

January 19, 2025



St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews

Important Dates to Remember

- **Monday, January 20: No School**
- **Thursday, January 23: Mass at 8:30am**
- **Catholic Schools Week: January 25th-January 31st - see flyer below for details about activities and out-of-uniform days this week**
- **Wednesday, January 29: Children's Choir begins, 8am**
- **Thursday, January 30: Open House 5-7pm**
- **Friday, January 31: Early Release at 11:35, K3-K5 Report Cards go home**

2025-26 School Year Registration Is Now OPEN!

[Click Here to Register](#)

[Click Here to Pay Registration Fee By Credit/Debit Card](#)

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/debit through our online 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. Community Registration begins January 27th.

Calendar of Cash Winners Congratulations!

1/13/25 ~ Amelia Lundberg ~ \$100

1/14/25 ~ Megan Peissig ~ \$25

1/15/25 ~ Marianne Potter ~ \$50

1/16/25 ~ Eileen Weber ~ \$25
1/17/25 ~ Jon DeBoer ~ \$50

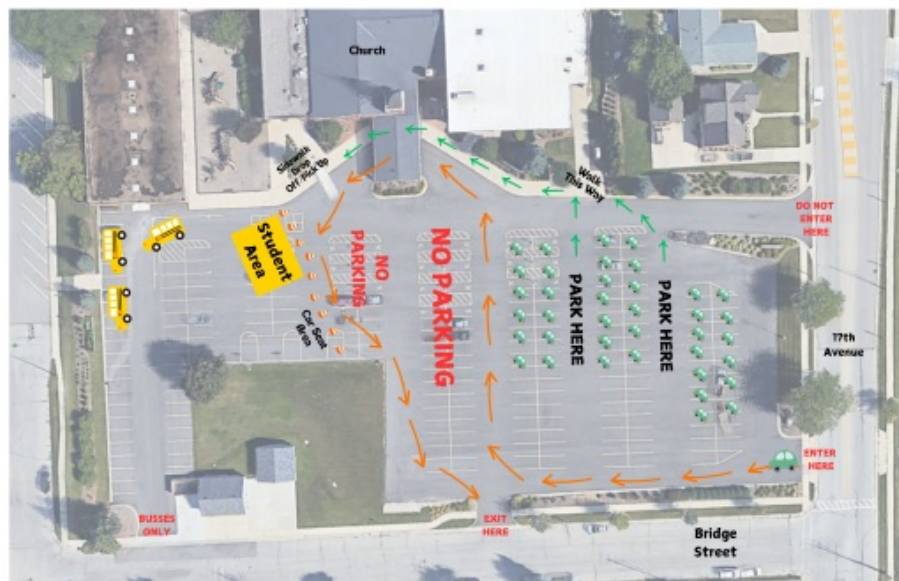
A check will be mailed to the winners.

It's that time of year, for everyone's safety and sanity, to remind all families of our drop off and pick up procedures:

- Children in car seats can ONLY be dropped off or picked up using the car line option if you PULL UP to the far side of the car line alongside the cones near the basketball hoops. This way you are not blocking all of the cars behind you from getting out as you remove your child from their car seat.
- DO NOT walk through or in front of the car line to drop off or pick up your child.
- Anyone using sidewalk drop off/pick up MUST park on the FAR EAST SIDE of the parking lot and walk along the sidewalk in front of the church to drop off or pick up their child. This protects all of our children and families.

Use the route in the picture below for entering and exiting the line.

