

January 7, 2024



## St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews

### Important Dates to Remember

- Monday, January 8: School Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
- Thursday, January 11th: Mass at 8:30, Variety Show Auditions at lunchtime, Fish Fry Committee Meeting 6:30pm
- Friday, January 12th: 5th-8th Grade Dance 6:30pm-9:30pm
- Monday, January 15: No School, Teacher Inservice
- Wednesday, January 17: Craft Class after School
- Thursday, January 18: Mass at 8:30, 4th grade hosts hospitality after Mass
- Saturday, January 20: Family Open Gym 9-11am
- Thursday, January 25: Mass at 8:30
- January 27th-February 2nd: Catholic Schools Week (More information to come about this exciting week.)

### SJPS 2024 Calendar of Cash Winners

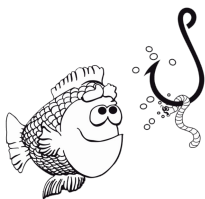
January 2nd ~ \$100, Grace Uttke

January 3rd ~ \$50, Joan Abler

January 4th ~ \$25, Steve Knetter

January 5th ~ \$50, Dale Hollern

Checks will be mailed directly to the winners.



### FISH FRY 2024

Is your New Years Resolution to volunteer more this year?  
If so, we have you covered!

The Fish Fry Committee is still looking for the following volunteers to help make 2024 another successful Fish Fry Season.

Fish Fries are scheduled for February 16 & 23, March 1, 8, & 15.

- Volunteer Coordinator (manage the Sign up Genius, assign volunteers, make name tags, etc)
- Advertising Coordinator (assist with getting electronic and print promotions out to public/etc).

There will be a Fish Fry Committee Meeting on Thursday, January 11th at 6:30pm in the Lower level conference room if you are interested in helping this year. Please join us at this meeting! If you can't make the meeting but still want to help please contact Fish Fry Co-Chair, Andrea Hayes, at [arakoczy13@gmail.com](mailto:arakoczy13@gmail.com).

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## School Closing Due to Inclement Weather

Please review the following SJPS School Closing Policy regarding inclement weather from the Parent/Student Handbook.

*St. Joseph Parish School is under the direction of the Grafton Public Schools regarding school closings due to inclement weather. According to Archdiocesan policy, it is recommended that a Catholic school close for inclement weather when the school's area public school closes. However, the principal may close the school if conditions may threaten the safety of students getting to school. When unsafe weather conditions require the closing of school, the superintendent of the Grafton Public Schools will notify the principal and local television stations by 6:00 a.m. Specific information about the closing of SJPS can be found through local broadcasts and the schoolwide communication system. If you contact the school, be aware that there may be limited staff to answer your call. In addition, when school is closed or dismissed early due to weather, all school-sponsored activities are also canceled.*

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**SAVE THE DATE!**



THURSDAY, FEB. 1<sup>st</sup> • 5-7pm

# OPEN HOUSE

ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL

1619 WASHINGTON ST., GRAFTON  
(262) 375-6505 Ext. 0  
[www.stjosephgrafton.org/school](http://www.stjosephgrafton.org/school)

ENROLLMENT OPENS January 19th!

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

- Qualifying families can receive FREE tuition!



- Contact us to learn all the ways SJPS is affordable!

- Serving grades K3—8th
- All faiths welcome
- Meet our teachers
- See our classrooms
- Enjoy dinner
- Shop the book fair

Teaching, Learning, Leading and Serving as the Hands of Christ



Scan code for more information.

Click below for volunteer and donation opportunities for Catholic Schools Week weekend Masses and Open House. Opportunities are for both students in grades 4-8 and adults. Thank you for your help!

[SignUpGenius - Catholic Schools Week](#)



Our Spring Musical is fast approaching! Auditions for the musical will be held Monday, January 22nd, and Wednesday, January 24th, after school, with possible callbacks on Thursday, January 25th afterschool for some students. Musical auditions are for grades 4-8.

More information (For students and Grownups) [At This Link.](#)

Students are asked to come to the office to sign up for your audition time and for more information. You can also contact Andy Smith at [asmith@stjosephgrafton.org](mailto:asmith@stjosephgrafton.org) if you have any questions or to assist with this year's production!



# Family Open Gym

Saturday, January 20th  
9:00 - 11:00 AM

- All SJPS Students Welcome
  - Parents must stay
  - Siblings may come
- Enter the building through the doors at the end of the playground sidewalk
  - Cost = FREE

Come let your children run around for an hour or two while you connect with other parents!

