

September 29, 2024



## St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews

### Important Dates to Remember

- **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**
- **Monday, October 7: October School Advisory Committee Meeting at 6:30pm**
- **Thursday, October 10: Mass at 8:30 - All Welcome!, 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, All Family Fun Night Dinner Order Forms Due TODAY!**

### ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL **ANNUAL FUND** AND **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WALK**

Funds raised go directly to the SJPS operating budget to make Catholic education affordable. Our annual fund helps fill a 15% gap between tuition fees and the actual cost of educating each student. The Catholic Schools Walk will fund additional facility upgrades and school beautification.

To donate via Parish:

<https://pushpay.com/g/stjosephgraston>

SJPS Catholic School Walk  
Thursday, Oct. 17th  
9:30am  
1619 Washington St.



Text to Donate:  
SCHOOLSWALK72  
to 71777

Help us reach our goal!

**\$10,000**





**FEAST OF  
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
OCTOBER 3**

Join us for our  
**PET BLESSING**  
2:45 pm  
Main church door entrance

**All Pets Welcome!**

**School Advisory Committee**

September SAC Meeting Minutes

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

### **What is Student of the Month?**

The SJPS staff is so proud of our students and would like to recognize those who go above and beyond. The faculty and staff will celebrate our incredible students this year through the *Student of the Month Program*. Each month, one nominee will be chosen from each level: Early Childhood (K3-K5), Elementary (1st grade - 5th grade), and Middle School (6th grade - 8th grade). When the students are chosen, they will receive a sign to put in their yard, be announced on the morning announcements, have their picture in the Lancer Times and hung on a bulletin board near the school office, and receive a Student of the Month Certificate.

Students will be nominated by the teachers and staff based on the following criteria:

### **Citizenship**

- Being a positive role model
- Actively participating in school activities
- Demonstrating respect for self, fellow students, and adults in the building
- Demonstrating good character (empathy, compassion, honesty, respect)
- Following school rules, including the dress code
- Demonstrates genuine kindness, care for others, and a helpful attitude
- Exemplifying our mission of *Teaching, Learning, Leading, & Serving as the Hands of Christ*

### **Academic**

- Being prepared for class
- Going above and beyond their role as a student
- Making significant progress in one or more areas
- Working to their full potential, doing their best
- Turning in their work on time, showing genuine effort
- Actively participating in all classes



# 1ST AUCTION MEETING

**DATE**   
MONDAY  
OCTOBER  
28TH 2024

**TIME**   
6:00 PM

**LOCATION**   
SJPS LIBRARY

If you would like to be part of the  
SJPS Dinner & Auction Committee  
please contact:

KELLY OSOWSKI  
414-559-1968  
[auction@stjosephgrafton.org](mailto:auction@stjosephgrafton.org)

Photo Credit: Chris Baylor



# Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

## SJPS DONATION DRIVE

OCTOBER 1st - OCTOBER 15th

Help families in need with new & used socks, hoodies/sweatshirts, kids winter clothing, jeans for men & women and winter hats and gloves.



### Socks

- New and Used
- All sizes
- Men's/Women's/Children's



### Hoodies/Sweatshirts

- Gender Neutral
- All Sizes; especially XL, 2XL and 3XL



### Kids Clothing

- Boys/Girls/Gender Neutral
- Winter
- All Sizes



### Winter Hats/Gloves

- New Used
- All sizes
- Men's/Women's/Children's



- New and Used
- Women's - All sizes
- Men's - All Sizes, especially waist sizes 32, 34, 36, 38, 40

## Weekly Classroom Highlights

By Sr. Hayes, Spanish Teacher

¡Hola Familias de San Joseph!

Welcome to another wonderful year of Spanish class with Sra. Hayes. I am excited to be starting year four and I cannot wait to see what the year will bring. Students have begun learning about Hispanic Heritage Month and why it is important to celebrate it. Each class will do some sort of project this month and I am looking forward to sharing their work with you. Each class will focus on a different part of Hispanic culture. 5th and 8th graders are focusing on the people, 3rd graders are focusing on music, kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders will learn a little about many topics. 4th graders will be learning about geography and food and 6th and 7th graders will create an online presentation with many different culture terms. 1st graders started learning about Spanish dances. This past week it was

Salsa, and they had a fun time learning about it. I will continue to post to Class Dojo so that you can see a snapshot of what we are doing in the classroom. One thing I am trying to do this year is add more Spanish place items to the classroom. If you or your family will be traveling or have traveled to one of the awesome Spanish places in this world and have some pictures or mementos of your travels, I would love to see them and showcase them in the classroom. Feel free to bring them in at any time, and if you want them to be returned, please label them.





# CLUB VOLLEYBALL

## 2024-25 Tryouts

OCTOBER 13

U12 - U14 Boys  
12:30 - 2:00 PM

U12 - U14 Girls  
2:30 - 4:00 PM



Dominican High School  
Crowley Gymnasium  
120 E Silver Spring Dr., Whitefish Bay

\$25 Tryout Fee

Scan Here to Register!



Contact Chloe Pepke with questions:  
[cpepke@dominicanhighschool.com](mailto:cpepke@dominicanhighschool.com)

### Parent Informational Meetings:

Oct. 6th - 7:30pm - Zoom

Meeting ID: 742 5913 5531

Passcode: DJK24

Additional meetings will be held in person at  
12:40 pm and 2:40 pm during tryouts

## ~Important Information from Previous Lancer Times~

### 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.



**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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

GENEROUSLY MADE BY HANDMADE WITH LOVE



[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](http://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](mailto:wymorejennifer@gmail.com)**



**SHE**  
Strong | Healthy | Empowered

the **Y**  
YMCA

**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

Three young women are shown in a circular inset, smiling and talking. Another circular inset shows a young girl in a purple SHE t-shirt decorating cookies.

**Find out more!**  
[kmymca.org/mental-health/she/](http://kmymca.org/mental-health/she/)

**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](http://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](mailto:support@vipis.com).

## 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](#)

[Donate to our Annual Fund](#)

[RAISERIGHT ORDER FORM](#)

[Visit our Website](#)

[Parish Bulletin Look-up](#)

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

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262-375-6505

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