

October 1, 2023



## St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews

### Important Dates to Remember

- **Monday, October 2: SAC Meeting 6:30pm**
- **Wednesday, October 4: Fire Department visits K3-5th grade, Pet Blessing 2:45**
- **Saturday, October 7: 8th-Grade Haunted Trail, Doll Family Property 5pm-8pm**
- **Thursday, October 12: Mass at 8:30, 7th Grade hosts hospitality after Mass**
- **Friday, October 13: Caramel Apple Pick Up, 3:00-3:30pm**
- **Monday, October 16: Hat Day**
- **Tuesday, October 17: Silly Sock Day**
- **Wednesday, October 18: Favorite Team Day**
- **Thursday, October 19: Mass at 8:30, Catholic Schools Walk after Mass, Red Day**
- **Friday, October 20 & Monday, October 23: No School, Teacher Inservice**
- **Wednesday, October 25: Craft Class after School**
- **Thursday, October 26: Mass at 8:30**
- **Friday, October 27: Family Fun Night 5-9pm**



### Bussing Update

Please see the note below from the Grafton School District regarding Bus Services:

Similar to last year, there continue to be many reports in the media about the driver shortage in the school bus industry and the resulting challenges with getting students transported to and from school. Our District has been fortunate thus far that Riteway has been able to procure enough drivers to transport our students to and from school each day. However, the driver shortage has resulted in the consolidation of routes and longer route times than in previous years.

One concern for Riteway and the District is that with just enough drivers to staff all of the routes, any issue with drivers being absent due to illness or other factors could result in some routes not being run. While we want to avoid any disruption in transportation service, we recognize the potential for this to occur and want to get out ahead of any potential disruptions so that families are as prepared as possible.

Should there be a disruption in transportation service we will immediately let affected families know so that they are aware and have the opportunity to procure other means of transportation to or from school. Any families that are unable to arrange alternative transportation will be serviced as soon as the regular routes are completed and a bus becomes available to run the affected route(s). Notification will be sent out to affected families as soon as a bus is dispatched to run the route. Unfortunately, providing exact pick up times will not be possible as there could be numerous families that arrange for alternative transportation, leading to a quicker route run than usual.

The Grafton District appreciates your patience and understanding with the unprecedented challenges that have impacted the student transportation industry.

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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27th  
5:00-9:00pm**

Join us for a "spooktacular" night of fun! Featuring dinner by Qdoba, carnival games, a kids raffle, kids tattoos, costume judging, and a dance.

To make this night a success, we are looking for a team of volunteers to cover a variety of shifts to ensure we are all able to spend the majority of the night with our families.

Please review the shifts below and let us know how you can help out. Also, consider donating one of the awesome items needed for the raffle.

Thanks!

-Family Fun Night Committee

**Parent Volunteer Link: [15th Annual Family Fun Night](#)**  
**Student Volunteer Link: [Game Room STUDENT Volunteers\\_2023](#)**

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## EXTENDED CARE SIGN UP

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

OCTOBER EC SIGN UP

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On Monday, in your Office Communication Envelope, you will see the 2023-2024 SJPS Directory. Please note, many of the teacher email addresses have changed this year. If you haven't already, please update those emails addresses in your email contact list. They are in the link below as well as on the [SJPS Website](#) under "School -> Faculty" for your reference.

Faculty Email and Phone Number List

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**OCTOBER OUTREACH  
HOSTED BY 1st & 4th Grade**



# **SJPS COAT DRIVE**

**HELP FAMILIES IN NEED WITH  
NEW OR GENTLY USED COATS**

**ALL ADULT & CHILDREN SIZES NEEDED**

**DONATION DEADLINE:**

October 1st - 31st

**DROP OF LOCATION:**

St. Joseph Parish School

*SJPS: Teaching, Learning,  
Leading & Serving as the Hands  
of Christ*



# 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

Photo directory will be given out to participating families in January

### REMAINING DATES

Oct 5

Oct 8

Oct 22

## Weekly Classroom Highlights

By: Mrs. Julie Dich, 5th Grade Teacher

The fifth graders have recently learned all about GROWTH MINDSET (believing that your brain can grow and you can learn many new things). They learned that if you have a fixed mindset you can get stuck with your learning and that's never a good thing. We reflected on ways to always keep trying and never give up, such as instead of saying "I don't get it. I give up," try saying "I don't get it *yet*." There's always a way to solve any problem! The students then worked on creating posters for the classroom with positive growth mindset messages on them. These posters will stay up in the classroom all year long to remind all of us to persevere!



~Important Information from Previous Lancer Times~

**ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE  
8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP**



## **DONATIONS NEEDED**

**Attention all SJPS Families and Friends!**

**We are asking for your help in providing donations for the prize table at our upcoming (Monster Mash) Family Fun Night on October 27th. If you have any little NEW toys, trinkets, or party favors at home, please consider donating them for the prize table which will be in the game room that night.**

**All donations can be dropped off in the school office—please mark them, “Family Fun Night”.**

**See you there!**

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



# 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

## ROOM PARENTS NEEDED

We still need room parents for the following classrooms. Please sign up below if you can help.

**K3 - Mrs. Christian (one spot left)**  
**4th - Ms. Myers (one spot left)**  
**8th - Mrs. Gratz (one spot left)**

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



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



TO DONATE:  
TEXT  
SCHOOLSWALK65 TO  
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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!**

Donate to our Annual Fund

RAISERIGHT ORDER FORM

Visit our Website

Parish Bulletin Look-up

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