

January 14, 2024



St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews

Important Dates to Remember

- 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.)
- Thursday, February 1: No Mass, All School Rivoli Movie Field Trip, 9am-11:30am
- Friday, February 2: Candlemas at 8:30, 8th grade vs/ Parents & Teachers volleyball game at 10:15, Early Release 11:35
- Wednesday, February 14th: 5th-8th grade First Stage Theater Field Trip, 11am-2:30pm

A flyer for an Open House event. It features a photo of a classroom with students at desks. Text includes: "THURSDAY, FEB. 1st • 5-7pm", "OPEN HOUSE", "ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL", "1619 WASHINGTON ST., GRAFTON (262) 375-6505 Ext. 0", "www.stjosephgrafton.org/school", "ENROLLMENT OPENS January 19th!", "St. Joseph Parish School is a member of Wisconsin School Cluster", "Qualifying families may receive FREE tuition!", "School Choice", "Contact us to learn all the ways SJPS is affordable!", "Serving grades K5-8th", "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", and a QR code.

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!

[Sign-up Genius - Catholic Schools Week](#)

Congratulations to our December Student of the Month Winners!

**Noah Iserloth, K5
Grace Iserloth, 2nd Grade
Addison Haessly, 8th Grade**



Book Fair January 29th - February 2nd



Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. AND—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school.

Here's what you need to know about the big event, which will take place from Monday 1/29 through Friday 2/2 in the School Library. We will be open from 11am to 1:00pm and 3pm to 5pm daily, except for two days. Thursday 2/1 we're open until 7pm given our Open House and Friday 2/2 closing at 1pm due to the early release.

Each day we will have a promotional event with an opportunity to win prizes. A purchase must be made to enter.

- Get a Treasure Chest Mini Prize on Monday 1/29
- Try your luck for a Free Book with our Lollipop Pull on Tuesday 1/30
- Raffle of 4 Movie Tickets and Gift Card for Marcus Theater on Wednesday 1/31
- Take home a Free Bookmark on Thursday 2/1
- Select one of our display Posters for free (while supplies last) on Friday 2/2

Kids can preview the bookfair on Thursday and Friday, 1/25-1/26 during school and will be able to create their wish list to take home and review with their families. Parents don't forget to include a 5.5% sales tax for the purchase.

Families can say goodbye to cash and hello to **eWallet**—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy. If you had unused funds from last year, you could still use them this year!

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Book Fair online**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Every online purchase will also benefit our school.

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!
Visit our Book Fair homepage and get started with eWallet and online shopping.
Click on the Sign-up Genius to help!

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Book Fair Home Page:

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

Sign-up Genius for Volunteers:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EAF629A7F9C5-2-47067205-sjps>

FISH FRIES ARE ALMOST HERE! SAVE THE DATES!

**February 16th, 23rd
March 1st, 8th, 15th**



We are excited for another year of St. Joseph Lenten Fish Fries! Join us for delicious food, great music, and a warm community gathering! We will be asking for your help volunteering before, during, and after the Fish Fries. These events are possible because of you! More info to come soon. Thank you in advance!

**Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas"
Poster Contest Winners**

Grade 1:

**First Place: Iris Wieland
2nd Place: Ramsey Vnuk
3rd Place: Johnson Nguyen**

Grade 3:

**First Place: Abe Baylor
Second Place: Claire Shafer
Third Place: Mason Morgan**

Fourth Grade:

**First Place: Grace Mateo Zayas
Second Place: Josephine Rakoczy**

SAVE the DATE!



Saturday, May 4, 2024

Would you like to contribute to the auction?

Our St. Joseph Parish School Auction Committee is looking for donations such as:

- ❖ Gift cards to restaurants
- ❖ Gift Cards to family recreational businesses
 - ❖ Themed baskets
 - ❖ Cash sponsorships
- ❖ Products from your employer
- ❖ Services such as cleaning, babysitting, or spring yard clean up

Do you own a business? Do work for an employer who could donate a gift card, product, or service for our silent auction? Do you like to put together crafts or gift baskets? Please kindly consider donating to us! All donations can be turned in to the school office by April 12 or email auction@stjosephgraffton.org to coordinate a pickup.

Thank you in advance for your support of and investment in our outstanding school community.

The SJPS Dinner & Auction Team

February Extended Care Sign Up

Weekly Classroom Highlights
By Mr. Kempf, Middle School ELA Teacher

Getting Ready to Read!

In our middle school classes, before we start a new classroom novel,

before we read the first sentence, before we even crack the cover, we prepare our minds by building our background knowledge so that we can get the most out of our reading experience. Sometimes this means learning about or reviewing historical events, discussing the genre's elements or having discussions about themes we'll encounter while reading. These activities are all designed to help the students get more out of the reading than just what happens.

The **6th grade** students are currently reading *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*, but before the first chapter was read we were exploring Greek mythology. Each student selected a Greek god to research and write an informational piece about. Their task in the new year is to create a PowerPoint about their selected god to present to the class. Thus, as we read and encounter the different Greek gods, the students already have knowledge about that Greek god. We won't stop there. As we read we'll encounter a number of different mythological stories, which we'll pause our novel reading to learn more about.

In **7th grade** it's much the same. In the two weeks leading up to Christmas break we've been learning about Norse mythology. The students made posters about gods and creatures from Norse mythology that we'll encounter in the book and presented them to the class. However, the most interesting activity we did to prepare to read *Magnus Chase and the Sword of Summer* was to learn some sign language. Linda Hillebran, you may have seen her at church service before, visited our class and taught us how to sign the alphabet and other common signs. It was fun to see how eager the students were to learn about sign language and as an added bonus were quieter the rest of the day as they attempted to communicate with sign language.

Of course the same types of things are happening for the **8th graders**. After the new year they will be getting to read the classic *To Kill a Mockingbird*. They'll begin by exploring the historical time period in which the novel is set since it plays such a vital role. We'll also explore the theme of courage and what it means to be courageous. In tandem with the novel we'll be beginning our persuasive writing unit, which fits in perfectly as Atticus attempts to defend Tom Robinson. Throughout our reading we'll pause to dig deeper into the historical events of the time period, as well as look at other pieces of literature that are relevant to our understanding of the novel.





OZAUKEE FAMILY SERVICES PARENTS WORKSHOPS

~IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS LANCER TIMES~



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 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!

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](#)

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