

September 17, 2023



## St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews

### Important Dates to Remember

- **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**
- **Tuesday, September 26: Folk Dance Night 6-7:30pm**
- **Thursday, September 28: Baile y Cultura class, 3:15-5pm**
- **Saturday, September 30: Exemplary Recognition Award at the 4pm Mass, celebration reception to follow**
- **Monday, October 2: SAC Meeting 6:30pm**

### Back-to-School Night

**Thank you to all of the families who attended Back-to-School Night on Thursday! For those who missed it or would like to review the parent presentation please click the button below.**

[Parent Presentation](#)

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### HOME & SCHOOL

Thank you to the many families who already signed up to volunteer as part of one of our many Home & School sub-committees. Below are the flyers for your reference as well as a link to sign up to help. We ask all families to commit to at least 10 hours of volunteering throughout the year. If you have any questions about these opportunities please reach out to Huong Le, our Home & School Coordinator, at [homeandschool@stjosephgraffton.org](mailto:homeandschool@stjosephgraffton.org) or one of the sub-committee Leads listed on the flyers below. We appreciate your support and dedication to your child's school!

## [Signup Genius Link](#)

[Home & School Volunteer Flyers](#)

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### **CAMEL APPLE FUNDRAISER**

**Our 8th graders are partnering with Homemade with Love,  
for a caramel apple fundraiser!**

**Funds raised will go toward the 8th grade class trip.**

**All order forms and payment are due back to school by  
Friday, September 29th. Cash or checks made payable to SJPS.**

**All apples need to be picked up between 3:00-3:30 on  
Friday, October 13th at SJPS. Thank you for your support!**

[Order Form](#)

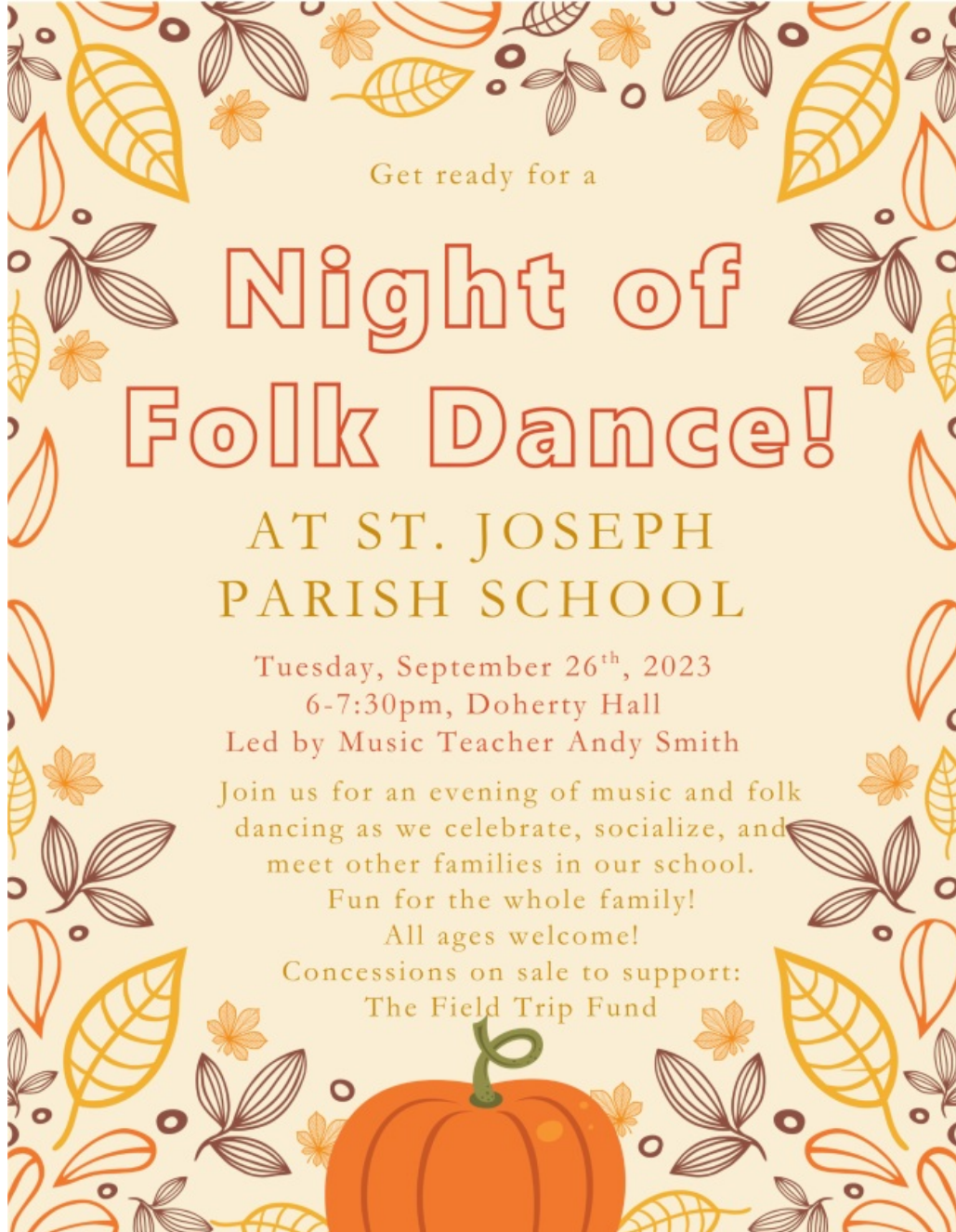
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### **School Advisory Committee**

