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

February 27, 2022



St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews

WEEKLY CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS By: Sra. Hayes Spanish Teacher

How is it almost March? I can't believe how fast this year has been moving.

So far this year students have learned about the Spanish cultural topic of Three Kings Day, which was celebrated on January 6th. Classes read stories, watched video clips, and read about this special celebration. Some classes were even treated to the traditional Rosca De Reyes cake.

When we celebrated our 100th day as a school I had classes count to 100 or play games with numbers. It was a pretty fun few days in Spanish. A few classes learned a little bit of Valentine's vocabulary that they used to make things with or practice speaking with them. 2/3rd and 7th practiced with winter Olympic vocabulary terms. 2nd/3rd grade is also completing a comparison project sharing their likes and dislikes. 7th grade used the terms in a game, in writings, and in speaking. 5th grade finished up a unit where they had to be weather forecasters and share the weather of a place they researched. I am in the process of putting them in a slide presentation so that parents can view them.

6th grade is learning about all the cool ways you can use the verb SER. They have created artwork and will practice more with speaking soon.

8th grade got to do so many things with food as part of their unit. They got to write about food, cook food, create menus on food and now they can order food! The last week of Febrero they even got to make the traditional dish of guacamole in the classroom. Stay tuned for fotos.

In the future, I look forward to teaching classes about Pascua (Easter), the sign of the cross, and the Padre Nuestro(Our Father). Below are some pictures from this year so far.

Hasta Luego,

Sra. Hayes









March Extended Care Sign-Up

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Remember that Extended Care will be closed on March 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 for Spring Break. Thank you!

March Extended Care Sign-Up

February School Advisory Committee Minutes

Please see the link below with the February SAC meeting minutes. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 7th at 6:30 pm. If you wish to attend the meeting or submit an agenda item please contact Chair, Jenny Marquardt at jen_scud@yahoo.com at least 1 week in advance of the meeting.

Feb. Meeting Minutes



Important Dates to Remember

- Monday, February 28: Teacher Luncheon
- Tuesday, March 1: Grades 5-8 field trip to Schauer Center, Bury the Alleluias at 2:30
- Wednesday, March 2: Ash Wednesday Prayer Service 9:30 & 12:00, Chess Club after school
- Thursday, March 3: Rosary Prayer Service led by 8th grade
- Wednesday, March 9: Chess Club after school
- Thursday, March 10: Mass at 9:30, hospitality after mass hosted by 2nd grade, 7th & 8th Reconciliation after Mass
- Wednesday, March 16: Chess Club and Crafting with Miss Johnson after school
- Thursday, March 17: Prayer Service at 9:30
- March 21-March 25: No School, Spring Break

~IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS LANCER TIMES~



Our Human Concerns Committee would like to celebrate Earth Day at the parish by inviting the children and youth of our parish to create art (illustrations, poems, etc.) celebrating the earth. This artwork would be displayed in the Gathering Hall and/or in a video at Mass on April 23 & 24.

CELEBRATE THE EARTH THROUGH ART

"We are not God. The Earth was here before us and was given to us." -- Pope Francis



We are inviting all children & youth to creat art, poems, songs, videos, etc celebrating the earth.

Contact Sheri Hanson w/questions All artwork should be dropped off at the CF office by March 28



ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY

In honor of our Patronal Saint Joseph, all are invited to our Feast Day celebration. Saturday, March 19 Following the 4:00 pm Mass Hospitality in the Gathering Hall

If you would like to help by providing refreshments, baked goods or appetizers or serving, <u>CLICK HERE</u> to sign up or contact Sheri Hanson, Pastoral Associate, 262-375-6500 x175 / <u>shanson@stjosephgrafton.org</u>

St. Joseph Table

As is our tradition, a St. Joseph Table will be set aside as a place for donations toward the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry here at St. Joseph Parish.

Please drop off donations of:

bath tissue, Kleenex, paper towels, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, body wash, shampoo, and conditioner

All donated items will be distributed to those in need.

Mrs. Bartelt's February Book Recommendations Celebrating the Month of Love





by Lisa T. Bergren (Author), Laura J. Bryant (Illustrator) Jesus taught us to love others, even those that seem unlovable. This sweet book will help your children learn this important lesson. Little Cub and Grampa's fishing adventure is almost spoiled when encountering a raft of reckless otters. Although Little Cub likes his otter friends, he is finding it difficult to show kindness because he fears that the otters will eat ALL the fish. Grampa

tells Little Cub that God wants us to love each other even when we do not like how they are acting. Little Cub learns that he is loved even when he acts unlovable. Grampa teaches that when we show love to others, we are sharing God's love.



God's Love Is a Warm Cookie

by <u>Susan Jones</u> (Author), <u>Lee Holland</u> (Illustrator) When a child is shy, it is difficult to talk to others and make new friends. This is how Hedgehog feels. Hedgehog wants to give something special to a new creature that moves into the forest. He is nervous, worrying that his gift is not good enough. However, Hedgehog learns that true friendship is not based on presents. It is based on sharing God's love with

others. Young children will relate to this tale of unselfish love.



SJPS is bringing back the 80's on April 30th, but we NEED YOUR HELP!

Connections matter! Not all 'asks' are the same. Your personal ties with family, friends and community can make a HUGE difference to the success of this year's SJPS Dinner & Auction Fundraising event.

Our auction team is hard at work bringing another fun and exciting event to life in support of the quality education we are so blessed to offer. Sponsors and donations are an integral part of this endeavor.

Please help us to reach new audiences by connecting with the family, friends, colleagues, and businesses that are a part of your life and asking for their

assistance with our efforts. <u>We are requesting each family make just one ask or</u> <u>share with us one potential contact for us to ask.</u> Perhaps they have a gift card or product they would like to donate. Or even cold hard cash for an incredible sponsorship. Every single one matters. Please help us to make this our best event ever. Together we can!

If you don't have a tie to a local business, we would love a donation from your family.

Thank you, in advance, for your support of and investment in our outstanding school community!



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/.

SAVE THE DATE



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.



