

September 10, 2023



St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews



Important Dates to Remember

- **Monday, September 11: School Advisory Committee Meeting 6:30 pm**
- **Tuesday, September 12: Back-to-School Night 6:00-8:00 (Mandatory Parent Information Meeting)**
- **Thursday, September 14: Mass @ 8:30 - Join us if you can!**
- **Wednesday, September 20: Craft Club after school, St. Joseph Parish Hosts Safe Environment Class, 6pm**
- **Thursday, September 21: Mass @ 8:30 - Join us if you can!, 8th-Grade hosts hospitality after Mass, Picture Day**
- **Friday, September 22: Children's Choir Begins 8am, music room grades 2-8**
- **Saturday, September 30: Exemplary Recognition Award at the 4pm Mass, celebration reception to follow**

Congratulations St. Joseph Parish School!

St. Joseph Parish School has been awarded an Archdiocese of Milwaukee 2023 Exemplary Award for Mission and Catholic Identity!

The Archdiocese has a commitment to excellence that ensures the best learning possible for our Catholic school students and honors those schools that have demonstrated innovation and outstanding results through *The Exemplary Recognition Program*. An excellent Catholic School creates an environment that is rooted in Gospel values, centered on the Eucharist, and committed to faith formation, academic excellence, and service. SJPS accomplished excellence in the area of Mission and Catholic Identity through the hard work and dedication of the entire school community and was commended for....



Fr. Nick & Mrs. Matthews for their outstanding faith filled collaboration in leading the school.



Deeply connecting art projects with scripture.



Fr. Nick for his exemplary presence in the school & Weekly Faith Challenge to students.



Consistent use of prayer journals with students and the diversity of prayer offerings.



Pervasive presence of mission throughout the halls & classrooms.



The Students & Staff Activities & Wellness (SAW) Program.

SJPS will be recognized and receive their official award from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Office for Schools on Saturday, September 30th at the St. Joseph Parish 4pm Mass.



Having the Liturgical seasons serve as the driver of activities.



Join us at the 4pm Mass on September 30th where we will receive our award and stay for a celebratory reception in the Gathering Hall after Mass. All are welcome

UPDATED MIDDLE SCHOOL ROTATION SCHEDULE

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

SAVE the DATE!

Tuesday, September 12th

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. Kempf's Room

6:50-7:05:

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7:10-7:25:

- 6th Grade Parents - In Mr. Kempf'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.

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Greetings to all our 4th-8th grade families as we begin the 2023-2024 school year!

As we get into the first few weeks of school, planning will soon begin for our Spring 2024 Musical. If you are interested in being included/involved as a volunteer, please email Mr. Smith at asmith@stjosephgrifton.org so I can put you on my list to follow-up. I'm especially looking for volunteers to assist with Art/Set Design & Choreography. I'm also always looking for volunteers for Costuming, and Tech/Lights and Sound if you have strengths in those areas. Please reach out, even if you'd only be able to help a little.

If you're interested in being a part of discussion around what show we do in the Spring, kindly reach out to me about that as well, so that I can include you in the follow-up email next week to schedule that initial meeting.

Otherwise watch the Lancer Times for more information as Musical Auditions get closer in January.

Thanks, and have a great school year!

Blessings,
Andy Smith

**Come Join Our St. Joseph Parish School
Children's Choir!**

8am Fridays in the Music Room

Our Children's Choir will participate periodically during the Thursday Morning School Masses throughout the school year. Students from 2nd Grade through 8th Grade are welcome to join the choir. We will rehearse weekly on Friday mornings at 8am. Students may enter the school through the main school doors and head down to the music room directly from there. They can bring all their things with them. We will rehearse until 8:20am, so that students will have time to be in their rooms and ready to start the day at 8:25am. If you have any questions, contact Andy Smith at: asmith@stjosephgrafton.org

Rehearsals will begin on Friday, September 22nd, 2023.

Weekly Classroom Highlight MS Math/Science By Mrs. Gratz

Welcome back to another exciting year of middle school Math and Science! Since day one of this 2023 – 2024 academic year, the middle school students have already completed a variety of activities that put them to work and challenged their abilities to work together.

The name of the game in the middle school math and science classroom is collaboration. Students are put into small group or partner activities on a regular basis and work to understand how to properly complete a task within a group setting. They are tasked with delegating roles, taking responsibility/ownership of certain tasks, engaging in respectful discourse and working as an effective teammate.

To kick off this year, students competed in small to groups to see who was most successful in the Marshmallow Spaghetti Tower competition. Students were given 1m of masking tape, 20 strands of uncooked spaghetti and one marshmallow. They competed to see who could create the tallest, free-standing spaghetti tower capable of holding a marshmallow the greatest distance from the surface of the tables – there were some interesting architectural designs!

