

November 24, 2024



St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews

Important Dates to Remember

- **Tuesday, November 26: End of Trimester 1**
- **November 27-29: No School, Thanksgiving Break**
- **Tuesday, December 3: School Advisory Committee Meeting 6:30pm**
- **Thursday, December 5: Mass at 8:30**
- **Tuesday, December 10: Afternoon Extended Care Closed**
- **Wednesday, December 11: 5th-8th Grade Family Breakfast 7:30am, 1st-8th Grade Report Cards go home**
- **Thursday, December 12: Mass at 8:30, 5th Grade hosts hospitality after Mass**
- **Saturday, December 14: Open Gym 9:00-10:30am**
- **Tuesday, December 17: Christmas Concert 6:30pm**
- **Wednesday, December 18: All School Advent Retreat**
- **Thursday, December 19: Mass at 8:30, Teacher Appreciation Luncheon**
- **Friday, December 20: Field Trip - All School Bowling at Circle B @ 12:30, Mrs. Henke's Last Day - Congrats on your retirement!**
- **Saturday, December 21: Candy Cane Lane Craft Fair**
- **December 23-January 5th: No School, Christmas Break**
- **January 6: School Resumes**



Happy Thanksgiving!

Please note, there will be no Lancer Times on Sunday December 1st due to the Thanksgiving Break. The Lancer Times will resume December 8th. The faculty and staff of St. Joseph Parish

School wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving!

DECEMBER EXTENDED CARE SIGN UP

Please click the link below to sign up for morning and afternoon extended care.

~IMPORTANT~

Extended Care is closed Tuesday, December 10th from 3:30-6:00pm in order to allow all faculty to attend our annual Faculty Holiday Celebration.

[December Extended Care Sign Up](#)

School Advisory Committe

Please note, the December SAC meeting has been moved to Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30pm.

[November Meeting Minutes](#)

Join us for a Meet & Greet Breakfast!

Calling all 5th through 8th grade families!

~ You are cordially invited to join the 5th -
8th grade teaching staff for a morning
breakfast filled with community and
conversation ~

Date: Wed. 12/11/24

Time: 7:45 am - 8:30am

Location: SJPS Church Gathering Space

*Pancakes, pastries, fruit and beverages will be
provided for your enjoyment.*

~ St Joseph Parish School: Teaching, Learning, Leading and Serving as the Hands of Christ ~

School Families Are Encouraged to Sign Up!



ADVENT begins NOVEMBER 30 / DECEMBER 1

You are invited to light the candles of our Advent wreath as each Mass begins. Sign-up book is available in the Gathering Hall on the Resource Table.

We welcome individuals and families.

Weekly Classroom Highlights

By Amy Johnson, 1st Grade Teacher

First grade is off to a fantastic start this year! Even though we're only a few months in, we've already learned so much. In math, we're focusing on mastering basic math facts, with 50% of the class working towards completing 100 facts in 5 minutes or less! During our reading blocks, we're diving into phonics, learning many new rules and skills. These skills will support us now and provide a strong foundation for future grades. By strengthening phonics skills, students will enhance their reading speed, accuracy, and comprehension as they progress to 2nd and 3rd grade.

On the 31st, we celebrated a very special day in first grade—Halloween! Everyone dressed up in their favorite costumes, including Rapunzel, a marching band member, Darth Vader, and even a Costco Sample Lady! We had a fantastic time making delicious caramel apples and enjoying each other's company. It was a day full of fun and creativity!

As we move into the next few months, we're excited to see continued growth and positive changes! First grade is a time of rapid learning, and students are constantly exploring new and exciting concepts. Our minds are like sponges, always ready to soak up as much knowledge as possible!



~Important Information from Previous Lancer Times~

Bakers Needed

Candy Cane Lane is seeking homemade baked good donations for our Candy Cane Lane Craft Fair & Cookie Walk on December 21st! For more information and to sign up, please click the links below.

We are looking for...

- Cookies (3-4 dozen or more)
- Brownies (2 dozen)
- Mini Muffins (2 dozen)
- Cake Pops (2 dozen)
- Whole Pies (do not slice)
- Whole Dessert Breads (do not slice)
- Fudge/Bark
- Vegan/Gluten Free Desserts (3 dozen)

ALL donations should be brought to St. Joseph Parish School on December 20th between 8am & 3pm and labeled *Candy Cane Lane* and the *type of baked good you brought!*

[Click Here to Donate Baked Goods](#)

Candy Cane Lane

Craft Fair & Cookie Walk

December 21st, 2024

9am - 2pm

Volunteer Opportunities

Please see the link for all adult and student volunteer opportunities! -

With Gratitude, Amy Johnson (1st Grade Teacher)

[Click Here to Volunteer at the Craft Fair](#)

St. Joseph Parish School

CALENDAR OF CASH



Want a chance to win a cash prize?
The Calendar of Cash is back!
BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Cash Prizes are
\$25, \$50, or
\$100!



HOW IT WORKS

- Purchase tickets, from any school family, in the School Office during the week or the Parish Office on Sundays after Mass through Jan. 5th.
- Winners will be pulled on designated days between 1/6/25-3/21/25, with winners announced weekly via school Facebook page and the Parish bulletin.
- Each winning ticket is reentered for multiple chances to win!
- Winners will be mailed a check.

****All ticket information must be filled out completely; incomplete tickets will be void.****

**BUY TICKETS BY
JANUARY 6, 2025**



www.stjosephgraffton.org/school



(262) 375-6505 Ext. 0

WE ARE HIRING!

**PART-TIME, GRADES K3-8
PHYSICAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR**

1.5 days per week
beginning 1/6/25

**PART-TIME, MORNING
EXTENDED CARE AIDE**

Monday-Friday, 6:30am-8:30am
immediate start date

Please send your resume to amatthews@stjosephgraffton.org

ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL

**Do you have school age students and would be
interested in a future Washington County area
Catholic High School?**

**If so, we would invite you to fill out this survey online before
December 15th.**

**This information will help a committee that has been approved by
the Archbishop to investigate and gauge the level of interest in
this idea.**

[Survey](#)

ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL AND SVDP

Food Drive

Let's stock our food pantry!

Our SVDP parish pantry serves our Grafton neighbors in need

November 1 - 21

Eating healthier is the goal!
Please, no expired foods.

- ITEMS NEEDED:**
- CEREAL- WHOLE GRAIN, LOW SUGAR OR UNSWEETENED
 - CANNED TUNA IN WATER
 - CANNED CHICKEN
 - CANNED FRUIT IN OWN JUICE, NO SYRUPS
 - SOUPS AND STEWS - LOW SODIUM
 - PASTA SAUCE
 - CANNED PASTA (SPAGHETTI-O TYPE)
 - SIDES - LIKE KNORR (RICE, PASTA, POTATOES)
 - PEANUT BUTTER
 - JELLY
 - PANCAKE MIX
 - SYRUP
 - FACIAL TISSUES, PAPER TOWELS, BATHROOM TISSUE
 - DEODORANT - MEN & WOMEN
 - BODY WASH - MEN & WOMEN (GELS, BAR SOAP)
 - TOOTHPASTE
 - DISH SOAP
 - CLEANING PRODUCTS/LAUNDRY DETERGENT

Download Our New Parish App

See upcoming events, learn about ministries, groups, and serving opportunities, and so much more!




SCAN THE QR CODE TO DOWNLOAD OR SEARCH IN THE APPLE OR GOOGLE PLAY STORES FOR ST. JOSEPH GRAFTON

[Click Here to Download Parish App](#)

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[November Extended Care Sign Up](#)

[No School Day - November 8th 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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