Greetings,

We have 28.5 school days left in this crazy school year...AND DOWN THE STRETCH THEY COME!

Here is my last day of April, the day before the 147th running of the Kentucky Derby rundown:

• The St. John Drama Club is pleased to announce their private performance of Aladdin the Musical. Our 16 performers will take the Powers Catholic stage on Saturday morning, May 15. Unfortunately this performance is restricted to families of the students as well as faculty and staff. We will do our best to capture pics and videos to share with all of you!

• GCCS Principals and Athletic Directors have started the preliminary planning for a full athletics schedule next school year. I’m looking forward to our student-athletes competing against their peers from around the county once again!

• It was great to have the Book Fair back at SJS this week. Thank you to the parent volunteers who helped Ms. Jennings with the day to day operation of the sale. The total for books sales was $8597 with $4055 coming back to the school for new books for our school and classroom libraries. Thank you to all who supported the book fair!

• Please keep our second graders who are making their First Holy Communion in your prayers this month. Our second graders will be receiving their First Holy Communion either this Sunday or on May 16. Thank you to Mrs. Salzano, Mr. Stark, and our Director of Religious Education, Mrs. Kitching for preparing our students to celebrate this Sacrament.

• Please join us for prayer and worship at one of our masses this weekend (5pm on Saturday and 8:30AM, 10AM, and 11:30AM on Sunday). Just so you are aware, Bishop Boyea will be lifting the Holy Day of Obligation dispensation starting with the Feast of Pentecost, Sunday, May 23. Our parish will still have the three spaces for worship available for the foreseeable future (Church, Activity Center, and Parking Lot).

This morning before Mass, our 8th Graders presented flowers to the statue of Mary in the Church and Maggie Roche crowned our Blessed Mother in the annual Crowning of Mary Ceremony (Traditionally the crowning of Mary should be in the month of May but we celebrated it one day early so….) This devotion to Mary throughout the month of May is a reminder of how important Mary is to the life of the Church and to us as individuals. Let us take time to reflect on how Mary’s “yes” to God changed the course of human history. How can we say “yes” to God on a daily basis? Let’s ask for Mary’s intercession for our families, our school community, and our parish throughout the month of May. “Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.”

Have a wonderful weekend.

God bless,

Andrew Schmit
PARENT CALENDAR

May

- Wed 5 Happy Birthday Ms. Brack!
- Sun 9 **Happy Mother's Day!**
- Wed 12 Happy Birthday Ms. Judy!
- Fri 14 Happy Birthday Ms. Bade!
- Mon 17 First Communicants recognized at Morning Mass-2nd grade parents invited to attend
- Sun 23 Happy Birthday Ms. Werschky!
- Mon 24 Happy Birthday Mrs. Minnick!
- Tue 25 Happy Birthday Father Robert!
- Mon 31 **No School-Memorial Day**

A Note from the PSA

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3rd-7th. Thank you to all families who have expressed an interest in showering our teachers with love. If you would like to help sponsor a lunch or breakfast for our amazing teachers, please sign up here:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b44aca823a7f94-sjsteacher](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b44aca823a7f94-sjsteacher)

**Order Your Yearbook!**

It’s time to buy your 2020-2021 St. John Yearbook. The cost is $15 and orders must be placed by May 7th. Use the following link to order:

[ospgo.com/1AFF](ospgo.com/1AFF)

If you have multiple children, and need to order more than one book, you can submit separate orders (if you do this, you will need to enter your payment information separately each time) or you can just order multiple books under the same student name, and all the books will be sent home with that student. If you would rather not submit an online order, please call the Signature Portrait studio at 810-610-5439 and they will take your order over the phone.

**Directions:** You will NOT need to enter a password. Simply search for your student by name. You can type either their first or last name and you will see student names pop up. If you have multiple students please submit separate orders for each child. If you do not see your student’s name, choose "New Person" and add their information during check out.

You DO NOT need to send the printed receipt to school. We will already have a record of your payment!

REMINDER

Part of our pandemic protocols indicates that there are to be no third party lunch deliveries to the school. This includes deliveries from places like Panera, Jimmy Johns, Door Dash, etc. We have seen an increase in this happening over the last couple of weeks. Parents are welcome to drop off lunches including those purchased at a restaurant, however we are asking you to please not have a third-party deliver to the school.

