

December 17, 2023



St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews



Important Dates to Remember

- **Tuesday, December 19: Christmas Concert 6:30 in the Church**
- **Wednesday, December 20: Teacher Appreciation Christmas Luncheon, All School Bowling at Circle B at 12:45, Craft Class after school**
- **Thursday, January 21: Mass at 8:30**
- **December 22-January 1: No School, Christmas Break**
- **Tuesday, January 2: School Resumes, All Calendar of Cash Raffle Tickets and money due to the school office by 8am. Carols around the tree at 2:45**
- **Thursday, January 4: Mass at 8:30**
- **Monday, January 8: School Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30pm**
- **Thursday, January 11th: Mass at 8:30, Variety Show Auditions at lunchtime**
- **Friday, January 12th: 5th-8th Grade Dance 6:30pm-9:30pm**
- **Monday, January 15: No School, Teacher Inservice**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Due to the Christmas holiday, there will be



no Lancer Times until Sunday, January 7th. From all of the faculty and staff of St. Joseph Parish School, we wish all of our students and families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May your days be filled with peace, love, happiness, laughter, joy and wonderful family memories!

**Our Christmas Concert will be Livestreamed!
Tuesday, December 19, 6:30pm**

Share the link below with family and friends to watch us online.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OldOn-eQfS8>



Christmas Week Student Dress Down Days

- Monday, December 18th - Uniforms
- Tuesday, December 19th - Flannel Day - Wear your favorite flannel to stay warm and cozy!
- Wednesday, December 20th - Ugly Christmas Sweater Day - Wear your ugliest sweater today!
- Thursday, December 21st - Red, White and Green Day - Wear your finest red, white and green! No PJs allowed.

January Extended Care Sign Up



St Joseph Parish School Variety Show Auditions **Thursday, January 11th**

Our Music and Theatre Department are happy to announce the Variety Show during Catholic Schools Week, BUT in order to have a show, we need YOUR acts! Singing, dancing, magic, acting, drama, poetry, or anything else you enjoy doing! Sign up ASAP in the office or music room, and pick up a form to fill out. Auditions will be THURSDAY, January 11th, between 11:40-12:30. Any questions, kindly contact Andy Smith (asmith@stjosephgrafton.org).

The Variety Show itself will be on Tuesday, January 30th, beginning around 1:30pm. All are welcome! See you there!



St Joseph Parish School Musical Theatre Department **Presents** **The Little Mermaid Jr.!**

Our Spring Musical is fast approaching! Auditions for the musical will be held the week of January 22nd. More information will be given to students after Christmas Break. Come to the office to sign up for your audition time and for more information. You can also contact Andy Smith if you have any questions or to assist with this year's production.

WEEKLY CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS **By Sra. Hayes, Spanish Teacher**

iHola a todos!

This year has really flown by. It is really been exciting to see the students' grow in their Spanish language learning. We started off the year with some fun Hispanic Heritage Month activities and moved right along through Dia de Los Muertos and Thanksgiving. Students in 4th grade created a whole class Ofrenda(Altar) that was on display for the celebration and many classes created items that are part of the celebration of Dia de Los Muertos like papel picado,(paper cutouts) Calaveras(skulls) and mariposas(butterflies). Almost all classes helped to create a Thanksgiving display and I am excited to see what they do for December and Navidad. 8th grade is working hard on ER/IR verbs in anticipation of our food unit. 7th is finishing up a unit on SER and Estar and will be moving on to learning how to

conjugate AR verbs. 5th and 6th graders are hard at work learning prepositions to be used with the verb Estar. Ask them to show you some of them, as we have gestures for them all. The younger grades are mastering numbers, feeling words, calendar, colors and soon we will start some new themes.

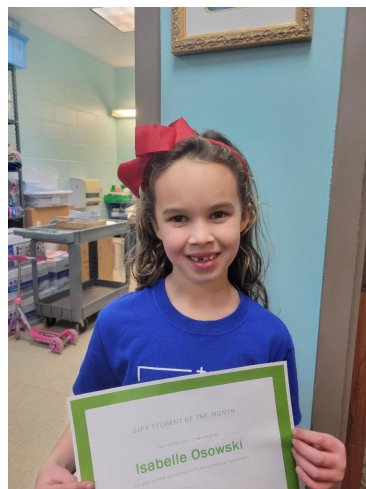
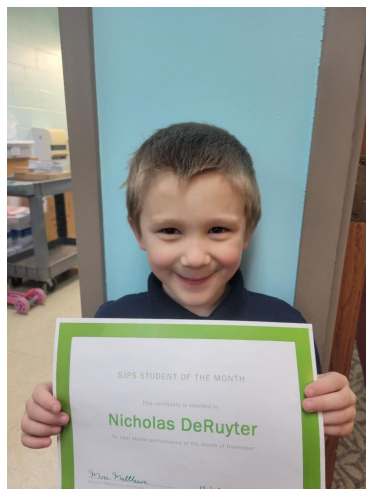
May you have a wonderful advent season. ¡Feliz Navidad a todos!



~Important Information from Previous Lancer Times~

Congratulations to the November Student of the Month Winners!

Nicholas DeRuyter - K5
Isabelle Osowski - 1st Grade
Evelyn Lemke - 7th Grade



TEACHER APPRECIATION CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON DECEMBER 20th

Please help our wonderful teachers celebrate the Christmas season by treating them to a fantastic, relaxing meal. Sign up to bring something good to eat or treat them to a recess-free lunch period. Please provide enough food to help us feed around 25 staff members.

