January 12, 2025



St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews

Important Dates to Remember

- Tuesday, January 14: Installation of Archbishop Most Reverend Jeffrey Scott Grob, 1pm
- 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, K3-K5 Report Cards go home

Congratulations!

December Student of the Month Winners

Finley Zozajuewicz ~ K4
Johnson Nguyen ~ 2nd Grade
Evelyn Lemke ~ 8th Grade







Calendar of Cash Winners Congratulations!

1/6/25 ~ John Rauch ~ \$100

1/7/25 ~ Ray Morgan ~ \$50 1/8/25 ~ Carly Novotny ~ \$50 1/9/25 ~ Stephanie Mabry ~ \$50 1/10/25 ~ Mary Barber ~ \$100

A check will be mailed to the winners.

WE NEED YOUR VOICES!!!

Saturday, January 25th ~ 4pm Mass

As part of our Mission as St Joseph Parish School, we encourage all that are able to sign up to assist at our Masses during the weekend of January 25th and 26th. We are ALSO learning as an entire school a song we will be singing during our Thursday morning School Mass, and we wish to sing this song during the 4pm Mass on Saturday, January 25th. Please sign up, the more we have, the better we will look and sound for our Parish! All students who participate in the Catholic Schools Weekend Masses will receive a special thank-you from Mrs. Matthews. Sign up below.



Click below for volunteer and donation opportunities for Catholic Schools Week weekend Masses and Open House. Opportunities are for students and adults. This sign up includes singing at the 4pm Mass on January 25th.

Thank you for your help!

CSW Volunteers

2025-2026 School Year Registration Information

Registration for the 2025-26 school year begins January 15th for current school families and January 27th for community members. This year, registration will take place online through the St. Joseph Parish ChMS system. You will need to log into your account to register. A flyer for how to complete your regisgtration will go home in your office communication envelope early next week.

In order to secure your spot, the \$200 registration fee must either be sent via cash or check to the school office or paid online using credit or debit through our giving portal. After February 15th the registration fee increases to \$250.

Spots in our K3, K4 and K5 programs will fill up quickly, so don't delay.



Spread the word about our AMAZING school!

We have a number of SJPS yard signs in the school office for families to take home to promote our great school. Please stop in and take one; while supplies last. The best form of marketing is word of mouth, so tell your family, friends and neighbors! Thank you for supporting SJPS!



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way in less than 3 weeks.

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

Promotional events occur daily. A purchase must be made to redeem a prize which range from treasure chest trinkets to a \$50 Target gift card!

Early Childhood Preview will be on Thursday (1/23) from 9:30-11:00 and Friday (1/24) from 11:00-1:00. Volunteers will be there to create kids wish list to take home and review with their families. Parents, if sending cash, don't forget to include a 5.5% sales tax for the purchase.

Teacher preview day will be on Friday, 1/24 from 11:00-1:00. This is their time to pick books for their classrooms, which you may have seen come home with your child! At the bookfair, don't forget to shop the Teacher Wish List bins and make a purchase to support our teachers and your readers!

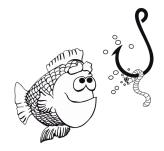
Families can say goodbye to cash and hello to eWallet—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases.

Click on our Book Fair homepage to setup eWallet Click on the Sign-up Genius if you're able to help set-up, take-down, or sell at the fair!

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Link for our Book Fair Homepage: https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/stjosephparishschool

Sign Up for adult Book Fair Volunteers: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EAFA629A7F9C52-50809705-sjps



Fish Fries are coming! Volunteers Needed!

March 7th, 14th, 21st

Dessert Coordinator:

Would you like to be part of a fantastic Lenten tradition at St. Joes? We are looking for a Fish Fry Dessert Room Coordinator. This includes contacting our parish bakers and school families to coordinate donated desserts, leading dessert set up and prepacking on Fish Fry Fridays, and helping as needed during the events to ensure our tasty desserts are enjoyed by all. Detailed instructions and guidance are provided.

Volunteer Coordinator:

Would you like to be part of a fantastic Lenten tradition at St. Joes? We are looking for a Volunteer Coordinator for Fish Fries. Your role includes creating and managing the SignUp Genius, and helping to arrange volunteers for each week's Fish Fries. Detailed instructions and guidance are provided.

Beverage Coordinator:

Would you like to be part of a fantastic Lenten tradition at St. Joes? We are looking for a Beverage Coordinator. As lead, you would work with our local supplier to stock our Fish Fry bar each week, as well as recruit bartenders for each Fish Fry. Detailed instructions and guidance are provided.

