

September 22, 2024



St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews

Important Dates to Remember

- **Wednesday, September 25: Safe Environment Class 6-9pm**
- **Thursday, September 26: Mass at 8:30, Baile y Cultura Class after school 3:13-5:00pm**
- **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**
- **Thursday, October 10: Mass at 8:30, 7th Grade Hosts Hospitality after Mass**
- **Monday, October 14: No School, Teacher Inservice**
- **Thursday, October 17: Mass at 8:30, Catholic Schools Walk after Mass**
- **Friday, October 18: Carmel Apple Pick up 3:00-3:30**

October Extended Care Sign Up

Please click the link below to sign up for morning and afternoon extended care. Please note, there will be a separate sign up for our no school days coming soon.

[October Extended Care Sign Up](#)

FAMILY FUN NIGHT October 25th, 5-9pm

We are in need of volunteers to run the event and to donate items for our kids' raffle.

Click here to [volunteer](#) for the event.

Click here to [donate raffle items/supplies](#).

Great ready for a spooktacular time.

The
16th
Annual



HALLOWEEN PARTY – Friday, October 25, 5:00 – 9:00p.m.
(Cash Event - Costumes Optional)

— **Fun and Games** —

- Carnival Games with Awesome Prizes!
5:00-7:30p.m. in the conference rooms
 - Kids' Raffle!
 - Halloween Treats/Bake Sale! *
 - Haunted Hallway! * 5:00-6:30p.m.
*Sponsored by 8th Grade

MONSTER MASH DANCE

Boogie on down to the gym and bust a move with ghosts, goblins and ghouls!
7:00-9:00p.m. in the gym
Win a prize for best costume!
Top three kids - Adult - Group

Dinner in Doherty Hall 5:00-7:00pm – catered by The Stillery Grafton!

Menu includes Mac&Cheese or Angel Hair Pasta with Marinara,
Grilled or Crispy Chicken, Salad, and Dinner Rolls

If you plan on participating in dinner, tickets must be purchased in advance via this form by Friday, October 18.

There will be no dinner sales at the door.



Our 16th annual Family Fun Night 'Monster Mash' Halloween Party will be held on Friday, October 25 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at SJPS! This fun event and fundraiser is open to all and full of activities!

If you are interested in participating in dinner, which will be catered by The Stillery Grafton, you need to order and pay for your meal tickets **by October 18**. No dinner sales will be available at the door. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the menu and dinner ticket form. Admission is otherwise free to the event; however, cash is needed to participate in activities such as kids' raffle, carnival games, haunted hallway and bake sale.



SJPS 8TH GRADE CLASS

CARAMEL APPLE SALE

ALL ORDER FORMS DUE WED. 10/2/24

ORDER PICKED UP: FRI. 10/18
FROM 3:00 - 3:30PM

PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT THE 8TH
GRADE CLASS END-OF-YEAR TRIP

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[Carmel Apple Order Form](#)



Interested in Joining Band? Grades 4th-8th

Band is a wonderful chance for students to learn a new instrument. Band also helps teach self-discipline, teamwork, self-esteem, and self-expression. Students participating in the band program will receive weekly lessons, individual or group, as well as perform in concerts and/or recitals during the year. There is a fee involved in joining band. Each student is responsible for obtaining their own instrument—rented from the local music store (approximately \$25-\$55 per month, depending on the instrument). Also, there is a lesson fee of \$100 per 8 half hour lessons (\$12.50 per lesson). This fee is due within the first two weeks of each lesson session (4 sessions in the school year).

The instruments available to choose from are flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, and percussion (percussion is snare drum and bells—not drum set). There is a great website (bepartofthemusic.org) that explains and introduces

the band instruments—this would be beneficial if your student is not sure what instrument they would like to play.

If interested, contact Band Teacher, Jennifer Wymore at wymorejennifer@gmail.com

Weekly Classroom Highlights

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

A new school year has begun and new adventures in Social Studies and Religion have as well!

In Social Studies, we are beginning with the basics in each grade. The 6th Graders are learning the essential elements of a civilization and what helps them grow and flourish. Putting their knowledge to work, they have been using a computer simulation program that allows them to pick where they start a civilization and what they need to add to help it grow and be successful. They are keeping a journal and explaining their journey while building a civilization in order to compare ancient civilizations and their influence on the world today. In 7th Grade, students are learning about the key ideas that a geographer needs to know when looking at other countries around the world. Soon they will be ready with the skills to travel the world as they explore and learn about different world cultures. Currently, they are learning about maps and important geography terms. Soon they will look at the important geography categories geographers use to learn more about countries. After they are done with the key ideas of geography, it will be time to pack their bags and begin traveling the world! 8th Grade is the year for United States history. Most people think of history as boring and unexciting. But this year students will be doing fun investigations, activities and projects that will not only help them learn United States History, but experience it. We are beginning the year by learning the basics of the United States then they will begin their journey through time and learn how the United States has developed and grown to what it is today!

New adventures definitely await each class this year in Religion. The students are beginning a year-long journey that will help develop and strengthen their faith. 6th and 7th Grade are getting ready to explore on a deeper level what exactly are the beliefs that are the foundation of the Catholic faith. They are currently reviewing common prayers and learning some new ones that are special to us as Catholics. They will then inquire what it means to become disciples of Jesus through his teachings and the sacraments. 8th Grade is analyzing the Beatitudes and how they can help them develop the skills to be positive leaders in the school. They will then explore the Church from the beginning at Pentecost throughout history. They will be looking at the mission of the Church entrusted to the people and our responsibility as baptized Catholics to serve as the hands of Christ to others.





GRADE SCHOOL **KNIGHT**

GRADE SCHOOL STUDENTS GET IN FREE!

VOLLEYBALL

BOYS VARSITY
WED, SEPT. 25
6:30 P.M

GIRLS VARSITY
TUES, OCT. 1
6:30 P.M

@ DOMINICAN HIGH SCHOOL

SHE

Strong | Healthy | Empowered



SHE is a 14-week program for pre-teen girls in 5th–8th grade.

FREE
for Members
& Community
Participants!



SHE is designed to grow an individual's mental, social, emotional, and physical health through discussion, education, and skill building. Participants can build self-esteem and are empowered to create lasting friendships before entering high school!



WASHINGTON COUNTY LOCATIONS

Kettle Moraine YMCA(2),
Kewaskum Middle School,
Slinger Middle School



OZAUKEE COUNTY LOCATIONS

Thomas Jefferson Middle School (2),
John Long Middle School, and
Lumen Christi Church - Mequon.



SHE program meets every other week
5:30–7:30PM from October 2024 through April 2025

Find out more!
kmymca.org/mental-health/she/

~Important Information from Previous Lancer Times~

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.

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

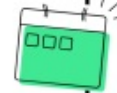


- Character Strong is our social emotional curriculum. Each month, students will be introduced to a new character trait and have lessons correlating to the trait of the month.
- This month's character trait is respect. Character Strong defines respect as "seeing value in all things and people and treating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

1. jburkhalter@stjosephgrafton.org



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

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 the 8th Grade Class Trip.

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

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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