

**January 15, 2023**



## **St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times**

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews

### **Weekly Classroom Highlights Mr. Kabara Middle School Social Studies & Religion**

The 6th Graders are continuing their travel through history! They are wrapping up learning about mummies and the Egyptian empire. As part of their unit, the students constructed replicas of Egyptian pyramids. They also conducted a mummy experiment in which they observed what happened to a mummified hot dog! In religion they are learning about the founding fathers of God's people. They are Investigating who Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph were and why they are important in understanding who God calls us to be!

The 7th graders are traveling around the world, their most recent stop is East Asia! While learning about Japan and Korea they especially enjoyed learning about how their schools are quite different compared to ours. Next we will be exploring their culture and how to make a sushi roll! In Religion, the 7th grade just finished learning about the second fundamental belief of the Nicene Creed, God! They are now moving on to the next fundamental belief of Jesus. With this they will learn how Jesus was interchangeable with being both human and God.

The 8th Graders are completing the third topic of the citizenship unit about the Judicial Branch. They learned about the Supreme court and how it is conducted differently than local courts. They recently held a mock trial about chewing gum in schools to determine if it violated the Constitution. In Religion, 8th Grade continues to learn about the history of the Church. They explored the growth of Catholicism and how the church overcame difficulties of outside influence. Next, they will be investigating the reformation movement and how that impacted the Church.



## Congratulations to St. Joseph Parish School!



*The Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation annually accredits schools that meet rigorous standards of excellence and demonstrate continuous school improvement.*

December 15, 2022

Ms. Amanda Matthews  
St. Joseph Parish School  
1619 Washington Street  
Grafton, WI 53024

Dear Ms. Matthews,

The Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation (WRISA) met in November to review your school's Annual Report documents.

After a careful review of your documents, the Board is pleased to announce that **St. Joseph Parish School, grades K3-8**, located in **Grafton** is accredited for the 2022-23 school year.

Thank you for your leadership in carrying out your school's unique mission. Please extend our congratulations to your leadership team, staff, and parents for their continued commitment to school improvement and for maintaining WRISA's high Standards.

Enclosed is a Certificate of Accreditation and newsletter. We encourage you to display the certificate in a place of prominence. Please share the good news with your community members. Your school will be listed as an accredited school on the WRISA website: [www.wrisa.net](http://www.wrisa.net). If you are a Parental Choice school, WRISA sent the Notification of Accreditation for the 2022-23 school year directly to the DPI in July.

Again, congratulations! If you have any questions, please contact John Soper, WRISA representative for the Arch Diocese of Milwaukee.

Sincerely,

Jean M. Suttie  
Executive Director, WRISA

CC: John Soper

Enclosure

*Member of the National Federation of Non-public School State Accrediting Associations (NFNSAA). WRISA is recognized by: the U. S. Department of Homeland Security's Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) and Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) as such, WRISA accredited schools are considered to be recognized by the U. S. Department of Education; the State of Wisconsin for pre-accrediting and accrediting schools for the Parental Choice Programs; the Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority (WHEFA); the National Honor Society (NHS) and the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). WRISA has formed a Co-operative Agreement with Middle States Association: Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools (MSA\_CESS).*

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State Accrediting Associations*

*CERTIFICATE OF NATIONAL RECOGNITION*

*Issued to*

**St. Joseph Parish School K3-8**

**Grafton**

The school successfully meets the Standards for accreditation of the Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation. NFSSAA commends the school community for meeting the rigorous requirements for accreditation and providing a high quality educational experience for the community it serves.

  
NFSSAA President

*Issued for 2022-23 academic year*

  
WRISA Executive Director

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## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please take a moment to check out the link below for the many volunteer opportunities for Catholic Schools Week and consider donating your time, talent, and treasure to our school. Thank you for helping to make St. Joseph Parish School truly amazing! Many of these opportunities are for students, which can be used toward service hours.

[Catholic Schools Week Sign Up](#)

## January School Advisory Meeting Minutes

Please see below for the January SAC meeting minutes. The next SAC meeting is February 6th at 6:30pm. If you would like to attend the meeting or submit an item for the agenda please contact Chair, Jenny Marquardt at [jen\\_scud@yahoo.com](mailto:jen_scud@yahoo.com) at least one week in advance of the meeting.

[January Meeting Minutes](#)



## RAISERIGHT

Thank you to the many families who purchased RaiseRight Gift Cards for Christmas! All purchases directly benefit our school. In addition, every purchase

provides you a benefit with a tuition discount next school year. Please continue to purchase gift cards throughout the school year. We have lots of inventory on hand.

### **Help Wanted: Funeral Hospitality**

**St. Joseph Parish is looking for hospitality coordinators to join their funeral hospitality team.**

**Your job would be to:**

- Recruit bakers and servers (we will give you a contact list!)**
- Lay out food, plates and utensils for luncheons after funerals**
- Clean up after funeral luncheons**
- Flexible dates/times - work only those funerals that work with your schedule.**

**Lead hospitality coordinators receive a small stipend for their assistance. Training will be provided. Contact Sheri**

**Hanson [shanson@stjosephgrafton.org](mailto:shanson@stjosephgrafton.org) /262-375-6500x175 if you are interested.**



Ready for some book reading fun!! Come join us on each of these days to see what is new this year and what you could get!