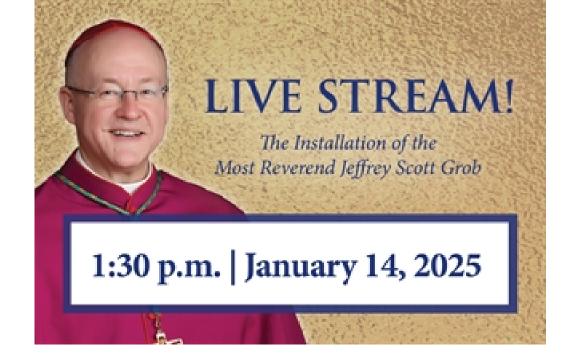
Call or email the school office or contact Fish Fry Chair, Andrea Hayes, at arakoczy13@gmail.com if you are interested in one of these leads.

School Advisory Committee

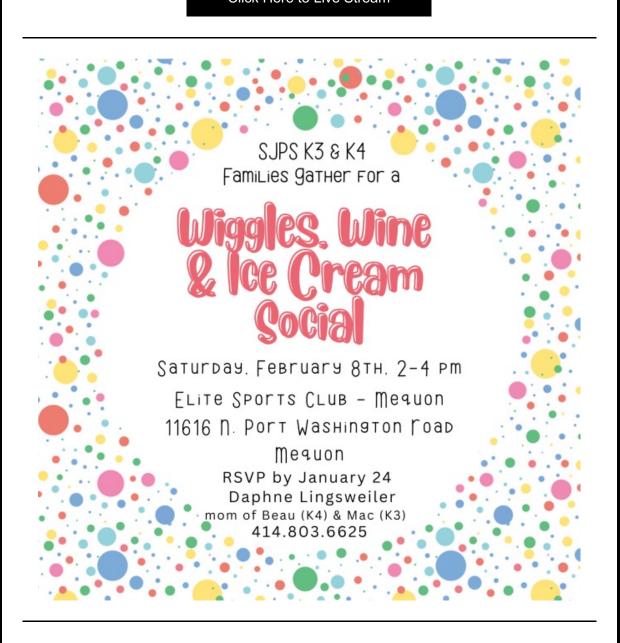
Please see below for the meeting minutes from the December and January SAC meetings. The next SAC meeting is scheduled for February 3rd at 6:30pm.

December Meeting Minutes

January Meeting Minutes



Click Here to Live Stream



Weekly Classroom Highlights

Reading in middle school is all about monsters and mysteries right now. 8th grade is deep into the monstrous novel *Frankenstein* trying to decide who the real monster is. Is it Dr. Frankenstein, his creation or science? While the 8th graders are struggling with that question, I would like to say that the 6th graders are attempting to decide who stole Zeus' lightning bolt in the novel *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*, but as it turns out most of them have either already read the novel or seen the movie. Still they are enjoying the chance to compare the novel to the new Disney+ series, which is very good. Finally, starting this month, the 7th graders are preparing to read *Magnus Chase and the Sword of Summer* which is full of heroics and humor. Their challenge will be to determine who in the book was the most heroic.

With the new year comes new writing assignments. The 6th graders are preparing to write an argumentative essay about the power of play and the type of recess that is most beneficial for students. The 7th graders, after having explored different versions of popular fairy tales, are planning out the fractured fairy tales that they will be writing. The 8th graders have been having some fun playing around and exploring poetry, but their next big writing project will be writing an informational essay about William Shakespeare in preparation for reading Macbeth later this school year.





~Important Information from Previous Lancer Times~



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



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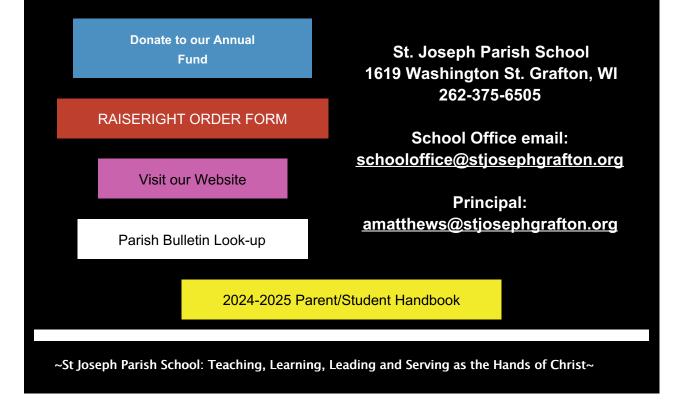
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