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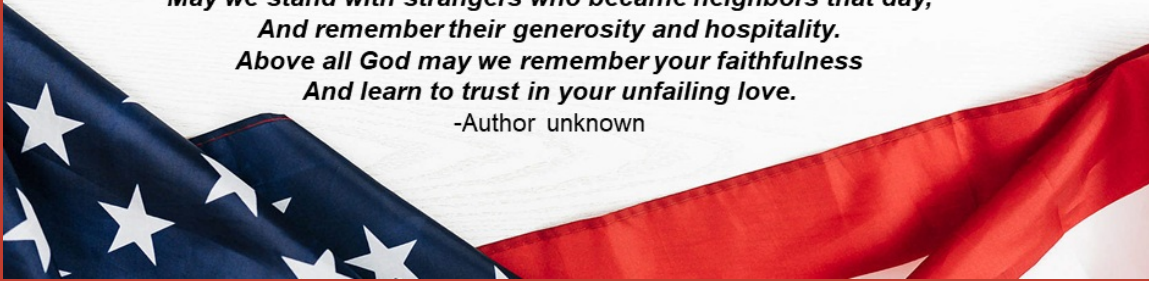
## St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews

### 9/11 ANNIVERSARY – MAY WE REMEMBER

*May all of us remember with love and compassion this day.  
May we grieve with those who still mourn,  
And share memories with those who cannot forget.  
May we draw strength from those who bravely responded,  
And gave their lives to save others.  
May we stand with strangers who became neighbors that day,  
And remember their generosity and hospitality.  
Above all God may we remember your faithfulness  
And learn to trust in your unfailing love.*

-Author unknown



### WEEKLY CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

By Carren Gratz

Middle School Math/Science Teacher

Welcome back! It has been such a delight to see the students back in the building and ready to take on another year at SJPS – I know it is going to be a great one. In order to start off on the right foot, the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders played a rousing game of Grudgeball to refresh their memories regarding school rules and expectations. This is always a fun game because teams are able to keep their points or take away from opponents (which they enjoy quite a bit)! Then, to get the ball rolling and not waste any time, the middle schoolers jumped right into their first unit, Scientific Inquiry. We started this unit with a lab where students were tasked with rolling dice and trying to determine the rules to figure out how many polar bears and fish were present on the five dice. Using a poem and visual clues on the board, students needed to collaborate with their lab partners, make connections between the organisms and infer the outcome of each sequence. It was a difficult, but the students were up for the task and successfully came to a conclusion as to the rules of the game. I look forward to challenging the middle school students throughout the year and to see what they can do!



## Educator Tips for Parents for a Successful School Year

1. **Be Enthusiastic** - You set the tone. The more positive you are about your child's classmates, classroom activities, homework, school policies, and teachers, the more likely your child will have a positive attitude and show enthusiasm for school, even when it is hard.
2. **Communicate with your Child's Teacher** - The more they know the more they can help your child learn and grow. Tell your child's teacher everything and don't be afraid to contact them regarding their social-emotional wellbeing and academic progress.
3. **Establish Consistent Morning, Homework, Meal, and Bedtime Routines** - Children thrive on boundaries, structure and consistency.
4. **Get Involved** - Ask your child about their day and what they are learning about. Be specific in your questioning and willing to learn alongside them. Participate in your child's education and volunteer whenever possible.
5. **Read! Read! Read!** - Read with and around your child, and

model and encourage reading over playing video games or watching television.

6. **Give Yourself Grace** - Parenting is hard! Understand your child's teacher and school are here to partner with you to help your child learn and thrive.

### Crafting With Miss Johnson Grades 1-8

The last day to sign up for the 1st session of Crafting with Miss Johnson is Monday, 9/12. In this class, students will decorate drawstring bags. Please send your payment and sign up sheet into the office on Monday. The first class is September 21st from 3:15-4:15.



Come cheer on our Lady Lancers at our home games this season. All games are either Saturday or Sunday. Go Lady Lancers!

