

**March 16, 2025**



## **St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times**

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews

### **Important Dates to Remember**

- **Monday, March 17: St. Patrick's Day, Wear Green!**
- **Tuesday, March 18: Lenten Almsgiving Day 3 - Mix-Match Day**
- **Wednesday, March 19: St. Joseph Feast Day Mass at 8:30, K4-3rd Grade First Stage Field-Trip 11:15-2:30**
- **Friday, March 21: 3rd Fish Fry, 4:30-7:30**
- **March 21st-28th: No School, Spring Break**
- **April 2: Tot Open Gym 8:30-10:00**
- **Thursday, April 3: Mass at 8:30, 2nd-8th Grade Reconciliation after Mass**
- **Friday, April 4: 4th Fish Fry 4:30-7:30**
- **April 8th-11th: 3rd-8th Grade FORWARD Testing**
- **Thursday, April 10: Mass at 8:30, 1st Grade hosts hospitality after Mass**
- **Friday, April 11: Last Fish Fry 4:30-7:30**

### **Calendar of Cash Winners Congratulations!**

**3/10/25 ~ Mandy Gullicksen ~ \$100**  
**3/11/25 ~ Dan & Lorraine Lochen ~ \$50**  
**3/12/25 ~ Chris Jackson ~ \$25**  
**3/13/25 ~ Patty Fatla ~ \$25**  
**3/14/25 ~ John Lipski ~ \$100**

**A check will be mailed to the winners.**

### **Congratulations!** **February Student of the Month Winners**

**Jennings Kranich ~ K4**



### A Couple Reminders -

- Please remember to call the school office, send an email, or send a note with your child if your child will be leaving school for an appointment throughout the day. Please note the reason for absence, time of absence, and if they will be returning to school after the appointment. This keeps everyone in the loop and allows us to have your child ready when you arrive.
- Children cannot come to school if they have a fever. Additionally, Tylenol cannot be given to a child before school starts if they have a fever and then be sent to school. Also, students must be fever free for 24 hours before returning back to school. This is for the health of all students and staff.



### Calling All Game Lovers!

This year's auction theme is Games and Giving, and we're on the lookout for some key items to make our event a success!

We are looking for:

- a new life-sized Connect 4 game
- a new wood cornhole set
- a new life-sized Jenga set
- used classic board games from your collection, with or without all of the pieces (These are for decorations) Ideas include: Scrabble, Monopoly, Sorry, Trouble, Checkers, Twister, Trivial Pursuit, LIFE, Decks of Cards...

If you have any of these items you're willing to donate, we would be so grateful! Donations can be dropped off at the school. These items will not be

returned. Your contribution will help make this year's auction an unforgettable experience, all while supporting a great cause.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

## Weekly Classroom Highlights

By Miss Johnson, 1st Grade Teacher

I would like to take a moment to express how incredibly proud I am of our first graders. Each day, they arrive at school with eagerness to learn, grow, and support one another. In math, our students have been working on essential concepts, thinking critically, and explaining their reasoning in new ways. They are developing effective problem-solving skills and learning new strategies along the way. In reading, their fluency and comprehension continue to improve, and they are building strong foundational skills. They are also becoming more thoughtful writers, carefully using our writing checklist to express their ideas in complete sentences.

Beyond academics, our first graders are also developing into kind, respectful, and responsible individuals. They consistently encourage one another, practice empathy, and are learning the importance of collaboration and teamwork. Their curiosity and excitement make our classroom a warm and inspiring place to be.

One of the special milestones we recently celebrated was our 100th day of school. To mark the occasion, Miss Johnson created t-shirts for the class that read, "I survived 100 days of school." Each student had the opportunity to count out 100 band-aids and decorate their shirts, with designs ranging from fun images to their names. It was a joyful celebration, and these shirts will serve as cherished keepsakes for years to come—although, they may not fit! We are excited to continue our journey of growth over these next few months!