[September Meeting Minutes](#)

**The next SAC meeting is Monday, October 2nd from 6:30-8:00pm.  
If you would like to attend the meeting or add an item to the  
October agenda please contact Chair, Jenny Marquardt, at  
[jen\\_scud@yahoo.com](mailto:jen_scud@yahoo.com) at least one week prior to the meeting  
date.**

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### **WELCOME!**

Please welcome Ms. Jacqueline Stengel to our SJPS Family! Ms. Stengel will begin on Monday as our new Art Teacher. Ms. Stengel comes to us from Milwaukee Public Schools and is excited to begin working in a Catholic School. She will provide art instruction to all K3-8th grade students on Mondays and Fridays. If you have any questions regarding the art program please contact Ms. Stengel at [jstengel@stjosephgrafton.org](mailto:jstengel@stjosephgrafton.org).

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The  
**15<sup>th</sup>** ANNUAL

Family  
Fun Night

# MONSTER MASH!

**HALLOWEEN PARTY**  
(Costumes Optional)

Featuring

**QDOBA**  
MEXICAN EATS

Dinner Includes Chicken & Steak Flour Burrito or Corn Taco,  
Fresca Salad, Cilantro and Brown Rice, Black Beans, 3-Cheese Queso.  
Dinner will be served from 5 to 7pm in St. Joe's Doherty Hall.

Adults: \$15 • Children up to age 12: \$10  
Or purchase a "Family Pass" for only \$50!

To help us plan accordingly, **THERE ARE NO AT THE DOOR SALES**  
• **ADVANCED DINNER TICKET SALES ONLY** • (order forms to come)

## Fun and Games

- **Carnival Games with Awesome Prizes!**  
5-8pm in the conference rooms
- **Kids' Raffle!**
- **Halloween Treats/Bake Sale!**  
(Sponsored by 8th Grade.)

• **SAVE THE DATE**  
*Test Your Courage at the Haunted Trail*  
*Saturday, October 7th 5pm - 8pm!*  
(Sponsored by 8th Grade.)

## MONSTER MASH DANCE

7-9pm in the gym  
Boogie on down to the gym and bust  
a move with ghosts, goblins & ghouls

Win a prize for the best costume!  
Top 3 Kids' • Adult • Group

BE THERE OR BE SCARED!

