

January 30, 2022



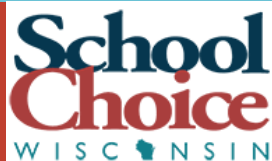
## St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews

### WEEKLY CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

By: Mr. Ciganek  
Art Teacher

During the month of January, in the elementary art classes students have been creating projects based on the theme of winter. K3 and K4 students drew cheerful snowmen and added bright watercolor backgrounds to their work, while K5 students and 1<sup>st</sup> graders experimented with tissue paper collage techniques in creating snow globe pictures. The story, "The Mitten Tree," served as inspiration for 2nd-grade mitten paintings that will soon be on display in the school hallway along with colorful cardinal paintings created by the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. 4th-grade students are currently working on Pop Art cupcake drawings and paintings, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are completing stained-glass style candle paintings. In middle school art classes, 6<sup>th</sup> graders are drawing portraits of each other, and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders are working on stained-glass-style paintings of the Holy Family. All artwork will be displayed at school upon completion.



St. Joseph Parish School is part of the Wisconsin Parental School Choice Program. For those who qualify, tuition can be free for your child's entire time at St. Joseph Parish School!

- Families enrolling new students in any grade can apply.
- Current families enrolling a student in K4, K5, or 1st grade can apply.
- Enrollment February 1st - April 21st, 2022

### Qualifying Incomes

- Family Size 2 - \$38,324
- Family Size 3 - \$48,312
- Family Size 4 - \$58,300
- Family Size 5 - \$68,288
- Family Size 6 - \$78,276

To calculate the income of married families - take the total family income and subtract \$7,000, then compare that to the chart above. Example: If a family of 4 with parents that are married has an income of \$60,000, subtract \$7,000 and compare that amount (\$53,000) to the income limit for a family of four in the table above.

Any questions about the School Choice Program please call the school office.

Apply at <https://sms.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>.



## Catholic Schools Week January 29-February 4, 2022

**Monday**- Pajama Day. Wear your PJs to school to kick off CSW in a comfy way! All school movie day.

**Tuesday**- Dress up as your favorite character from a movie, TV show, or book. Open house from 5-7 pm.

**Wednesday**- Inside Out Day. Share your silly side and wear your clothing inside out today! All school exercise day.

**Thursday**- Flannel Wear. Wear your favorite flannel to school. All school Bingo after church.

**Friday**- Spirit Wear. Show your Lancer pride by wearing your SJPS gear. 8th-grade volleyball game/all-school clear-the-courts game.

**School Closing Due to Inclement Weather**

Please review the following SJPS School Closing Policy regarding inclement weather from the Parent/Student Handbook.

*St. Joseph Parish School is under the direction of the Grafton Public Schools regarding school closings due to inclement weather. According to Archdiocesan policy, it is recommended that a Catholic school close for inclement weather when the school's area public school closes. However, the principal may close the school if conditions may threaten the safety of students getting to school. When unsafe weather conditions require the closing of school, the superintendent of the Grafton Public Schools will notify the principal and local television stations by 6:00 a.m. Specific information about the closing of SJPS can be found through local broadcasts and the schoolwide communication system. If you contact the school, be aware that there may be limited staff to answer your call. In addition, when school is closed or dismissed early due to weather, all school-sponsored activities are also canceled.*

**The 1st/2nd-Grade Brownie Troop has a few cookie booths coming up. Stop by one of these places to get yourself some delicious Girl Scout Cookies.**

- 2/12/22 11:15 am - 3:30 pm Pick N' Save, Grafton
- 2/13/22 3:45 pm - 5:45 pm Pick N' Save, Grafton
- 2/18/22 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Walmart, Saukville
- 2/26/22 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Walmart, Saukville
- 3/12/22 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Walmart, Saukville

### **Pick-up/Drop Off Reminder**

**Please remember if you need to get out of your car to drop off or pick up your child, you must park in a parking spot and walk to the sidewalk. Please be respectful of those in the car line and only use it if you are quickly dropping off or picking up your child.**

