

February 6, 2022



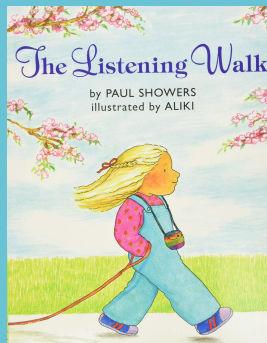
## St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews

### WEEKLY CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS By: Mr. Andy Smith, Music & PE Teacher

As part of our curriculum in Music and PE, Mr. Smith takes time to practice Mindfulness with students in grades K5-5th grade. Mindfulness has been especially important during the trepidatious times we've been working through together. We start our time with 1-2 minutes of mindful bodies and mindful breathing, and then we learn about that day's focus. Recently we talked about generosity and learned that you don't even have to have some THING to give away to be generous. We can be generous with our time, or by noticing other people's feelings, needs, or desires, and helping them achieve them. Even something as simple as opening a door can be generous.

We also use literature like, "The Listening Walk" to help us practice Mindful Listening, and we especially focus on noticing and thinking about what we're thinking about! Awareness of our thoughts, feelings, bodies, and surroundings all factor into our Mindfulness Practice.



### Registration Now Open!

Please remember if you send in your Registration Agreement by February 15th, the registration fee is \$200. After this date, the fee goes up to \$250. You should have received one in your Office Communication Envelope last week. If you need another one please call the school office or print the one below. Thank you for your commitment to Catholic Education and St. Joseph Parish School!



January, 2022

Dear Catholic School Parent,

As we come together to celebrate Catholic Schools Week from January 30 - February 5, I would like to thank you for choosing a Catholic education for your child. Your commitment to your child, our schools, teachers, and parish communities is greatly appreciated. This special week of events and Mass celebrations reminds us that being a part of Catholic schools is to be a part of something greater.

"Be a part of something greater," the archdiocesan Catholic Schools theme for 2022, is the invitation we extend to prospective school families. I would also like to extend the invitation to you and your family to reflect on your part in what makes Catholic schools something greater. Certainly, we are a part of the greater Christian family under our Lord, Jesus Christ. Each one of us is special and important to the success of our schools in fulfilling their mission for God's glory. Our school communities are moving boldly forward in their mission. Your support is always needed and welcome inside and outside the classroom.

Being a part of something greater also means making sure all are included and welcomed in that spirit. This past fall, the Archdiocese Office for Schools introduced the Catholic Social Responsibility guidebook to our schools and families. The document instills Catholic Social Responsibility in every part of the student experience at our Catholic Schools and helps students navigate difficult issues they may encounter in various parts of life, including their academic, social and spiritual lives.

Enjoy this year's Catholic Schools Week with your child and please invite friends and family to consider our schools for their children and become a part of something greater. Thank you for all you do and may God bless you and your family this year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

# **Grafton Parks and Recreation After School Stem Class**

Step into the STEAM Zone (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) and fuel the next generation of innovators by sampling some of the newest technology programs. This class focuses on teaching the fundamentals of engineering using LEGO technic sets. Participants will learn about simple machines, levers, wheels/axels, gears, ratchet/drive trains and motorized systems. Projects may include drawbridges, motorized cars, amusement park rides, cranes catapults and much more!

For children ages 5-10.

**Monday, February 14, 2022**

**3:30 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Woodview Elementary School Library**

**Fee: \$18.00**

Pre-registration required. Register online at [graftonrecreation.village.grafton.wi.us](http://graftonrecreation.village.grafton.wi.us) or call the Grafton Parks and Recreation Department at 262-375-5310.

## **Important Dates to Remember**

- **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**
- **Monday, February 14: Valentine's Day - Red, White & Pink Out-of-Uniform Day**
- **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~**



**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/>.

## **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.



## 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.

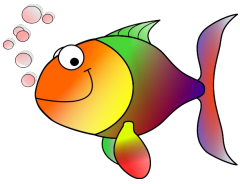
Thank you in advance for your support!  
St. Joseph Parish School Staff



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

[Click Here for More Information](#)





## 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!

## SAVE THE DATE

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**SPRING AUCTION**



**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

Donate to our Annual  
Fund

SCRIP ORDER FORM

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Visit our Website

Parish Bulletin Look-up

2021-2022 Parent/Student Handbook

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