#### Girl's Volleyball Home Games 2022

Date	Teams	Time
Saturday 9/10	6th Grade White 7th Grade 8th Grade *6th Grade Green plays at Catholic East	9:00am 10:00am 11:00am 10:00am
Sunday 9/25	6th Grade White 6th Grade Green 7th Grade 8th Grade	1:00pm 2:00pm 3:00pm 4:00pm
Saturday 10/8	6th Grade White 6th Grade Green 7th Grade 8th: Grade	9:00am 10:00am 11:00am 12:00pm
Sunday 10/16	6th Grade Green 6th Grade White 7th Grade *8th grade plays at Holy Family	1:00pm 2:00pm 3:00pm 7:00pm
Saturday 10/29	6th Grade White 6th Grade Green 7th Grade 8th Grade	9:00am 10:00am 11:00am 12:00pm

The School Advisory Committee is a standing Committee of the St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council. The St. Joseph Parish School Advisory Committee consists of 9 members who assist in the development of an educational system that will lead our children to a greater knowledge of and reverence for God while fostering academic excellence. The Committee helps develop, define, promote, and evaluate policies that aid St. Joseph Parish School in attaining its determined goals. The Committee contributes to and promotes the Catholic identity of the school in order to draw our students to a deeper communion with Jesus Christ and His Church.

**Members Include:**

Jenny Marquardt - Chairperson  
Chris Baylor - Vice Chairperson  
Lyn Schaetz - Secretary  
Krystal DeRuyter  
Daniel Le  
Shannon Morgan  
Julie Shafer  
Parker Shipley  
Nicole Vaculik

**Meeting Dates:**

- Monday, September 12, 6:30pm
- Monday, October 2, 6:30pm
- Monday, November 7, 6:30pm
- Monday, December 5, 6:30pm
- Monday, January 9, 6:30pm
- Monday, February 6, 6:30pm
- Monday, March 6, 6:30pm
- No meeting in April due to Holy Week
- Monday, May 1, 6:30pm
- Monday, June 5, 6:30pm

All meetings of the Committee shall be open to members of the parish except when meeting in executive session. An executive session may be called by the Chairperson or by a majority of the Committee when sensitive personnel issues are to be discussed.

Persons other than Committee members may participate in Committee meetings if:

1. They are invited by the Chairperson to do so.
2. They make a request to be placed on the agenda at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting and the Chairperson approves the request.

Please direct all meeting attendance requests to Chairperson, Jenny Marquardt at [jen\\_scud@yahoo.com](mailto:jen_scud@yahoo.com).

# Annual School Fund

Please support the St. Joseph Parish School Annual Fund. Your generosity allows us to provide an exceptional education to our students in mind, body, and spirit.



Watch for a Parish email for more information and to see how your donation allows us to live our mission daily of Teaching, Learning, Leading, and Serving as the Hands of Christ.

## Important Dates to Remember

- **Monday, September 12: School Advisory Committee Meeting at 6:30pm**
- **Wednesday, September 14: K5-3rd Grade Bookworm Gardens Field-trip**
- **Thursday, September 15: Mass @ 8:30, Back-to-School Night 6:00-8:00 (Mandatory Parent Information Meeting)**
- **Monday, September 19: Safeguarding Session at St. Joseph Parish 6-9pm**
- **Wednesday, September 21: School Picture Day**
- **Thursday, September 22: Mass @ 8:30, 8th-grade hosts hospitality after Mass**
- **Wednesday, September 28: Dominican HS here to talk to 8th-graders in the morning**

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

**SAVE the DATE!**

Thursday September 15th

6:00-8:00 pm

This is a required, parent-only, meeting. During this time you will learn all about the expectations of your child/children's classroom for the year and have the opportunity to ask questions.

**\*FREE EXTENDED CARE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME\***

If you wish to sign up for Extended Care for this evening please call the school office.