Students also worked in lab groups to see how many different colors they could create from the standard red, blue and yellow primary colors during our Rainbow Lab. Following lab safety rules, adhering to a written lab procedure and using accurate measurements were the foci of this experiment.



VOLLEYBALL

GRADE SCHOOL NIGHT



**DOMINICAN GIRLS
VOLLEYBALL
VS.
KENOSHA ST. JOSEPH**

FREE ADMISSION

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
DOMINICAN HIGH SCHOOL
VARSITY MATCH BEGINS
AT 6:30 P.M.**

**MEET DOMINICAN PLAYERS
AND OTHER ATHLETES!**



VOLLEYBALL

GRADE SCHOOL NIGHT



**DOMINICAN BOYS
VOLLEYBALL
VS.
SOUTH MILWAUKEE**

FREE ADMISSION

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~Important Information from Previous Lancer Times~



Sign up [HERE](#) to be a Room Parent

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The School Advisory Committee is a standing Committee of the St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council. The St. Joseph Parish School Advisory Committee (SAC) 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.

2023-2024 Members Include:

Jenny Marquardt - Chairperson

Chris Baylor - Vice Chairperson

Daniel Le - Secretary

Krystal DeRuyter

Shannon Morgan

Julie Shafer

Parker Shipley

Elizabeth Wieland

One slot still open for 2023-24 school year

Pastoral Council Liaisons - Char Blaubach & Jack Reindl

All Meetings take place on Monday Nights from 6:30-8:00

- September 11th

- October 2nd
- November 6th
- December 4th
- January 8th
- February 5th
- March 4th
- April 8th
- May 6th
- June 3rd

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.

SAC Bylaws

August Meeting Minutes

St. Joseph Parish School Picture Day

September 21, 2023

Online Pre-Ordering available now

Pre-Order link expires at noon the day after picture day.

Last chance to receive orders at picture day prices.

To Pre-Order please visit:

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

Clothing Tips

Solid colors look best

Avoid logos, text and loud patterns

Style hair so that eyes are visible to the camera

Sign up today to have your family photo in the
St. Joseph Parish Photo Directory



ST. JOSEPH PARISH
PHOTO
DIRECTORY

THREE EASY WAYS TO SIGN UP:

*** Scan this qr code



*** Visit <https://tinyurl.com/photos2023sjp>

*** Call Sheri Hanson, 262-375-6500, Ext.175



Photos will be
taken in the library

GRAFTON PARKS AND RECREATION

AMERICAN RED CROSS

BABYSITTER TRAINING

This course provides boys and girls, ages 11 and older (must be age 11 by last day of class), with the knowledge and skills necessary to care for infants and children in the absence of parents or adult guardians.

Instructed by Jessica Heller, Heller Safety Solutions.

September 16 2023

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Municipal Services Facility
675 N. Green Bay Road**

Class Fee: \$85.00

Pre-registration required.

Register online at

www.graftonrecreation.village.grafton.wi.us or call the

Grafton Parks and Recreation Department

at 262-375-5310.



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LEARN TO SAVE A LIFE!

**Adult and Pediatric
CPR/FIRST AID
Certification**

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$60.00

For Ages 11 and older

**Municipal Services Facility
675 N. Green Bay Rd.**

**This is a blended
class, which
requires online
learning prior to the
class date.**

**For more information or to register, go to
graftonrecreation.village.grafton.wi.us
or call the Grafton Parks and
Recreation Department
at 262-375-5310.**



RAISERIGHT TUITION CREDIT OPPORTUNITY

Buy RaiseRight Gift Cards Today!

For those of you new to the school, RaiseRight is a gift-card fundraiser for our school. You can order gift cards from almost anywhere you shop through the office at any time! This year, we will continue to offer a 50/50 profit split with families who order gift cards. 50% of all profits will be applied to the following year's tuition. You must indicate the family you would like the tuition credit applied to on your order form.

RaseRight Order Forms

EXTENDED CARE SIGN UP

Please use the link below to sign up for Extended Care for August & 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](#)

IMMUNIZATION REMINDER

All immunization records must be up to date for all students by the start of the school year. Please call the school office if your child received a shot over the summer so we can update their file. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services does an annual review of all student records. Any student entering K5 or 6th grade have additional immunizations for the 2023-24 School Year. Please don't wait to make an appointment to have your child immunized.

[Immunization Brochure](#)



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.

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

~SAVE THE DATE~

Family Fun Night
Friday, October 27th
5pm-10pm

St. Joseph Parish School

More details to come.

Donate to our Annual
Fund

RAISERIGHT ORDER FORM

Visit our Website

Parish Bulletin Look-up

2023-2024 Parent/Student Handbook

St. Joseph Parish School
1619 Washington St. Grafton, WI
262-375-6505

School Office email:
schooloffice@stjosephgraffton.org

Principal:
amatthews@stjosephgraffton.org

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

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