



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

## Jet Gazette Newsletter

### October 10, 2019

#### The Month of the Holy Rosary

In 1883, Pope Leo XIII officially declared October the month of the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. More specifically, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7th. It was on this date in 1571 when a Christian fleet defeated an Ottoman Muslim fleet stopping the westward expansion of Islam in the Mediterranean. Mary and her gift of the rosary are credited with the battle victory, amongst many others. Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 to praise and give him the rosary to use as a mighty weapon of prayer. See Page 4 for more information about the Holy Rosary.



#### News and Views from Mr. Schmit

I hope your student enjoys a much deserved day off tomorrow as the teaching staff and yours truly attend a Diocese of Lansing sponsored Professional Development at Lansing Catholic High School. The PD will explore how school culture directly impacts ALL learners as the topic is presented through the lens of Intercultural Competence. The PD will equip educators throughout the Diocese with tools to address this topic in their schools. The topic is stemming from Bishop Boyea's Racial Diversity Task Force that was created last year as well as from the USCCB's pastoral letter, entitled "Open Wide Our Hearts." St. John School staff has been preparing for this conference over the last month as we have dove into the pastoral letter and discussed its meaning, but more importantly how our classrooms and instruction can better reflect cultural diversity.

I am thankful that so many middle school parents attended the bonus curriculum night we had on Tuesday for our new Spanish Program as well as for our new math teacher, Mr. Garbutt. It is encouraging to be a part of a school community where the students have many advocates teaming together for their educational, social, and spiritual development. If you were not able to attend the Spanish portion, packets were sent home with your middle school student containing login information and helpful tips from Oxford Virtual.

Please encourage your student to log into PASS/Edmentum/Exact Path this weekend. Now that the first round of NWEA is completed, our students can be working on skill development that will only help them as learners. Your student's teacher(s) will be sending home the test scores in the near future, but that does not mean it's time to take a break. Our students can be working on skill development right now to ensure growth and success in the future!

The Youth Choir has been rehearsing with Mr. Freeman Tucker for over a month on Mondays after school. The choir has recently started to sing for our All School Mass on Wednesdays, as well as every other week for a weekend Mass, and they are doing a beautiful job. However, we can use more voices, so if your son or daughter (2nd-8th Grade) is interested, please let his/her teacher know as soon as possible. Since I am mentioning All School Mass, I also want to give a special shout out to four seventh graders, Tess Heavner, Avery Niles, Maryssa Safford, Anne Warner, who help Mrs. Roberts' Three Year Old Preschool with All School Mass. They walk to and from the Church with the class and sit with our young students during Mass. Thank you both to the Choir and our Student Helpers!

The Gospel that will be read this Sunday is the Healing of the Ten Lepers. The kicker of the story is how only one came back to thank and praise God. At some point this weekend, flip the conversation to the positive. Ask your child what they are thankful for and how they can show their gratitude in everyday life.

I am thankful for you and the support you give to our teachers and staff of our blessed school. Please keep St. John School in your prayers.

Have a restful and safe weekend!

Mr. Schmit

# PARENT CALENDAR



## October

Fri	11	No School for Students-DOL Teacher PD	
Sun	13	Protecting God's Children Training	
Tues	15	GCCS Mass at Powers for Grades 5-8	
Mon	21	Happy Birthday Mrs. Whitney!	
Thurs	24	Prayer Service 2:45 PM-Hosted by 8th Grade	
Thurs	24	Trunk or Treat	
Fri	25	End of First Quarter	
Mon	28	Records Day-No School for students	
Wed	30	No All School Mass—All students will attend mass on Friday, November 1st for All Saints Day	
Thurs	31	HAPPY HALLOWEEN—K-3 parade at 10 AM	
Thurs	31	Half-Day for students-GCCS Teacher PD Dismissal at 11:30 AM	

### 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.

### AUCTION 2020 UPDATE

From Auction Chair Kelly Ahn

Please join us for the first meeting of the 2020 Auction Committee on Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM in the St John School Library. Many of you have already volunteered to help out with this year's event and we THANK YOU for your support. We are still looking for additional volunteers to assist in many different areas with prep work and during the night of the event. We'd love to see ALL of your smiling faces at this meeting! It takes a VILLAGE!! Please share your time, talents and treasure with us!

