

January 21, 2024



## St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews

### Important Dates to Remember

- Thursday, January 25: Mass at 8:30
- January 27th-February 2nd: Catholic Schools Week (see information below for dress down days and fun activities this 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
- Friday, February 16: Middle School Dominican Challenge & DSHA Leadership Conference, First Fish Fry

### Calendar of Cash Winners

January 8 ~ Carol Arentz, \$100  
January 9 ~ Scott Wiese, \$25  
January 10 ~ Cindy LeClaire, \$50  
January 11 ~ Jan Adams, \$25  
January 12 ~ Tim Johnson, \$50  
January 16 ~ Gary Shafer, \$50  
January 17 ~ Justin Jauron, \$50  
January 18 ~ Brett Hess, \$50  
January 19 ~ Becky Meyer, \$50

Checks will be mailed to the winners.

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## Catholic Schools Week Activities 2024

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| Monday, January 29th    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Black Out Day - Wear as much black as you can</li><li>● Anything But a Backpack Day - come to school with anything but your backpack</li><li>● Penny War at Lunch</li><li>● All School Board Games 2:30-3:10 - bring a board game or card game to school to play today</li><li>● Make Valentines with buddy classes</li><li>● Saint Themed Guessing Jars</li><li>● Book Fair open at lunch</li></ul> |
| Tuesday, January 30th   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Country/Western Day</li><li>● All School Trivia 9:00-9:45 in Doherty Hall</li><li>● Penny War at Lunch</li><li>● Variety Show - 1:30 in Doherty Hall</li><li>● Saint Themed Guessing Jars</li><li>● Book Fair open at lunch</li></ul>  |
| Wednesday, January 31st | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Dress as your Favorite Holiday</li><li>● Penny War at Lunch</li><li>● All School Bingo 12:30-1:30PM</li><li>● Last Day for Saint Themed Guessing Jars</li><li>● Book Fair open at lunch</li></ul>  |
| Thursday, February 1st  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● NO MASS</li><li>● PJ/Onesie Day</li><li>● Movie at the Rivoli 9:00-11:30 - Small Foot</li><li>● Penny War at Lunch - last day</li><li>● Open House 5:00-7:00</li><li>● Book Fair open at Lunch</li></ul>   |
| Friday, February 2nd    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Spirit Wear/Sports Day</li><li>● Candlemass at 8:30</li><li>● Eucharistic Adoration following Mass</li><li>● 10:15 All School Musical Chairs Final followed by 8th vs. Teachers/Parents Volleyball Game in the gym</li><li>● Early Release at 11:35</li><li>● Book Fair open 11:00-1:00</li></ul>  |

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### Counseling Corner

January Newsletter from School Counselor, Mrs. Burkhalter

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### Weekly Classroom Highlights

By Mr. Kabara,  
Middle School Social Studies & Religion Teacher

It feels like winter has arrived! The days are shorter and the weather is getting colder and snow is here! The students are staying warm and working hard in middle school Social Studies and Religion. They are busy with activities and projects that are helping them grow in the understanding and knowledge of each subject.

The 6th Graders just completed the Ancient Egypt unit where they learned about ancient Egyptian culture and innovations. They learned all about the Egyptian ideas about the afterlife. They did a mummification project, in which they mummified a hot dog. They then created Egyptian tombs making pyramid and sphinx models to house their hot dogs for two weeks! In Religion, the 6th Graders are continuing their journey through the old testament. Right now they are learning about the fathers of the faith. Reading and writing about Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

7th Grade is off and traveling around the world! They explored Antarctica by learning about the landscape, vegetation, climate and animals. They just completed traveling through Japan and the Koreas, looking at their culture, economy, landscape, economy and government. In Religion the 7th Graders are learning about the Creed and how it expresses our Catholic beliefs. Currently we are working on the second major point of the Creed, Jesus. Students are learning how Jesus was both a man and divine. Soon they will take a look at what it would be like if Jesus were to be among us in today's world.

8th Grade has been learning about the foundation of the United States. They have been focusing on the executive branch. They learned the election process and what it takes to become the president. They held a school wide mock election about St. Joseph's official type of potato. Fries won as the favorite by a landslide. The students just finished an activity in which they ranked the presidents by whom they thought was the #1 President in history. Abraham Lincoln was ranked #1 as the 8th graders choice for top President. In religion they have been exploring the history of the Church. Recently they looked at monasteries and convents. Students didn't think they could make it without talking regularly. Plus they went to bed and woke up way too early for a middle schooler. Now we are going to look at the crusades and what exactly they were all about!



# ~IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS LANCER TIMES~

THURSDAY, FEB. 1st • 5-7pm

## OPEN HOUSE

ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL

1619 WASHINGTON ST., GRAFTON  
(852) 375-6905 Ext. 0  
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!

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

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

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**

**Book Fair Home Page:**

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

**Sign-up Genius for Volunteers:**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EAF629A7F9C52-47067205-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!

## 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 [auktion@stjosephgrifton.org](mailto:auktion@stjosephgrifton.org) to coordinate a pickup.

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

[January Extended Care Sign Up](#)

[February Extended Care Sign Up](#)



[OZAUKEE FAMILY SERVICES PARENTS WORKSHOPS](#)



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!

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# 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](#)

[Donate to our Annual Fund](#)

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