Additionally, if you are visiting the school to drop something off or pick up your student, please remember to stop between the sets of doors in the lobby and wait for an office staff member to help you.

This morning our 8th graders crowned our Blessed Mother for the month of May. This symbolic ceremony is a reminder to us how important our Blessed Mother is to the Church and to our individual lives.

"O, Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia!"
Auction 2021: Cheeseburger in Paradise will be here SOON!!!
Aren't you EXCITED?!?!?!

We are BLOWN AWAY by the extreme generosity of our St John Families!! We asked and you DONATED!!! A MILLION THANK YOUS to all of you who contributed so graciously to our ‘LOCAL’ initiative and supported SO MANY local businesses during this time when it is needed most!! Your donations helped support businesses in our community and will in turn raise funds for our school in the upcoming auction. This project EXCEEDED our every expectation because of your heartfelt dedication. Special thanks to Cherish Miotke, Kelly Boike and this year’s homeroom parents for your energy and coordination efforts!!

PurCHASE tickets NOW on our website to our in-person event. Attendance will be limited. Tickets are sold on a first come, first served basis. Get your ticket now while they are still available! (Masks and a health assessment upon arriving will be required. We will be social distancing and health and safety recommendations have all been considered to provide an enjoyable evening of food, dancing and fun!) Auction items (including classroom projects) will be displayed at the in-person event.

You may also purchase raffle tickets, contribute to this year’s paddle raise options and DONATE online. PLEASE FEEL FREE to share our website with family, friends, parish members, colleagues and clients! Post our fund-raising options on your personal social media pages. The more successful our efforts are, the more the students and staff of St. John benefit from enhanced curriculum, improved technology and upgraded equipment & tools. SPREAD THE WORD!: https://sjpsa.ejoinme.org/2021?fbclid=IwAR2vMpMlghUfNEFJh0E-7sG-U89CtjWR33quJyUyNULyoQwUB6jY-V5JJwk

REMEMBER: Raffle tickets went home with your oldest student LAST WEEK! If you wish to sell more, additional raffle tickets are available in the office. The student who sells the most $15 raffle tickets will win an OUT OF UNIFORM day!! The CLASS who sells the most $15 raffle tickets will win a PIZZA PARTY!! All paid tickets must be returned to the office by Friday, May 21 for contest consideration. Please return all completed ticket stubs with payment to the office. Cash or check (Payable to St John PSA).

You may also purchase $100 TUITION RAFFLE tickets in the office. The winner gets tuition paid for the 2021/2022 school year for one student. The winner may also opt to donate tuition to a student or select the cash option. You do NOT have to have a St. John student to win!! Only 100 TUITION raffle tickets will be sold, so your odds are fantastic!! The student who sells the most $100 TUITION RAFFLE tickets will win an Uncle Ray’s prize basket!! All paid tickets must be returned to the office by Friday, May 21 for contest consideration. Please return all completed ticket stubs with payment to the office. Cash or check (Payable to St John PSA).

Please remember that this year’s auction ‘looks’ a little different. We have adopted a uniquely different, technologically savvy ‘style’ allowing ALL participants (in-person or otherwise) to be able to use a smart phone or other device to access the ONLINE BIDDING SITE for all baskets, packages, trips and classroom projects. While we are still anticipating an in-person event on May 22nd (contingent on all up to the date CDC and Health Department regulations), you don’t need to be present to BID on the items auction items. Bidding will begin days in advance of the in-person event on May 22nd, so please STAY TUNED for more details on how you can bid!! You will need to register online to be an active bidder!! More details to come!!!

Volunteers are still needed!! Assistance is needed with acquisitions: follow-up phone calls and item pick up. High School students in need of SERVICE HOURS please reach out to schedule your volunteer time.

For auction questions or to inquire about volunteering, please contact Kelly Ahn (313.300.8841 or kahn@stout.com).

