreciated. All families should use the Applefest Loop for drop-off and pick-up.
- Please do not park and have your child cross the street. It is too busy and dangerous.

### **DISMISSAL INFORMATION**

- Applefest opens with a prayer on Thursday at 3 PM. Our students will attend the opening prayer ceremony with their class. For safety reasons, no students will be dismissed from this ceremony. All students will return to their class for regular dismissal at 3:30 PM.
- Please return your pink Applefest Thursday dismissal form ASAP. Any student who does not return their Applefest Dismissal Form will be sent to the Applefest Loop on Thursday.
- We will dismiss on Friday at 11:30 AM. **Applefest will not be open at that time.** All students will be sent to Applefest Loop on Friday. Please do not give your student permission to attend Applefest at that time.

### **VOLUNTEER LINKS**

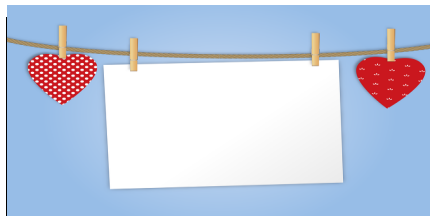
Applefest is using Signup Genius for volunteers. However, due to the number of volunteers needed, they were forced to create 2 different links.

**Use this link for anything food related (pie baking, food tent, dinners):** [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Applefest2019-pies\\_foodtent\\_dinners](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Applefest2019-pies_foodtent_dinners)

**Use this link for most other events (Road Race, Parking, Attic Treasures, Dirt Patrol, etc):** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Applefest2019-general>

**Use this link for Kiddie Games:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044EA4A72DABFA7-kiddie1>

**\*\*If the event you are looking for is not listed in the Signup Genius, please email [sjapplefest@gmail.com](mailto:sjapplefest@gmail.com) for contact information for the event you are looking for.**



# ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

## Thank You:

- To our Loop and Lunchroom Supervisors for helping us with our new school year transitions.

## Prayers:

- For all those affected by Hurricane Dorian: <https://faithcatholic.com/content/universal-prayers-victims-dorian>

## 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.

### 3 questions to ask your Catholic kids after school instead of "How was your day?"

1

What happened today that would make God smile?

2

What act of mercy did you notice today? (Maybe you even performed it!)

3

If you could have inserted one saint into your day, who would it have been and when?



Visit [teachingcatholickids.com](http://teachingcatholickids.com) to get the full list.

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

If you find yourself thinking negative thoughts today, replace them with positive affirmations.

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. 11</b> away vs. Atherton	5pm @ Atherton
<b>Sept. 18</b> away vs. Bentley	5pm @ Bentley

#### 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

#### 5/6 Girls Basketball

<b>Sept. 12</b> away vs. Holy Rosary/St. Pius	7pm @ Holy Family
<b>Sept. 16</b> home vs. St. Robert	5pm @ St. Robert

## HELP WANTED

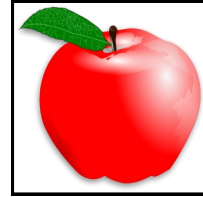
We are in need of a concessions chairperson for this school year. This is a position that receives tuition credit. Responsibilities include coordinating concessions volunteers and shopping and restocking concessions items. Please let us know if you are interested.

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

Open Gym for all registered girls basketball players  
Saturday, September 7th  
Powers Gym  
7/8 Grade: 9 AM to 10:30 AM  
5/6 Grade: 10:30 AM to 12 PM



## Staff Spotlight



The excitement is beginning as preparations are being made for our parish's 47th Applefest. It's no secret that adults love Applefest just as much as kids (maybe we just like the rides a little less). This week, we asked members of our St. John School staff, "What is your favorite thing about Applefest?" Here are some of the answers we received:

**Mr. Schmit:** Pancake Breakfast

**Mrs. Whitney:** Seeing the kids so excited

**Ms. Wharff:** Elephant Ears and seeing so many school families

**Mrs. Custodio:** The sense of community

**Mrs. Roche:** Seeing my family and my students having so much fun

**Mrs. Wright:** Getting to enjoy special Applefest treats like Padre's Chili, Elephant Ears, and Apple Pie

**Mrs. Ratke:** Apple Crisp

**Mrs. Farella:** Seeing all the kids excited and having so much fun

**Mrs. Boyle:** Finding treasures at Attic Treasures and the yummy apple cobbler a la mode

**Mrs. Stickel:** The Apple Pies

**Mrs. Salzano:** Volunteering and seeing all the great families walking around

**Ms. Jennings:** The games

**Mrs. Anderson:** Elephant Ears! Yum-O!

**Mrs. Dawes:** Seeing the excitement of all the kids and enjoying the joyful energy of the community

**Mrs. Adams:** Lots of things! Seeing the whole faith community come together to make Applefest happen, walking in the road race, and trying all the different Applefest foods

**Mrs. Haiss:** Catching up with old friends and Elephant Ears

**Father Ryan:** How the community comes together and all of the volunteers