

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

Jet Gazette Newsletter

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News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Happy Valentines Day and Happy Feast Day of Sts. Cyril and Methodius. Their Feast Day is an interesting one because of their ministry to the Slavic people of the Balkans being viewed as a bridge between Western and Eastern traditions. An interesting tidbit is that these 9th Century brothers' ministry led Cyril to invent an alphabet for the Church, still used in some Eastern Liturgies today.

I recently read an article written by the Executive Director of the Institute for Catholic Liberal Education, in which Elisabeth Sutton makes the case for establishing a renewed joy in learning within Catholic schools. She utilizes St. Thomas Aquinas' "capacity to wonder" to make a case to counter an ever growing apathetic attitude of "is this going to be on the test," toward education, especially within older students. Why this article appealed to me was because of several conversations I have had with members of our faculty here at St. John School in the past couple of weeks. As you know, we are still in the midst of our three week February NWEA MAP testing window (long story but the Diocese wanted only two testing windows for this year, however, the GCCS principals convinced Lansing to open up a middle window but had to shorten from the usual four week span) and many of our students have completed their three assessments. What's worth noting is that our teachers are noticing how students are showing growth. Teachers individually met with students in the fall and set end of the year goals. Some of our students have already reached or exceeded their end of year goals and our teachers are celebrating these successes with them. Our teachers are noticing a joy for learning in their classrooms.

I am excited for the future of St. John School! Our teachers are collaborating, striving to better themselves as instructors. One example of this is the ongoing creation of a K-5 Literacy plan. The K-5 teachers are working together to unify literacy instruction, assessment, and tracking. I've witnessed aspects of this work as I travel from classroom to classroom. The other day I observed a literacy circle where students were reading a science lesson and each student had to record observations, ask questions, discuss, and report to the whole group. It reminded me of the lit circles my AP European students would use as they dove into a document like Machiavelli's, The Prince. I was pleased, knowing that students at St. John School are being equipped with the tools to make learning more engaging and personal.

St. John has always been a great school but we cannot and will not remain stagnant. We will continue to grow and improve. Let's be better today than we were yesterday. Trust the process.

I'm looking forward to the week ahead, especially with the PSA Auction on Saturday!

God bless and enjoy the weekend!

Andrew Schmit

PARENT CALENDAR



February

Mon	17	No School-Presidents Day
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

Thurs	5	Half Day for Students-11:30 AM Dismissal Parent-Teacher Conferences—Info coming soon
Fri	6	Half Day for Students-11:30 AM Dismissal Genesee County Catholic Schools PD

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 19 vs Holy Family Blue 5 PM @ St. John
Feb 26 vs St. Robert Mustangs 5 PM @ St. Mary

5/6 Boys Basketball (Green)

Feb 20 vs Holy Family Blue 5 PM @ St. Mary
Feb 24 vs Holy Rosary 7 PM @ Holy Family

5/6 Boys Basketball (Yellow)

Feb 20 vs Holy Rosary 6 PM @ St. Mary

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>



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.

Help wanted

We are in need of extra lunch and recess supervisors. If you are interested or will consider being on our sub list, please call the office. Supervisors earn tuition credits.

AUCTION 2020 UPDATE

From Auction Chair Kelly Ahn

We are getting CLOSE to the event of the year: **Lights! Camera! AUCTION!!!** Get your tickets NOW at <https://sjpsa.ejoinme.org/myevents/2020>. Also visit this website to volunteer, sponsor and donate.

As a helpful guide, we have created a SIGNUPGENIUS (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044AA5AB2FA02-stjohn>) where you may easily pick items to purchase for donation. All donations are graciously accepted!, not just those on our list.

DEADLINE TO TURN IN DONATED ITEMS TO THE OFFICE IS FEBRUARY 18, 2020.

(Don't forget to complete an online donation form to accompany your SIGNUPGENIUS and all donated items!!) Maximize your donation benefits by using SCRIP or AmazonSmile with St John School as your organization of choice.

Raffle tickets went home with your oldest (or only) St John student. If you haven't seen them, please check their backpack for a white envelope. Please show your support for St John School by selling these tickets to your family, friends and co-workers. Please turn in all ticket stubs and payment to the office by February 21 to be considered in the auction drawing. **ADDITIONAL TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE. Also FOR SALE** in the office and on our website are the \$10 raffle tickets and \$100 Winners Choice Tuition or Trip raffle tickets. **PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD** and get your raffle tickets for a chance to win **AWESOME PRIZES!!**

We are looking forward to seeing you SOON at Lights! Camera! AUCTION!!! on February 22nd!
THANK YOU for your continued support!
For questions, please contact Kelly Ahn @ kahn@stout.com.