Monday, January 30: 11:00am-5:00pm



Buy a book and enter the raffle for a STUFFY!

Tuesday, January 31: 11:00am-7:00pm



Come to the Book Fair, its open during the Open House!  
Buy a book and get a free bookmark!

Wednesday, February 1: 11:00am-5:00pm



Buy a book and pull a lollipop for a chance to win a free book of your choice!

Thursday, February 2: 11:00am-5:00pm



Buy a book and choose a free gift from the Treasure Chest

Friday, February 3: 11:00am-1:00pm



We're closing early, so please be sure to spend all of your e-Wallet money. If you spend \$10 or more, you get a free poster



## Grade School Nights at Dominican High School

- Varsity Boys Night is January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm vs. Kettle-Moraine Lutheran
- Varsity Girls Night is January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm vs. Prairie School

**Come Cheer on the Dominican Knights and be part of the fun!!!  
FREE ADMISSION for grade school students.**

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday, January 16: No School, Teacher Inservice
- Thursday, January 19: Mass at 8:30
- January 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>: Musical auditions after school

- Thursday, January 26: Mass at 8:30, 4th Grade Hosts Hospitality after Mass
- January 28-February 3: Catholic Schools Week
- Tuesday, January 31: Variety Show, 1:30pm, Open House 5-7 pm
- Friday, February 3: Parents & Teachers vs/ 8th-Grade Volleyball Game at 10:00, Early Release 11:35
- Friday, February 10: No School, Teacher Inservice

~IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS LANCER TIMES~

## ~SAVE THE DATE~

St. Joseph Parish School  
*Be Our Guest at our*  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
Tues., Jan. 31st • 5-7pm  
1619 Washington Street, Grafton





- \*Grades K3-8th
- \*All Faiths Welcome
- \*Meet our Teachers
- \*See our Classrooms
- \*Enjoy Dinner
- \*Shop the Bookfair

**St. Joseph Parish School is a member of Wisconsin School Choice.**

- Qualifying families can receive **free tuition!**
- Once enrolled, your child will receive free tuition for their duration at SJPS - "once in, always in"

[www.schoolchoicewi.org](http://www.schoolchoicewi.org)



Registration for the 2023-24 School Year Opens January 16th, 2023

(262) 375-6505 Ext. 0  
[www.stjosephgrafton.org/school](http://www.stjosephgrafton.org/school)

**Come Join our St. Joseph Parish School Children's Choir - Fridays, 8am in the Music Room.**

### STUDENT OF THE MONTH December

**Congratulations!**

**Emma Williams  
Brooklyn DeRuyter  
Caleb Bichanich**



**DOMINICAN**  
HIGH SCHOOL

## **DOMINICAN SUPER SATURDAY THEATER PROGRAM 3rd-5th Grade**

Dominican's theatre camp staff has decided to bring back the well-beloved Super Saturday program. This program gives students a chance to get back stage access to Dominican's musical "Bye Bye Birdie." Students will be able to learn a dance and a song from the musical from the counselors and a few members of the cast. Then, students will get a pizza dinner and be able to see the musical! On top of this all, students will receive a "Bye Bye Birdie" t-shirt!!

**Our Super Saturday program is on February 18th .** The program begins at 4:00 pm. Doors will open at 3:45 pm. Between 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, students will get a tour of the set and the theatre, learn a dance and a song, and receive a pizza dinner. The musical begins at 7:00 pm. Finally, pick up will be in Dominican's cafeteria after the show ends, which will be around 9:30/9:45pm.

Students in grades 3rd-8th are welcome. They will be put into two groups, 3rd-5th graders and 6th-8th graders. Cost is \$30 per student.

Please let me know if you have any questions. [tcamp@dominicanhighschool.com](mailto:tcamp@dominicanhighschool.com)

**Registration Link:** <https://dominican.leagueapps.com/camps/3639591-winter-theatre-camp-2023>

## **JANUARY EXTENDED CARE SIGN UP**

**Please use the link below to sign up for Extended Care for January. 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.**

## Too Sick For School?

Thank you for continuing to keep your children home when they are not feeling well! Please see the **Too Sick For School Guidelines** below for information about when to keep your child home from school. Please remember, all students must be fever free, without the use of fever reducing medication, for 24 hours before returning to school.

Too Sick For School

## SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

**SJPS is in dire need of substitute teachers! In order to be a substitute teacher you must have a Wisconsin Teaching License or a Wisconsin Substitute Teaching License.**

**No License? No Problem! Licenses can be obtained through DPI if you have an Associates Degree or higher. You must first take a short class through CESA and submit the proper license application to DPI.**

**More information can be found here:**

**<https://dpi.wi.gov/licensing/apply-educator-license/sub-permit>**

**Please call the school office if you have any questions or are interested in subbing.**

## FREE COVID TESTS AVAILABLE

**The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has provided SJPS an abundance of at-home COVID Test Kits for FREE. Please call the school office at any time if you are interested in taking some home. Please note, we will NOT be testing students in school for Covid-19.**

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Amazonsmile

Principal:  
[amatthews@stjosephgraffton.org](mailto:amatthews@stjosephgraffton.org)

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Parish Bulletin Look-up

2022-2023 Parent/Student Handbook

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

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