Please contact Kelly Ahn ([kahn@stout.com](mailto:kahn@stout.com)) with any questions.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE:

**February 22, 2020**

# TRUNK OR TREAT



Our Annual Trunk or Treat event sponsored by the PSA will be held on Thursday, October 24th. The event will be held in the Knights of Columbus parking lot. Trick or treating will take place from 6 to 7 PM. Families hosting a vehicle may begin setting up at 5:15 PM. We are asking all families to please RSVP to the event using the provided link by Friday, October 18th so we know how many families to expect and how many spaces we need for cars. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

## HALLOWEEN



On Halloween, we have a half day due to GCCS Teacher PD. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM. Therefore, our elementary Halloween parties will take place in the morning.

- Elementary students may wear costumes to school. Middle school students may wear St. John Spiritwear or Halloween spiritwear.
- Kindergarten through 3rd grade will have their annual Halloween parade at 10 AM. Parents are welcome to take pictures and watch the parade in the school cafeteria. Please be sure to sign in at the school office first.
- Halloween costumes should be life-affirming and non-violent. No weapons, hair dye, or face paint should be brought to school.
- Specific classroom party details will be communicated by your classroom teacher.

### PARTY FOOD AND CLASSROOM TREATS

Please do not send in party food or classroom treats unless you have been assigned an item by the teacher or homeroom parent. If you wish, you may send in non-food items for your student to share with classmates.

### Student Council Information

The next Student Council meetings are:

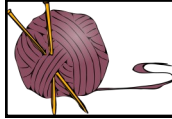
- Thursday 10/17-During lunch and recess
- Thursday, 10/31 Meeting canceled due to the half-day of school. We will make -up the meeting on Tuesday, November 5th.



## News from the Art Department

Mrs. Stickel has many exciting things planned for this year. She is looking for the following items if you have extras at home:

- Yarn for weaving projects
- Fabric for an all grade sewing unit (Fleeces are best for new fiber artists, but any fabric can be used)
- Paper towel/toilet paper rolls (Just keep sending these in for ART and STEAM)



## SOCKTOBER

This month, our SJS Student Council is asking families to participate in Catholic Charities' Socktober campaign. All month, we will be collecting socks for the Center for Hope Community Closet. They accept all donations of new or gently used socks, even mismatched socks will do. There will be a collection box in the lobby.



October 31st is the last day to wear uniform shorts until April. Please remember that all boys should wear Dennis uniform pants only and girls should wear Dennis Uniform pants, skirts, or jumpers only beginning November 1st.

Additionally, November 1st will be a UNIFORM DAY because we will be attending mass for All Saints Day (Holy day of obligation). Please be prepared to wear the appropriate uniform bottoms that day. No shorts or jeans should be worn on November 1st.

We still have Dennis Uniform Scrip for sale in the school office if you are planning to buy from Dennis in the future.

# ST. JOHN JETS ATHLETIC NEWS



## Upcoming Athletic Events

### 7/8 Football

**Oct. 16** vs. Atherton

5pm @ Atwood

### 7/8 Girls Basketball

**Oct. 12** vs. Holy Family Blue

9am @ Powers

**Oct. 16** vs. St. Robert

5pm @ St. Robert

**Oct. 19** vs. Holy Rosary/St. Pius

10am @ Powers

### 5/6 Girls Basketball

**Oct. 10** vs. Holy Family Gold

5pm @ Holy Family

**Oct. 14** vs. Holy Family Panthers

5pm @ Holy Family

**Oct. 17** vs. St. Robert

7pm @ St. Matt

### Cross Country

**Oct. 19** Middle School Mega Jam 10am @ Huron Meadows

## 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.

Help is needed at the 7/8th grade football games:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054EABAD23A3FA7-78football>



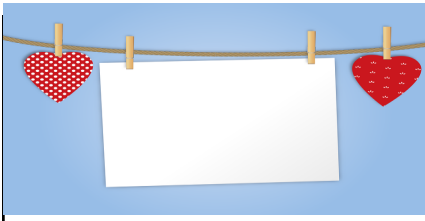
## Hope in a Box

Catholic Charities in Flint is asking for extra donations of personal care items. There is a shortage of these items on their shelves right now. Some of the items they

need include:

- Soap
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Razors
- Deodorant

If you have any of these items to donate, please send them to school and we will make sure they get to Catholic Charities.



# ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

## Congrats:

- To the following students on their Student Council positions:

**President:** Kayleigh Boike  
**Vice President:** Annie Warner  
**Secretary:** Addison Dolliver  
**Treasurers:** Morgan McPeake, Carter Lafontaine, and Sarah Learman  
**Historians:** Finley Wise and Mary McPeake

## Class Representatives:

**Preschool 3:** Emma Roberts  
**Preschool 4:** Mary Haiss  
**Kindergarten:** Anna Safford  
**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Louisa Gartland  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Leah Romzek and Alexa Landaal  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Maggie Roche  
**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Sydney Ahn  
**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Kiera Boike and Ava Meyers  
**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Chloe Wood  
**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Morgyn LaFontaine  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Emma Gordley

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

## 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.

### Tips for including the rosary in your family's prayer life

- Pray the rosary once weekly with your family. You can start out small by praying just one decade. Even many of our youngest St. John students know the Hail Mary and the Our Father and will be able to participate.
- Allow your children to offer a prayer intention for a bead or decade of the rosary. This adds a different perspective to the prayers for children.
- Short on time? Pray a decade in the car on the way to or from school.
- Have a family craft day and make homemade rosaries to use at home or pass out as gifts.



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

Say a prayer today for patience and positivity. It can make a world of difference.

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





## Staff Spotlight



In celebration of Homecoming season and school spirit, we asked our staff to tell us where they grew up and/or went to high school.

**Mrs. Brack:** I grew up in Fenton.

**Ms. Feazel:** I grew up in Lansing and went to Lansing Catholic Central. Go Cougars!

**Mrs. Cislo:** I grew up in Fenton.

**Mrs. Boyle:** Jackson, Michigan-Napoleon High School Class of 2005! Go Pirates!

**Mrs. Roberts:** I grew up in South Lyon.

**Mrs. Ratke:** I grew up in Howell. I was on the Pom squad and always loved football games. Go Highlanders!

**Mrs. Salzano:** I went to Holy Rosary in Flint so we always celebrated Kearsley's Homecoming. I loved watching the parade!

**Mrs. Custodio:** I went to high school in Henderson, Nevada right outside Las Vegas.

**Mrs. Farella:** I grew up in Waltham, Massachusetts and graduated from Waltham High School. I moved to San Francisco, CA when I was 22.

**Mr. Garbutt:** I graduated from Livonia Franklin many moons ago.

**Mrs. Roche:** I grew up in Flushing and attended Powers Catholic HS. Go Chargers!

**Mr. Schmit:** I grew up in Montrose.

**Mrs. Minock:** I grew up right here in Fenton.

**Ms. Jennings:** I grew up on Lake Fenton and graduated from Lake Fenton HS.

**Mrs. Wright:** I was in the marching band at my high school in Charlotte, Michigan. I enjoyed marching at every football game except the one where a large moth flew in my ear!

**Mrs. Stonehouse:** Fenton is my hometown. I went to Fenton High School.

**Ms. Wharff:** I grew up in Lansing. For homecoming, we cheered on our Everett Vikings!

**Mrs. Haiss:** I graduated from Linden High School and am a lifelong resident of the Fenton/Linden area and member of St. John parish. I remember when Fenton had the roller rink and the drive-in.

**Mrs. Stickele:** I grew up right here in Fenton. My family has been living in Fenton since my great grandpa immigrated here from Germany in the early 1900s. He opened The Fenton Dairy, a home milk delivery service, that stood next to the Shiawassee river where the Huntington bank is currently located. One of the milk bottles is on display in the Fenton museum. My grandpa, my mother, and I all graduated from Fenton High School. I currently live in one of the oldest buildings in town. It was built in the 1850s and was a school house for over 100 years. I love this community and I'm proud to say I live here!