PSA NEWS

From PSA President Michelle Pagnani

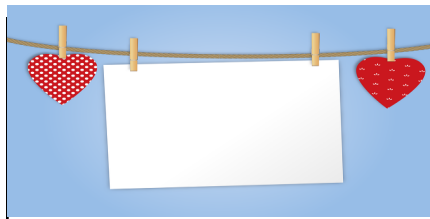
The PSA wants to send a **BIG Heartfelt THANK YOU** to our 2020 Auction Sponsors. We have raised a **WHOPPING** \$33,000 in sponsor donations for our school so far. This is **AMAZING!!** The support from our community is fantastic. We can truly never say "thank you" enough for your belief in this school and support of Catholic Education!

Our school depends on the auction each year to be a roaring success! Your dollars go right back to the needs of the school and we have so many dreams and plans to conquer! We want to continue striving to serve our students and our school families in amazing ways and we need your help to do that! Our **GOAL** for 2020 auction sponsorships is \$40,000!

Together, we can do this!!

Can you help the PSA reach our goal?

Please let us know ASAP if you intend to sponsor the auction and you have not yet committed! The Last Call for Auction Sponsors is this week (so we can prepare for the auction evening). Please email call or text Michelllepagnani@yahoo.com/810-845-8414 if you want to sponsor before the sponsorship opportunity window closes. Thank you for your time, talent, treasure, and consideration!



ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Thank you:

- To the Hamlin family for donating basketballs to the Athletic Department.

Congrats:

- To the following students for representing St. John School at the GCCS Spelling Bee: Mia Medawar, Andy Fenton, Kiera Boike, Madeline Widder, Ilirjana Dedivanaj, David Clark, and Adam Sterling. Extra congrats to the following winners:

Andy Fenton	4th Grade Winner
Madeline Widder	5th Grade Runner Up
Adam Sterling	7th Grade Runner Up

Prayers:

- For Peggy Szafranski, great-grandmother of Dylan, Sadie, and Cara Beale
- For Mrs. Stickel on the passing of her grandfather and grandmother.

If you have a prayer request for the Jet Gazette, please let Mrs. Haiss know.

We love when
Father Jim
comes to visit!



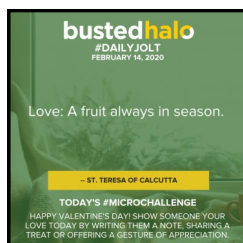
Building Foundations of Faith

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 Boxmeer. To read more about this miracle, click [here](#).

Today's #microchallenge from bustedhalo.com



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



Staff Spotlight

Lights, Camera, Auction is only a week away!
Here are some favorite movie picks from our staff.

Mrs. Salzano: Growing up my favorites were Titanic, The Nightmare Before Christmas, and I watched Disney movies for the music. Now I love re-watching TV shows on Netflix more than movies!

Mrs. Dawes: I love the older movies, Casablanca, An Affair to Remember, Sound of Music, Ten Commandments, and other Biblical movies and funny movies like Groundhog Day and Princess Bride.

Mrs. Farella: There are many movies I like for different reasons. I do not have a favorite.

Mrs. Roche: Mary Poppins, Gone with the Wind, Shawshank Redemption, and (I know it's super cheesy) Armageddon.

Mrs. Adams: It's hard to narrow it down, but I love Sweet Home Alabama, The Notebook, and A Walk to Remember.

Mrs. Boyle: I love a good baseball movie (The Sandlot, Field of Dreams) and am always up for a comedy. At Christmas, we rewatch Christmas Vacation multiple times!

Ms. Jennings: All Marvel Movies and A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood, The Sound of Music, and Ford vs. Ferrari

Mrs. Wright: I love all the Harry Potter movies, Marvel movies, Star Wars movies, La La Land, The Titanic, and classics like Gone With the Wind, The Wizard of Oz, Mary Poppins, and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

Mr. Garbutt: Top Gun is the best. So many quotable lines, you can't beat it.

Mrs. Whitney: Goodfellas, Holiday Inn, anything with Marilyn Monroe

Mrs. Haiss: There are so many great movies, but I love The Sandlot and Hope Floats. You also can't beat a good musical.

Mr. Schmit: Gladiator, but a close second would be Napoleon Dynamite

