

December 22, 2024



St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews



The Faculty and Staff of St. Joseph Parish School wish all of our students and families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Important Dates to Remember

- **December 23-January 5: No School, Christmas Break**
- **Monday, January 6: School Resumes, Carols around the tree at 2:30.**
- **Thursday, January 9: Mass at 8:30, 4th Grade hosts hospitality after Mass**
- **Saturday, January 11: Open Gym 9:00-10:30**
- **Monday, January 20: No School**
- **Catholic Schools Week: January 25th-January 31st - more details to come about activities and out-of-uniform days**
- **Thursday, January 30: Open House 5-7pm**
- **Friday, January 31: Early Release at 11:35**



Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. AND—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school.

Here's what you need to know about the big event which will take place at the St. Joseph Grafton School Library.

Hours of Operation:

- Sunday 1/26 – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
- Monday 1/27 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
- Tuesday 1/28 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
- Wednesday 1/29 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
- Thursday 1/30 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Each day we will have a promotional event with an opportunity to win prizes. A purchase must be made to enter.

- Sunday: Get a Treasure Chest Mini Prize
- Monday: Try your luck for a Free Book with our Lollipop Pull
- Tuesday: Raffle for a \$50 Target Gift Card
- Wednesday: Raffle for a Hatchimals
- Thursday: Select one of our display Posters for free (while supplies last)

Visit our Book Fair homepage at

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/stjosephparishschool> and get started with eWallet and online shopping.

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CALENDAR OF CASH

Don't forget to turn in your Calendar of Cash Raffle Tickets! More are available in the Parish Office after Mass on Sundays if you need them. Thank you for supporting this essential fundraiser! All money raised goes directly back to SJPS to provide resources to enhance your child's educational experience. All tickets are due to the school office by 8am on January 6th.

School Closing Due to Inclement Weather

Please review the following SJPS School Closing Policy regarding inclement weather from the Parent/Student Handbook.

St. Joseph Parish School is under the direction of the Grafton Public Schools regarding school closings due to inclement weather. According to Archdiocesan policy, it is recommended that a Catholic school close for inclement weather when the school's area public school closes. However, the principal may close the school if conditions may threaten the safety of students getting to school. When unsafe weather conditions require the closing of school, the superintendent of the Grafton Public Schools will notify the principal and local television stations by 6:00 a.m. Specific information about the closing of SJPS can be found through local broadcasts and the schoolwide communication system. If you contact the school, be aware that there may be limited staff to answer your call. In addition, when school is closed or dismissed early due to weather, all school-sponsored activities are also canceled.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL

TEACHING, LEARNING, LEADING, AND SERVING AS THE HANDS OF CHRIST



OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY,
JAN. 30TH,
5-7PM

SERVING GRADES
K3-8TH

JOIN US!

www.stjosephgrafton.org/school

262-375-6505 x0

Weekly Classroom Highlights

By Mrs. Vaculik, K3 Teacher

K3 loves learning new vocabulary words, and the “word of the month” for December was ADVENT! We learned that Advent is the “waiting time” for Christmas and all of the joys that Christmas brings. In the words of one of our classmates: “I don’t love

waiting.” It’s hard to wait, especially for 3-year-olds! More than anything, during Advent we focused on the reason for the season, and we realized that the whole reason we celebrate Christmas is because it’s the day that Jesus was born.

The season of Advent brought much excitement to our classroom. From reading stories about the First Christmas and making gifts for our families, to crafting Christmas art projects and learning Advent and Christmas songs for our concert, we were deep into the holiday hustle-bustle! One of our favorite activities in K3 is Center Time. During December, we explored new Christmas themed centers in our classroom. Two very popular activities were “building toys” in Santa’s Workshop and decorating Play-Doh Christmas trees in our sensory table. What a special season to experience through the curiosity and wonder of our K3 class! We wish you a Merry Christmas!



~Important Information from Previous Lancer Times~

SAVE THE DATE!
St. Joseph Parish School presents
A Night of
GAMES AND GIVING
ANNUAL AUCTION
SATURDAY **MAY 3** 2025 5pm
DOHERTY HALL
1619 WASHINGTON ST.
GRAFTON

An illustration of a chessboard, two dice, and a domino. The chessboard is black and white with blue pawns. The dice are white with black dots. The domino is white with blue dots.

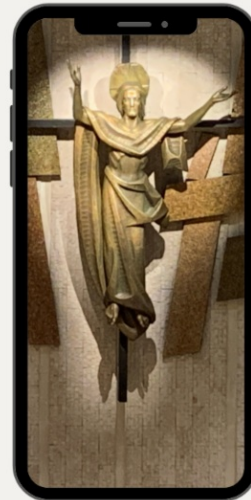
January Extended Care Sign Up

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

January Extended Care Sign Up

Download Our New Parish App

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



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