## The Scholastic Book Fair is coming!

SAVE THE DATE for **1/29 through 2/2** and get ready to empower your reader!! Start exploring together:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/stjosephparishschool>



### **Weekly Classroom Highlights**

By Mrs. Gratz, Middle School Math & Science Teacher

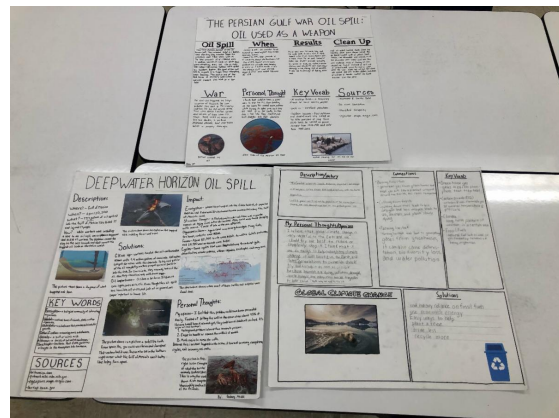
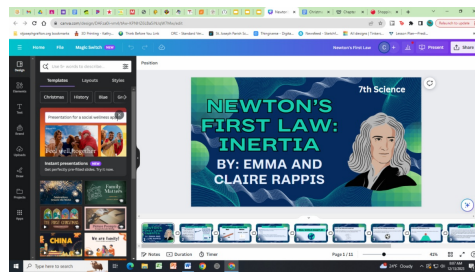
The middle schoolers have been hard at work this year in the science classroom. 8th graders focus on Life Sciences, including Ecology and Biology, 7th graders work on Physical Sciences, including Physics and Chemistry and 6th graders focus on Earth and Space Sciences. All grades recently completed research projects on their respective subjects.

As the 8th graders finished up their Ecology unit, they completed a research project on a chosen topic related to Human Impacts on the Environment. This project required research, writing, academic poster creation and an oral presentation. The focus was on the history of the issue, what happened/how it occurred, associated vocabulary and how the biogeochemical processes of the environments were disrupted. Some topics were the Exxon Mobil Oil Spill, Chernobyl, American Bullfrog Invasion, and the Great Pacific

## Garbage Gyre.

The research project the 7th graders worked on was related to Newton's 3 Laws of Gravity. Students were to become experts on one of the assigned laws. They were also required to research the material, create a digital presentation, note-taking worksheet and a review game, as well as give an oral presentation. Each presentation was to have both mathematical and real-world (relevant to 7th graders) examples of the laws being applied.

Lastly, the 6th graders kicked off their Exploring Space unit by completing a research project on one of the planets of our solar system. Students learned how to properly research for an academic topic using credible and reliable sources. They were also tasked with writing a 5-paragraph research paper on their planet that discussed the history, discovery, rotation, size, climate, atmosphere and other fun facts. Their project was wrapped up with an oral presentation sharing important details about their planet with their classmates.



~Important Information from Previous Lancer Times~

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).

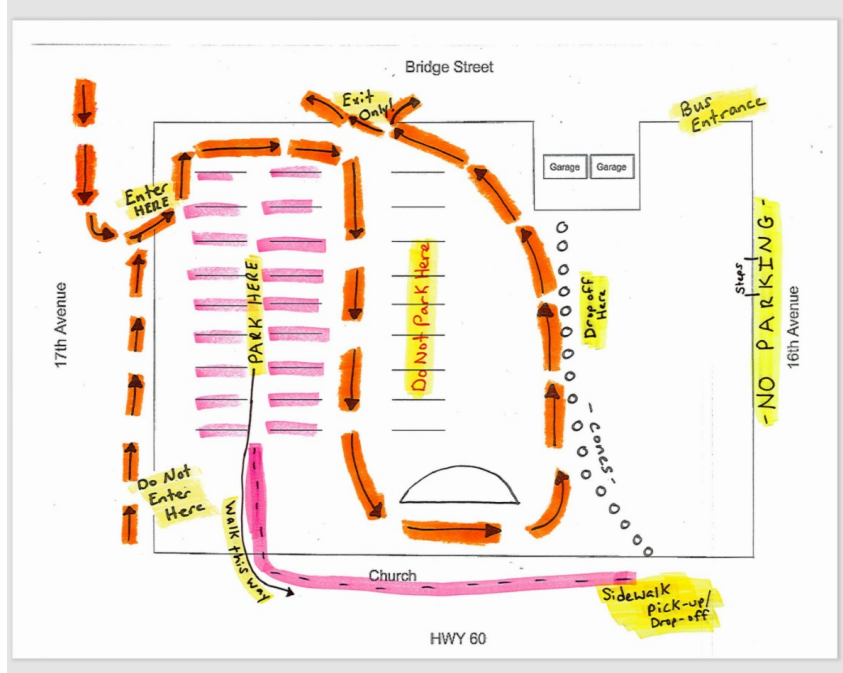
**The Variety Show itself will be on Tuesday, January 30th, beginning around 1:30pm. All are welcome! See you there!**

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### **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.**



## 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

RAISERIGHT ORDER FORM

Visit our Website

Parish Bulletin Look-up

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Faculty Email and Phone Number List

2023-2024 Parent/Student Handbook

Speak-Up-Speak-Out

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