Thank you!

- Home & School Teacher Appreciation Committee

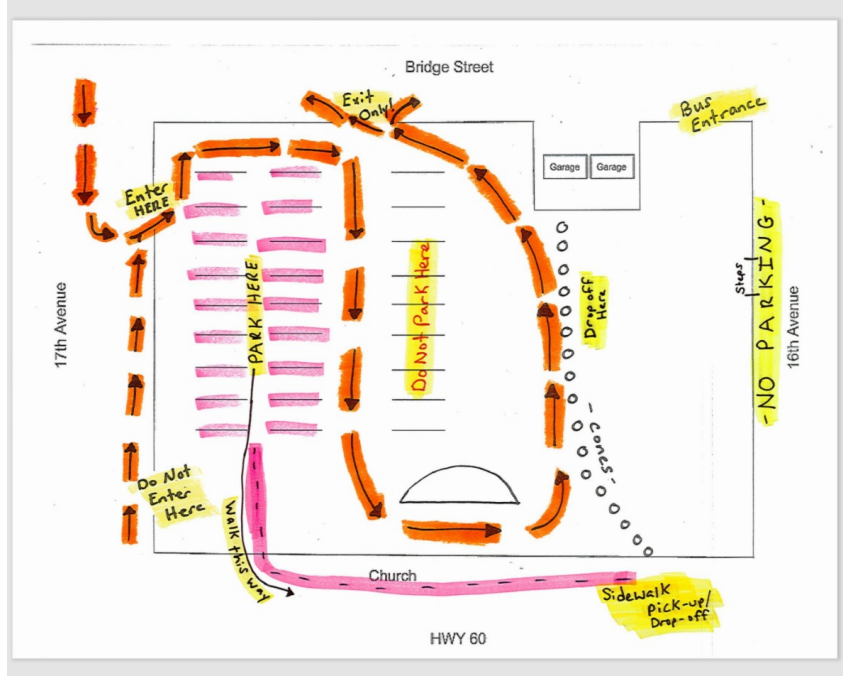
COUNSELING CORNER
By Mrs. Burkhalter, School Counselor

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

DROP OFF & PICK UP REMINDERS

For everyone's safety & sanity, please make sure you are following these Care Line Procedures:

- 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.
- Pull your car up as close to the car in front of you and then have your child enter or exit your car.
- Follow the directions of the faculty on duty and promptly pull up when they are waving you forward.
- ONLY use the route in the picture below for entering and exiting the line.



CANDY CANE GRAM SALE

Main Event:

- Purchase a flavored candy cane for \$0.50
- Student Council will deliver on Thurs. 12.21 to homerooms

**DEC 18 -
20**

11:40 AM - 12:20 PM

SOLD ONLY
DURING LUNCHES

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ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT
STUDENT ACTIVITIES
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR





Christmas Concert

Tuesday December 19th

Items can be dropped off at school on Dec 18th or 19th.

To assist with hospitality after the concert we are asking families to contribute cookies and juice.

Please see below for the request.

Families with last names from:

- * A - M: 2 dozen Cookies, homemade or store bought
- * N - Z: Large bottle of Juice

Thank you!

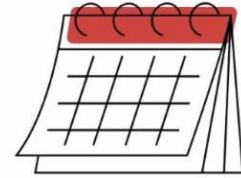
[December Extended Care Sign Up](#)

Don't forget to turn in your Calendar of Cash Raffle Tickets as you sell them! More are available in the office if you need them. Thank you for supporting this essential fundraiser! All money raised goes directly back to SJPS to provide resources to enhance your child's educational experience. All tickets are due to the school office by 8am on January 2nd.

St. Joseph PARISH SCHOOL

CALENDAR OF CASH!

1st Drawing is
January 2nd!



ALL ABOUT IT

One calendar raffle ticket costs \$20. The calendar will have 56 winners between Jan. 2 - March 22, 2024. Each day of the drawing will have a set winning amount (\$25, \$50, or \$100). Each winning ticket is reentered for multiple chances to win! Winners will receive a check.

WHAT CAN I DO?

- Buy a ticket, or 2, or 3! The more tickets you buy, the more chances you have to win!
- Turn in tickets and money as you sell them.
- Tickets make great gifts and stocking stuffers!
- Tickets and money are due Jan. 2, 2024. No exceptions.
- Ensure tickets are filled out completely. Tickets with missing information cannot win.

CONTACT ANY SJPS
FAMILY TO BUY A
TICKET! Or call the
school office.

phone: 262-375-6505
www.stjosephgrafton.org/school
schooloffice@stjosephgrafton.org

Bags in Backpacks Weekend Food Program

Did you know, through a partnership with the Family Sharing of Ozaukee County, SJPS offers a grab-and-go bag of nonperishable snacks, breakfast items, and easy-to-prepare food for students to take home over the weekend?

To ensure no child in our school goes hungry, every other Thursday or Friday, any students who are signed up for the program will take home a free grab-and-go bag of food. The intent of the program is to ensure all children have food for the weekend ahead. It's easy to sign up. Just click the link below!

[Click Here to Sign Up for Bags in Backpacks](#)

[Donate to our Annual Fund](#)

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

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