St. Joseph Parish School Drop Off/Pick Up Map



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 27 - 31



MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress Up: Teacher and Student Swap Day (teachers dress as students, students dress as teachers) • Activity: Minute to Win It games, 1:45 in the gym
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress Up: Character Day (cartoon, movie, book, theater, etc.) • Activity: Variety Show, 1:30 in Doherty Hall
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress Up: PJ/Comfy Day • Activity: Movie at Rivoli Theatre, 8:45
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress Up: Monochromatic Day (wear one color from head to toe; your choice of color) AND Anything But a Water Bottle Day • Activity: Whole school board games and tape Mrs. Matthews to the wall, 2:00 in Doherty hall • Open House, 5:00-7:00
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress Up: Spirit Wear- Lancer Pride Day • Activity: 8th grade students vs. parents/teachers volleyball game, 10:00 in the gym • Early release, 11:35
THROUGHOUT THE WEEK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making Valentines outreach project • Guessing jars

January Counseling Corner By Mrs. Burkhalter, School Counselor

Come Sing With Us!
St Joseph Parish School Children's Choir!
New Start Date is Wednesday, January 29th

St Joseph Parish School Children's Choir is offered to students from 2nd grade and up this year. This choir will rehearse on Wednesday mornings, from 8:00am-8:20am in the school music room. This choir will sing at Thursday morning liturgies on a regular basis, learning special songs for preludes, offertory songs, or after communion.

School Children's Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, January 29th at 8am, in the Music Room.

Blessings to you, and see you at Mass!

Andy Smith, Director of Liturgical Music asmith@stjosephgrafton.org 262-375-6505

Weekly Classroom Highlight
By Sr. Hayes, Spanish Teacher

¡Felíz año nuevo!

How is it already 2025?

It has been such a great year already! In December, we learned about many traditions in the Spanish-speaking world. Noche de Velitas is a new tradition that I learned about, and I was excited to share it with many of my classes. It is a Columbian tradition that either starts at night on December 7th or the day of December 8th. It celebrates the Catholic tradition of the Immaculate Conception. It is a National Holiday in Colombia. People celebrate by placing candles of various sizes and colors all around the town and in their houses. It is the time when family and friends come together to celebrate the official start of the Christmas season in Colombia.

In January, all classes learned a bit about Los Tres Reyes (the three kings) and how the Epiphany is an important holiday tradition in many countries around the world. We have some units ending, like the 5th grade unit on telling time, and others just starting. 3rd graders will soon begin a unit on Familia and 2nd graders will be completing a unit on the weather and jumping right into classroom objects. It will be a busy January for sure. In 8th grade, we will create a small market in the classroom to practice food. I am excited to see how they grow in their knowledge with this unit. I will continue to share what your children are learning via Class Dojo so make sure that you check it out.

Let's hear it for a happy and healthy start to 2025!

~Important Information from Previous Lancer Times~

Congratulations!

December Student of the Month Winners

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



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

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](#)



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!

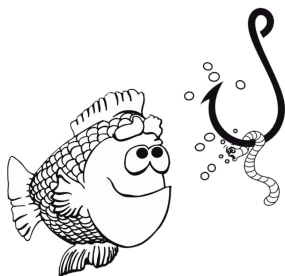
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Link for our Book Fair Homepage:

<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 pre-packing 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.

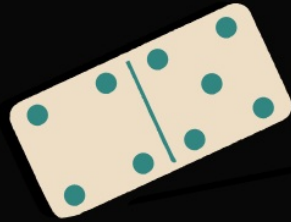
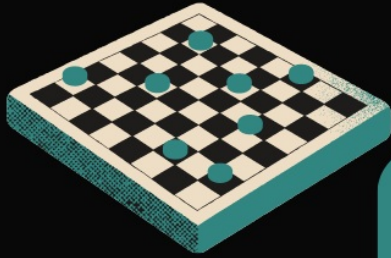
Beverage Coordinator:

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.

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.
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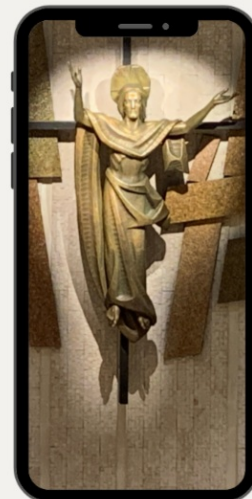
January Extended Care Sign Up

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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Parish Bulletin Look-up

2024-2025 Parent/Student Handbook

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