**6:00-6:25:** ALL PARENT MEETING in the Church

**6:30-6:45:** K3-5th Grade Parents go into any classroom as needed

**6:50-7:05:** K3-5th Grade Parents go into any classroom as needed

### **Middle School Rotation**

**6:30-6:45:**

- 6th Grade Parents - In Mr. Kabara's Room
- 7th Grade Parents - In Mrs. Gratz's Room
- 8th Grade Parents - In Mr. Buchholz's Room

**6:50-7:05:**

- 6th Grade Parents - In Mrs. Gratz's Room
- 7th Grade Parents - In Mr. Buchholz's Room
- 8th Grade Parents - In Mr. Kabara's Room

**7:10-7:25:**

- 6th Grade Parents - In Mr. Buchholz's Room
- 7th Grade Parents - In Mr. Kabara's Room
- 8th Grade Parents - In Mrs. Gratz's Room

**\*There will be an 8th-grade parent meeting with Mrs. Gratz, Mrs. Matthews & Mrs. Henke to discuss the 8th-grade class trip directly following the middle school rotation.\***

## **DROP OFF & PICK UP REMINDERS**

**(For everyone's safety and sanity.)**

- **Children in car seats can ONLY be dropped off or picked up using the car line option if you PULL UP to the far side of the car line alongside the cones near the basketball hoops. This way you are not blocking all of the cars behind you from getting out as you remove your child from their car seat.**

- **DO NOT walk through or in front of the car line to drop off or pick up your child. Anyone using sidewalk drop off/pick up MUST park on the FAR EAST SIDE of the parking lot and walk along the sidewalk in front of the church to drop off or pick up their child. This protects all of our children and families.**

**PICTURE DAY  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2022**

**Online Ordering Available Now!**

**All picture orders must be purchased online.**

**Ordering expires at noon the day after picture day.**

**To order visit:**

**<https://gueller-photography.hhimagehost.com/stjosephcatholic>**

**Picture Tips From Gueller Photography:**

Solid colors look best

Avoid logos, text, and loud patterns

Style hair so that eyes are visible to the camera



**RaiseRight Sales  
Help Needed**

**We are looking for volunteers to sell RaiseRight Gift Cards once a month after the weekend Masses this year. Training will be provided. It's an easy way to get involved and only takes about 30 minutes of your time. Click the sign up below to volunteer.**

**Sign Up Here**

**WORKCAMP 2023**

**Highlights**

**Workcamp is open to all current 8th-12th graders.**

**We are traveling to Montague, MI July 18 - 23**

**Registration meeting is Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 in Doherty Hall (or you can contact the CF office)**

**Registration is due September 30.**



## Grafton Girls Basketball Sign Ups 3rd-8th Grade

Please sign up by Friday, September 9.

[Click HERE For More Information](#)



We are so blessed to have so many wonderful volunteers willing to donate their time and talent to make our school truly amazing! There are endless ways to get involved at SJPS. All of our volunteers are vital to enhancing the mission of our school. Check out the two links below to see how you can get involved here at SJPS!

[HOME & SCHOOL](#)

[VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES](#)

### EXTENDED CARE SIGN UP

Please use the link below to sign up for Extended Care for the first day of school and the month of September. Extended Care runs from 6:30 am-8:00 am & 3:15 pm-6:00 pm. As always, if you need your child to go to Extended Care after school last minute, please call the school office.

[EC Sign Up](#)



### SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

If you would like to volunteer in the school in any capacity, you **MUST** first complete Safe Environment Training. This includes going on field trips.



All participants must arrive on time and stay for the entire session. Latecomers will not be admitted and those who leave early will not receive credit for attendance.

St. Joseph Parish is hosting a class on September 19th from 6:00-9:00. Register using the link below. If you can't make that date, other options are available at surrounding Parishes and the locations and times are added throughout the year.

[Click Here to Register for Safe Environment Training](#)

## ~SAVE THE DATE~

### Family Fun Night

Friday, October 28th  
5pm-10pm

St. Joseph Parish School

More details to come.

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