THANK YOU!!!
“Take it all in... it’s as big as it seems. Count all your blessings. Remember your dreams.” - Jimmy Buffett

Thank you simply is not enough for what is brewing for this family. The McPeakes have outdone themselves this year! THEY ARE DONATING ALL THE FOOD!!!!!!!! WOOT WOOT. Scott and Melanie McPeake will make sure you are in paradise at this year's auction with their food truck fantasticness! If you see them please tell them THANK YOU from the bottom of your stomach! This multi business family has your insurance, real estate, childcare and food needs under control! Thank you McPeakes! https://www.rosebrookchildcare.com/ Glynn Mcpeake - Farmers Insurance Agent in Hartland, MI https://m.facebook.com/Chefs-Choice-Custom-Catering-LLC-100963048483774/

Once a St. John Jet, Always a St. John Jet! Thank you to the Gibson family whose family at Pro-tech Machines has given graciously to this year's auction! If you need commercial and industrial equipment, Pro-Tech Machines is the place to call! Thank you for thinking of our school past, present and FUTURE! https://www.facebook.com/Pro-Tech-Machine

Thank you to Jeff Hoekstra from Greenleaf Trust. We appreciate your sponsorship to our wonderful St. John School Auction! Thank you for going above and beyond! You are sooo good for our school! And as Jeff might say! "That's good for business and great for morale!"

They keep rolling in on 2 wheels! When you think of fast, fun and generous we think of the Nolde family! Thank you to Wes and Tara Nolde for your wonderful donation on behalf of BRP! If you are looking for innovative ways to move on snow, water, asphalt, dirt or even air?!?! - Give them a call today! Thank you!!! https://www.brp.com/

A MAC-daddy of a thank you goes out to Rob Palmer for his in-kind donation of the much loved Apple products. More details to come night of the auction on how to score some of these big ticket items! Thank you to Rob and Lisa Palmer for their time and devotion to our wonderful school since the beginning! Turn Liabilities into Assets at Motor City Computer! https://www.motorcitycomputer.com/

Giving is what this next family is all about. The Widder Family has graciously given to this year's auction as both a donation and a sponsorship. The Micah Widder Group at Security First is here for all your business and personal insurance needs! Thank you for being such a standup family and putting our school first each and every year! We appreciate you! https://securityfirstbenefits.com/

This is the ABSOLUTE Last Call for Auction Sponsors!! The Auction Committee is now in the process of preparing our online bidding website so time is of the essence. Please if you have been thinking about sponsoring and haven’t reached out please email or call Michelle Pagnani (810-845-8414) ASAP. We don’t want anyone to miss out on this opportunity to support our amazing school. Thank you!!!
ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Thank you:
- To our Book Fair volunteers: Ms. Robin, Ms. Jazzmine, Ms. Judy, Meghan Burtner, Aisha Crawford, Jennifer Czop, Kelly Landaal, Jessica Moore, Jill Norwood, and Elizabeth Wise

Congratulations:
- To the Carlson family on the birth of Charlotte’s baby sister, Blaire MaryAnn. We are so excited to meet the newest member of our SJS family!
- To Powers Catholic Senior and SJS alum for being named an SVL Scholar Athlete for leading in excellence on and off the field.
- To Mrs. Forsleff for being named Saginaw Valley League Teacher of the Year

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 junk food?

Mrs. Ratke: Chips and cheese dip
Mrs. Anderson: I love homemade butter tarts and frozen Snickers Bars.
Mrs. Whitney: Chocolate cake with chocolate frosting
Mrs. Minnick: Doritos
Ms. Feazel: Anything with milk chocolate
Ms. Bade: Any kind of chips!!
Mr. Schmit: Snack line chocolate chip cookies
Mrs. Salerno: It's a toss up between potato chips and French fries. I love them both!
Mr. Tripp: White Cheddar Cheese Puffs
Mr. Forsleff: Nachos!
Mrs. Salzano: Ask any of my students and they can tell you-I love Doritos and Oreos!
Mrs. Roche: Nachos!
Mr. Garbutt: I have a weakness for Gummy Bears, Skittles (the purple bag), and Twizzlers. It's not good.
Mr. Willard: Donuts, French fries, and pop!
Mrs. Haiss: French fries, Homemade buttered popcorn, and Ice cream!!
Ms. Wharff: My favorite junk food would be chips!! Kettle cooked chips are my favorite! Chips or chocolate and I'm a happy girl! :)
Mrs. Davidson: Chips and salsa!
Ms. Adams: Oreos, Sour Patch Watermelons, and popcorn!