

September 15, 2024



St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews

Important Dates to Remember

- **Wednesday, September 18: Craft Class 3:15-4:15**
- **Thursday, September 19: Mass at 8:30**
- **Wednesday, September 25: Safe Environment Class 6-9pm**
- **Wednesday, October 2: Fire Department Visit at 8:45**
- **Thursday, October 3: Mass at 8:30, Pet Blessing at 2:45**
- **Friday, October 4: No School, Teacher Inservice**

Back to School Night

Thank you to everyone who attended Back to School Night on Tuesday. If you missed the presentation at the beginning in the church, or you want to go back and check something. Click the link below.

[New Parent Meeting Presentation 9/10/24](#)

Hot Lunch

Our hot lunch program is provided to SJPS by the Grafton School District. Please note, the lunch menu is no longer available via paper copy. If you would like to see the lunch menu, it can be found on the St. Joseph Parish School website which is linked to the Grafton District website under hot lunch menu.

[Quick Link to Lunch Menu](#)

St. Joseph T-Shirts/Sweatshirts

If you ordered a St. Joseph Parish School shirt, it should be here by the end of September.

We currently have the SJPS 2024-25 "Be the Light" t-shirts in stock for sizes Youth Medium and Youth Large. \$10 each. Please call the school office if you would like to purchase one.



Prizes Needed for Family Fun Night!

Save the date – our Family Fun Night Halloween Party will be held at SJPS on Friday, October 25!

We are asking for your help in providing donations for the prize table. If you have any NEW toys, trinkets, party favors or books that you would like to donate for the prize table in the game room, please drop them off at the school office by October 4th and mark them Family Fun Night!

Stay tuned for additional details on the event, including meal tickets, activities and volunteer opportunities.

Thank you!

SEPTEMBER COUNSELING CORNER



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. BURKHALTER

Hello everyone and welcome back to another school year! My name is Jennifer Burkhalter and I am thrilled to be your student's school counselor! At the beginning of each month, you will find my "Counseling Corner" in the Lancer Times to stay connected and informed with what is happening at St. Joseph. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please email me. I am at St. Joseph on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I am looking forward to another fantastic year!

CHARACTER STRONG

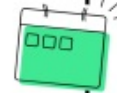


- Character Strong is our social emotional curriculum. Each month, students will be introduced to a new character trait and have lessons correlating to the trait of the month.
- This month's character trait is respect. Character Strong defines respect as "seeing value in all things and people and treating them with care".

BAGS IN BACKPACKS

Did you know that through a partnership with Family Sharing of Ozaukee County, St. Joseph offers a grab and go backpack full of food that students can take home over the weekend?
Please email Mrs. Burkhalter at jburkhalter@stjosephgrafton.org if you would like to sign up.

CAREER EXPLORATION



We are looking for individuals interested in speaking to our middle school students regarding their careers! We have several dates available. More information can be found in the Lancer Times. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Burkhalter at jburkhalter@stjosephgrafton.org for more information.

CONTACT ME

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CAREER EXPLORATION

We are looking for individuals who would like to participate in our career exploration for students!

THIS YEAR, ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL IS PLEASED TO OFFER CAREER EXPLORATION FOR OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS! CAREER PLANNING IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AS THEY START TO EXPLORE THEIR DIFFERENT INTERESTS AND SKILLS. FURTHER CAREER PLANNING WILL BE EXPLORED IN HIGH SCHOOL. AS A SPEAKER, YOU WILL SPEAK WITH STUDENTS REGARDING YOUR CAREER PATH, EDUCATION, WHAT YOUR JOB ENTAILS, AND MORE!

Dates we are looking to fill:

October 18
November 15
December 13
January 17

**Time and Location: 2:30-3:00
In the conference room**

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A SPEAKER, PLEASE CONTACT MRS. BURKHALTER WITH DATES YOU ARE AVAILABLE AT JBURKHALTER@STJOSEPHGRAFTON.ORG

Weekly Classroom Highlights

By Mr. Kempf, Middle School ELA Teacher

Middle school ELA has gotten off to a great start this year. Since the beginning of the year, each grade level has defined and explored the theme we'll be focusing on this year. 6th grade is exploring the theme of family, 7th grade is exploring courage and 8th grade is exploring adversity. We'll be examining how each of these themes are represented in the novels that we read throughout the year. To assist with our exploration, we'll be reading and watching many different types of media that relate directly to the novels that we are reading to help aid in our understanding of the novel and the theme we're exploring.

Each group has also begun to examine their first writing project which will be a

narrative. They are currently reading through and looking closely at mentor texts of the type of writing they will be doing. That means that the 6th graders are reading personal narratives to determine writing skills they can use in their own narratives. Similarly 7th grade is reading through some memoir examples and comparing those to personal narratives to determine the differences so that their memoirs don't become personal narratives. Finally, 8th grader's first reading assignment was to select and begin reading an autobiography as we'll be working on writing our own abbreviated autobiographies.

It's a very exciting time in middle school ELA and the students here at SJPS make teaching an even more rewarding experience.



~Important Information from Previous Lancer Times~

PICTURE DAY INFORMATION FROM VIP

Our school picture day was held on September 13th. You'll receive an email when your images are ready to view online. You can search for them at vipis.com shortly after photos are taken. You'll be able to select your image for your yearbook/composite (please remember to do so before it's selected for you), and place your online order. All orders will be delivered to your home. If you need further assistance, contact VIP at support@vipis.com.

Room Parents Needed

Each year our teachers need a little extra help in the classroom and for events. We are asking for a few volunteers to be our Classroom Parents!! Your role will include the following:

- Coordinate deserts and supervision for Hospitality after Thursday Mass. Each class hosts once a year.
- Organize class gifts for the teachers for Christmas, End of Year, and other small tokens of appreciation.
- Coordinate holiday parties/treats as requested by the teacher (Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Easter).
- Find class supervisors for our Teacher Appreciation Breakfast (May) and the 8th Grade Graduation (June)
- In addition to the above:
 - 7th Grade Classroom Parents will need to prepare and serve the 8th Grade Graduation Breakfast and find supervisors for each class so the teachers can attend (more to come).
 - 8th Grade Classroom Parents will need to support fundraising for

[Click Here to Sign Up to Be a Room Parent](#)

Come find out what Ozaukee County 4-H is all about at an upcoming 4-H Open House!

- Free admission and open to entire family.
- Learn about 4-H and the variety of activities/projects available to youth 5K - High School.
- Check us out at:
<https://ozaukee.extension.wisc.edu/2024/07/26/4-h-open-house/>

EXTENDED CARE SIGN UP

Please use the link below to sign up for Extended Care for August & September. 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.

[August/September Extended Care Sign Up](#)

IMMUNIZATION REMINDER

All immunization records must be up to date for all students by the start of the school year. Please call the school office if your child received a shot over the summer so we can update their file. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services does an annual review of all student records. Please don't wait to make an appointment to have your child immunized.

[Immunization Brochure](#)



SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

If you would like to volunteer in the school in any capacity, you MUST first complete Safe Environment Training. This includes going on field trips.

All participants must arrive on time and stay for the entire session. Latecomers will not be admitted and those who leave early will not receive credit for attendance.

[Click Here to Register for Safe Environment Training](#)

[Donate to our Annual Fund](#)

[RAISERIGHT ORDER FORM](#)

[Visit our Website](#)

[Parish Bulletin Look-up](#)

[2024-2025 Parent/Student Handbook](#)

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