### **Important Dates to Remember**

- **Sunday, January 30th-Friday February 4th: Catholic Schools Week, Optional Parent-Teacher Conferences, Book Fair open all week**
- **Tuesday, February 1: Open House 5:00-7:00 pm**
- **Friday, February 4: 8th-grade vs/teachers & parents volleyball game 9:30, Early Release 11:35**
- **Monday, February 7: School Advisory Committee Meeting**

6:30 pm

- Monday, February 7th, & Tuesday, February 8th: Musical Auditions after school
- Friday, February 11: No School, Teacher Inservice
- Wednesday, February 16: Crafting with Ms. Johnson after school
- Wednesday, February 23: Chess Club after school
- Friday, February 25: Early Release 11:35, End of Trimester 2

## ~IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS LANCER TIMES~



Dear Parents and Families:

We are SO excited to invite you to our upcoming Book Fair. This event is an opportunity for students of all ages to build their home libraries and further their love of reading. As always, all purchases benefit our school!

After missing out on many beloved traditions, our Book Fair will be a familiar, welcome, and safe event for our students. Here's when students and families can shop the fair, located in our school library:

SAT	1/29	after 4:00 mass
SUN	1/30	after 8:00 and 10:30 masses
MON-FRI	1/31-2/4	classrooms will have designated times to visit the fair
TUES	2/1	5-7 pm during the Open House

We will have *fun promotions all week* for the kids as well:

<b>Monday</b>	Buy a lollipop for 50 cents for a chance to win 4 Marcus tickets; all week, while supplies last.
<b>Tuesday</b>	For each \$10 spent during the Open House, get an entry to win one of two book baskets.
<b>Wednesday</b>	All staff will have 15 raffle tickets to award all week for observed random acts of kindness throughout the school; students entered have a chance to win one of two \$25 Scrip cards.
<b>Thursday</b>	Free display poster for purchases over \$10 (only while supplies last)
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We will accept cash, checks, credit card and eWallet! eWallet is a safe and secure alternative to cash. Simply create a free account to add funds so your child can select their own books! We will print balances daily and kids can ask for their balance each day. Any unused funds at the end of the fair can be spent at The Scholastic Store Online, to fund a future eWallet, or you can donate any leftover funds to the All for Books campaign.

If you can't make it to the Fair, you can **shop at our school's Online Book Fair**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school. Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:  
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/sjpsbookfair2022>

Finally, please consider a donation to All for Books. All donations will purchase books for our classrooms and school library. **If you wish to donate, please fill out the All for Books page with your family's name and include it with your donation.** All donations will be displayed in the school library.

We are excited to celebrate our love of books together at the Book Fair and look forward to seeing your child there!

Happy reading,

Laura McDermott and Renee Peplinski  
St. Joseph Parish School Book Fair

## Refrigerator Needed

The refrigerator in Extended Care is no longer working. If you have one sitting around that you no longer need, please call the school office if you would be willing to donate it to the school.



## SJPS February Outreach Catholic Schools Week Activity

Valentines for the Community

For our February Outreach project, the students of SJPS will be creating individual valentine bags for residents of local nursing homes, as well as, the Rose-Harms

American Legion Post here in Grafton. In order to accomplish this task, we are hoping that families could donate boxes of basic Valentine cards. Valentines are available in many stores right now. The valentines should be cards only and not include candy or other objects. Each child will have the opportunity to decorate a bag, and then we will fill the bags with as many Valentine cards signed by our students as we can. Bags will be delivered to local nursing homes for distribution to their residents and to the American Legion Post for their February 14th meeting. The bags will be created during Catholic Schools Week as a part of our activities. Any and all donations for this worthwhile project will be greatly appreciated! Valentine boxes can be given to your child's homeroom teacher.