~Important Information from Previous Lancer Times~

# Seeking Buddy Families

for our  
newly enrolled SJPS Families

## \* What is a buddy family?

Buddy families help new families get acclimated with the school, answer questions about school activities, traditions, etc. Buddy families provide new families with a personal contact for their first year at SJPS.

## \* What to anticipate as a buddy family:

As a buddy family you are asked to make initial contact with the new family by the end of May, plan a time to meet before the beginning of the following school year (playground, local event, home etc.), connect in August to invite to Welcome Back to School Picnic, and then based on response meet up again in the first quarter (school event or what suits your families best).

Questions: Daphne Lingsweiler at [daphne.j.blader@gmail.com](mailto:daphne.j.blader@gmail.com)

## \* SIGN UP HERE



School families are a big part of what makes SJPS special – help share it with our newest families as they begin this chapter.

[Buddy Family Sign Up Link](#)

**Please Click the Link Below to Access the 2025-2026 SJPS School Year Calendar. It is also available on our school website.**

25-26 School Year Calendar

## March Counseling Corner



**It's Fish Fry Season!**  
**March 21, April 4, & April 11**

**We Need Your HELP!** From setting up the kitchen and dining room, to serving food and drinks, bussing tables, and cleaning up afterward, we need many hands! We have opportunities for children and adults, so bring the entire family! Click the link below to sign up to volunteer. All SJPS Families are expected to work 1 shift during the fish fry season as part of their volunteer commitment. Thank you for supporting one of our biggest fundraisers!

[Fish Fry Volunteer Sign Up](#)



**March 7, 14, 21**  
**April 4, 11**

**Dine-In or Carry-Out**  
**4:30pm to 7:30pm**  
**1619 Washington St., Grafton**

Scan QR  
Code to  
pre-order  
meals



**Support Christian Schools**  
Proceeds from the fish fry go to St. Joseph grade school and are used to help with tuition, enhance learning, retain quality teachers, upgrade/purchase equipment and more!

**All Meals \$15.00**

½ lb Beer Battered Cod    4 pc Gourmet Breaded Lake Perch  
½ lb Baked Icelandic Cod    6 pc Jumbo Fried Shrimp

**Meals Include the Following...**

Cole Slaw • Potatoes • Rye Bread & Butter • Coffee and Milk\*

\*drinks are not included in Carry-Out

**Desserts included while they last**

**Traditional Potato Pancakes Served!**

\$3.00 Ala Carte or \$2 as a substitute for potatoes

**St. Joe's Platter \$17.00**

1-Fried Perch • 2-Fried Cod • 3-Fried Shrimp  
Includes all side dishes

**Kids Meals \$7.00**

Fish - Shrimp - Hot Dog - Mac & Cheese



# Lenten Almsgiving

## **March 4-**

Wear purple, green, and gold for \$2. All money raised will be used to purchase materials to make tie blankets for Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

## **March 11 -**

Free dress for \$2 or donate an item from the Humane Society List on the back of this page. All money raised will go towards helping the Wisconsin Humane Society.

## **March 18 -**

Mix-Match day. Wear clothes that do not match and bring items to help restock our food pantry.

### Animal Care Items

- Dry cat food (unopened bags)
- Canned cat food
- Dry dog food (unopened bags)
- Canned dog food
- Canned chicken
- Soft dog treats
- Dog toys
- Peanut butter
- Baby food (pureed chicken, turkey, or beef flavor)
- Potty training pads
- Snuggle Safe microwavable heating pad
- Leashes (non-retractable)
- Timothy hay
- Timothy hay blocks/sticks
- Natural apple sticks
- Hamster/Rabbit/Guinea Pig chew toys
- Plastic hamster/mice wheels
- Hamster/rabbit/guinea pig hideout (igloos/huts)
- Small animal water bottles
- Ceramic hamster bowls

### Food Pantry

- Cereal- Whole grain, low sugar, unsweetened
- Canned Tuna in water
- Canned chicken
- Canned fruit in their juices, 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
- Toilet Paper
- Deodorant - men and women
- Body wash - gels and bar soaps
- Toothpaste
- Dish soap
- Cleaning products
- Laundry detergent