**Friday, October 27th • 5-9pm**

Sponsored by the SJPS Home & School Association

## Weekly Classroom Highlights

By: Mr. Kempf, MS ELA Teacher

### It's the "Write" Time in Middle School!

The 6th grade class has started doing many pre-writing activities for the personal narratives they'll be writing. This journey will continue next week as they bring items that hold meaning from their homes. They will eventually select one piece of writing to focus on and polish up for their final draft. They won't have to go it alone though, as we'll also be working on the skills of providing constructive feedback to our peers. I am hoping they'll start to see a difference between making revisions and editing their written work.

In 7th grade we are exploring what makes a good memoir and how it is different from a personal narrative. To help us along the way, we've been reading, examining and

exploring memoirs written by professional writers. Looking closely at their craft and how we can emulate what they've done. Next week, to really get our brains going, we'll be working on creating 6 word memoirs, which we will then expand to longer written pieces.

The 8th graders have begun the challenging task of putting together an autobiography. We've begun by doing a lot of brainstorming to help us think about our pasts, which we'll continue to do going into next week before we even consider starting the writing process. As we continue our journey we have been and will continue to examine other published autobiographies. Not only are the 8th graders reading an autobiography of their choice, but we are also studying selected excerpts from published autobiographies to help us learn the craft.





Thursday, October 19, 2023  
9:30 a.m., meet at  
St. Joseph Parish School



TO DONATE:  
TEXT  
SCHOOLSWALK65 TO  
71777

Bring \$1 to school to go out-of-uniform for these themes by day:

**MONDAY, 10/16:** Hat Day

**TUESDAY, 10/17:** Silly Sock Day

**WEDNESDAY, 10/18:** Favorite Team Day

**THURSDAY, 10/19:** Wear RED

**All students whose families register on-line will receive a trip to Mrs. Matthews' prize bin!**

Simply go to [catholicschoolswalk.org](http://catholicschoolswalk.org), scroll down to "teams" tab & find "St. Joseph Parish School", click "view," then click "Join This Team" and/or "Make a Donation".

### Whole School Reward Incentives

If the entire school can raise a total of...

**\$5,000** - Mrs. Matthews spends an afternoon on the roof and extra recess for everyone!

**\$7,500** - All School Rock, Paper, Scissors Competition, with prizes!

**\$10,000** - All-School Board Game Event!

**\$15,000** - Dunk Tank Extravaganza—Dunk your favorite Faculty Member!

**HELP US REACH OUR \$15,000 GOAL & EARN THESE REWARDS!**

~Important Information from Previous Lancer Times~

## 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**

**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@stjosephgraffton.org](mailto:asmith@stjosephgraffton.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](mailto:asmith@stjosephgrafton.org)

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

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 <h3>VOLLEYBALL</h3> <h2>GRADE SCHOOL NIGHT</h2>  <p><b>DOMINICAN GIRLS VOLLEYBALL</b> VS. <b>KENOSHA ST. JOSEPH</b></p> <p><b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21</b></p> <p><b>DOMINICAN HIGH SCHOOL</b></p> <p><b>VARSITY MATCH BEGINS AT 6:30 P.M.</b></p> <p><b>MEET DOMINICAN PLAYERS AND OTHER ATHLETES!</b></p> <p><b>FREE ADMISSION</b></p>	 <h3>VOLLEYBALL</h3> <h2>GRADE SCHOOL NIGHT</h2>  <p><b>DOMINICAN BOYS VOLLEYBALL</b> VS. <b>SOUTH MILWAUKEE</b></p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20</b></p> <p><b>DOMINICAN HIGH SCHOOL</b></p> <p><b>VARSITY MATCH BEGINS AT 6:30 P.M.</b></p> <p><b>MEET DOMINICAN PLAYERS AND OTHER ATHLETES!</b></p> <p><b>FREE ADMISSION</b></p>
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Sign up [HERE](#) to be a Room Parent

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## 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

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**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

## 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](http://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.**

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**

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**[schooloffice@stjosephgraffton.org](mailto:schooloffice@stjosephgraffton.org)**

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

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

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