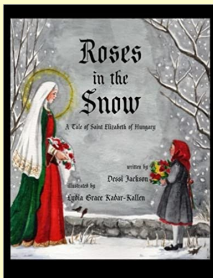
Thank you in advance for your support!  
St. Joseph Parish School Staff



After School Chess Club  
4th-8th Grade  
Led by Mr. Buchholz  
Begins 2/23

[Click Here for More Information](#)

## Mrs. Bartelt's Book Recommendations for January



### Roses in the Snow by Dessi Jackson

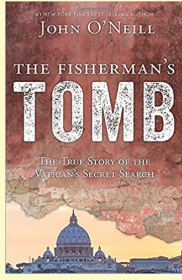
Here is a read-aloud story for children and adults alike. Elizabeth loves to hear her grandmother's stories. But the story that touches her heart the most is the story of her namesake: St. Elizabeth of Hungary. St. Elizabeth's greatest-known miracle is called the Miracle of Roses. While she delivered bread to the poor, St. Elizabeth was accused of stealing contents from the kingdom. When St. Elizabeth opened her cloak, a vision of white and red roses was seen, meaning she was under God's protection. So as grandmother and little Elizabeth prepare to celebrate St. Elizabeth's feast day, they joyously recall her holiness, devotion, and works of charity. The author, Dessi Jackson, tells the story in a way that transports one to another time and place while Lydia Grace provides beautiful watercolor illustrations that delight, especially the ones of roses.



### The Beggar and the Bluebird by Anthony DeStefano

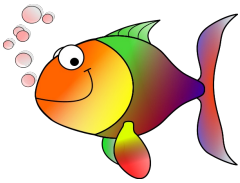
One of my favorite authors has created another miraculous story to enchant the heart and soul. This is a sweet story of a little bird who keeps getting delayed in flying south because of the odd requests from a beggar on the street. This beggar has many jobs for the bluebird, such as delivering bread to the homeless, giving money to the widow, and carrying a gold cross to a sick boy at the hospital. This kind-hearted bluebird is performing acts of mercy when he gets caught up in a massive snowstorm. When all seems lost, the beggar reveals who HE really is. This book teaches children the true meaning behind the giving of a gift and that great love

is noticed and rewarded by God. Exquisite illustrations by Richard Cowdrey complete this tale of magic.



## The Fisherman's Tomb by John O'Neill

This is an incredible true story about the secret quest to discover the long-lost burial place of the Apostle Peter! Emperor Nero executed Peter in Rome, but his tomb, buried on Vatican Hill, had been lost to history. In 1939, workers beneath the Vatican unearthed an early Christian grave and discovered an unknown world. After that, an army of workers, funded by a wealthy Texas oilman, began the archaeologist dig of a lifetime. This is an unbelievable and shocking story about the 75-year search for the tomb of St. Peter, the Fisherman. It has never been fully told until now and has all the elements of a great mystery, pitting the top Vatican insiders against a brilliant female archaeologist. It is a story of faith, courage, and triumph.



## FISH FRY UPDATE

Many of you have been anxiously awaiting to hear if we are going to bring back our Lenten Fish Fries. It is our intent to bring them back in some form this year, but only if we have help. SJPS is looking for volunteers to co-chair the event with the assistance of Will Hollrith and a team. Please contact the school office ASAP if you are interested in co-chairing this incredibly important fundraiser for the school. If we find a group to co-chair this event, eventually we will be looking for committee members too. Stay tuned for more information regarding our fish fries! Thank you!

January Extended Care Sign Up

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

**SAVE THE DATE**

# St. Joseph Parish School

# OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, Feb 1, 2022  
5:00pm—7:00pm

- Enjoy dinner
- Tour our school
- Meet our staff
- Visit the book fair
- Meet school families
- Learn about Wisconsin School Choice & the SNSP programs
- Register for the 2022-23 school year



Now Enrolling: Grades K3 - 8th

[www.stjosephgrafton.org/school/enrollment-information/](http://www.stjosephgrafton.org/school/enrollment-information/)

School Office: (262) 375-6505 Ext. 0



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**SATURDAY APRIL 30, 2022  
ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL**

### COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Please see the links below for the COVID-19 Illness Flowchart, Health Screening Checklist, When to Stay Home Guidelines, & SJPS Phase 3 Pandemic Plan.

We appreciate your support in:

- Promptly notifying the school when your child is sick.
- Promptly notifying the school when your child or a family member is diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Promptly notifying the school when your child is deemed a close contact outside the school setting.
- Continuing to keep your child home from school when they are sick.

[Health Screening Checklist](#)

[When to Stay Home Guidelines](#)

[Pandemic Plan Phase 3](#)

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~St Joseph Parish School: Teaching, Learning, Leading and Serving as the Hands of Christ~