

December 15, 2024



## St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews

### Important Dates to Remember

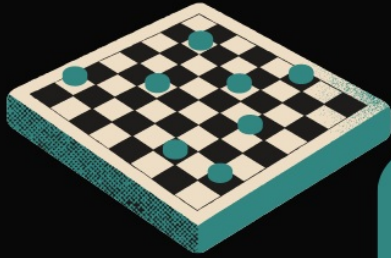
- **Tuesday, December 17: Christmas Concert 6:30pm**
- **Wednesday, December 18: All School Advent Retreat**
- **Thursday, December 19: Mass at 8:30, Teacher Appreciation Luncheon**
- **Friday, December 20: Field Trip - All School Bowling at Circle B @ 12:30, Ugly Christmas Sweater or Holiday Attire Day, Mrs. Henke's Last Day - Congrats on your retirement!**
- **Saturday, December 21: Candy Cane Lane Craft Fair**
- **December 23-January 5: No School, Christmas Break**
- **January 6: School Resumes**



Mrs. Henke served SJPS for 28.5 years. First as a Classroom Aide and then as our beloved School Secretary. We will miss Mrs. Henke very much and wish her all the best on her retirement!

# SAVE THE DATE!

*St. Joseph Parish School  
presents*



A Night of

**G A M E S**

**A N D**

**G I V I N G**

**ANNUAL AUCTION**

SATURDAY

**MAY 3 2025 5pm**

DOHERTY HALL  
1619 WASHINGTON ST.  
GRAFTON



**Please Welcome Mr. O to our SJPS Family!**

**Mr. Osieczanek will be replacing Mr. Smith as  
our PE teacher after Christmas Break.  
Welcome Mr. O!**

Hello St. Joseph's families and staff members!

My name is Jack Osieczanek (aka Mr. O) and I am the new Physical Education teacher.

I have taught P.E. for the past 32 years. My K-8 experience ranges from St. Frances Cabrini in West Bend, Mayville Elementary and I have taught at Amy Belle Elementary in Germantown for the past 20 years.

I have been married to my wife, Ilona for 37 years and we reside in the Cedarburg area with our 2 cats. We have raised 2 daughters who are both married, one lives in Greenfield, WI and the other in Watertown, NY.

In my free time I enjoy golf, yard work, coffee shops with my wife and watching my favorite football teams the Oklahoma Sooners and the Packers.

I really look forward to teaching at St. Joseph's. My aim is for the students to enjoy PE class and to have fun while learning new skills.

# January Extended Care Sign Up

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

January Extended Care Sign Up

## Weekly Classroom Highlight

By Ms. Longoria, K4 Teacher

As a tradition in our parish school, classes are paired where an older class can serve as models of appropriate behavior, learning and fun. At weekly Mass, K4 buddies sit with their older buddies from 8th grade. The older students help by showing the younger kids what to do, holding hymnals, and aiding in keeping their younger friends focused.

Throughout the year, in the classroom the buddies work together on projects, read together, and play games demonstrating friendship, kindness, and a willingness to hear each others' ideas. How nice it is that we can build friendships across many grades and help make St. Joseph Parish School a caring student community.



**~Important Information from Previous Lancer Times~**

**November Student of the Month Winners!**

**Congratulations!**

**Luke Jauron, 1st Grade  
Grace Iserloth, 3rd Grade**

## Crosby Wieland, 7th Grade



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### The Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Thursday, December 20th

Please help our wonderful teachers celebrate the Christmas season by treating them to a fantastic, relaxing meal. Sign up below to bring them something good to eat or treat them to a recess-free lunch period. Please provide enough food to help us feed around 25 staff members.

Thank you for your help!!

[Teacher Luncheon Sign Up](#)

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# CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 17<sup>th</sup>

6:30 PM

*Please help us to celebrate after the concert  
by bringing the item listed with your last  
name. Please drop off in the office by  
December 16<sup>th</sup>.*

A-G ~ Milk (1 Gallon)

H-N ~ Cookies (1-2 dozen)

O-Z ~ Juice (1 bottle)

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# MEET KAISER!

- Kaiser is a certified pet therapy dog through Pets Helping People.
- He is a 7 year old Leonberger.
- Kaiser works with David, a member of St. Joseph Parish.
- Kaiser loves to have students read to him and enjoys individual interactions from students!



Kaiser plans to be at St. Joseph once a week for about two hours visiting different classrooms and interacting with students!

Parents received an “opt out” form for if you do not want your student interacting with Kaiser.

Please also let your student(s) teacher know of any dog allergies.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email [jburkhalter@stjosephgrafton.org](mailto:jburkhalter@stjosephgrafton.org) or [amatthews@stjosephgrafton.org](mailto:amatthews@stjosephgrafton.org)

**Click the link below to read the December Counseling Corner by School Counselor, Mrs. Burkhalter**

[December Counseling Corner](#)

## DECEMBER EXTENDED CARE SIGN UP

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

extended care.

[December Extended Care Sign Up](#)

## 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**



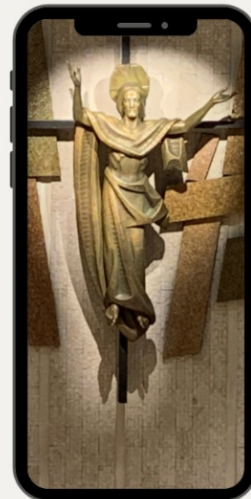
[www.stjosephgrafton.org/school](http://www.stjosephgrafton.org/school)



(262) 375-6505 Ext. 0

## Download Our New Parish App

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



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SEARCH IN THE APPLE OR  
GOOGLE PLAY STORES FOR  
ST. JOSEPH GRAFTON

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Donate to our Annual  
Fund

St. Joseph Parish School  
1619 Washington St. Grafton, WI



262-375-6505

RAISERIGHT ORDER FORM

Visit our Website

Parish Bulletin Look-up

2024-2025 Parent/Student Handbook

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