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**Get ready for a season of giving and community as Lent approaches!**

**Join us for our amazing parish fish fry, and don't miss our annual school dinner and auction event. Secure your tickets, adopt a teacher, or donate to the silent auction today!**

**Contact Kelly Osowski at [auction@stjosephgrifton.org](mailto:auction@stjosephgrifton.org) for donation details.**

**Let's make this event one to remember!**



Join Us for a Night of

# GAMES AND GIVING



ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL DINNER & AUCTION 2025

Saturday, May 3rd

5 - 11pm

Doherty Hall

1619 Washington Street, Grafton

## The DETAILS

- Silent Auction (can also bid remotely)
- Live Auction including:
  - Fund A Need
  - Auction Raffle - includes a chance to win \$2,025!
  - Golden Tickets - one Golden Ticket winner will have a chance to win a live auction item!



Your ticket includes admission to the live event and dinner catered by local favorite, The Stillery.



Purchase your tickets online, pre-register your credit card, and enjoy a "sneak peek" at auction items as they're added.

Silent auction bidding will begin on April 28th.

Visit: <http://e.givesmart.com/events/Gzy> or scan the QR code to order tickets and kick off the 2025 SJPS Auction festivities!



SCAN ME

Dress Code: Casual Smart Game-Night Ready

# Free Electronics Scrap Drive

April 26-27 – before & after all Masses  
St Joseph Parking lot



Turn your tech trash into treasure



## Types of electronics we accept:

2-way radios  
Calculators  
Cell Phones  
Circuit boards  
Computers  
- hard drives  
DVD/VCR/DVR players  
Fax Machines  
Keyboards & Mice  
Video Game Systems  
Microwaves  
Desktop Printers  
Laptops  
Portable Devices  
Portable Electronics  
Power Tools  
String lights

Scanners  
Servers  
Stereos  
Telephones  
LCDs  
Vehicle  
Batteries  
- Cars  
- Trucks  
- RVs  
- Motorcycle  
- Lithium Ion  
Other Batteries  
- Tools  
- Household  
- Laptops

Even TV  
DISPOSALS  
ARE FREE!

### **WE DO NOT ACCEPT**

Refrigerators  
A/C Units  
Dehumidifiers  
Freezers



All donations will be ethically  
recycled by Elite Energy Distribution

## March Extended Care Sign Up

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

[March Extended Care Sign Up](#)

# ST. JOSEPH Feast Day POTLUCK DINNER

Let's come together to celebrate our patron saint.  
We will be providing Italian pasta dishes and drinks.



WEDNESDAY

19  
MARCH

5:30 -7:00PM

PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT  
TO SHARE!

CONSIDER BRINGING A DONATION TO OUR  
SVDP FOOD PANTRY

RSVP by March 9  
Sign up sheet available at the Resource Table in  
the Gathering Hall



## School T-Shirts Available

The following yellow 2024-25 T-Shirts are still available. \$10 each. These can be worn in place of a uniform shirt any day of the week. Please contact the school office to purchase.

- 3 - Adult Large
- 1- Adult Medium
- 6 - Adult Small
- 1 - Youth Small
- 4 - Youth X-Small



## St. Joseph Parish School Fish Fry Dessert Schedule

(Please Save for reference)

School families are asked to provide a dessert:  
Pies, Tortes, Cheesecakes, Cakes, and Bars  
Enough to Serve 36 - Please label "FISH FRY"  
Refrigeration will be provided if needed.

**Fish Fry Dessert Date School Family Name**

March 21, 2025 ~ Krombach - Nemcheck

April 4, 2025 ~ Nguyen - Schweisthal

April 11, 2025 ~ Shipley - Zozakiewicz

You will get a reminder via email on Wednesday just prior to your dessert date. If you have any questions, please call the school office.

Thank You for supporting St. Joseph Parish School!

**Does Your Family Qualify For FREE Tuition?**



**Enrollment is Open!**  
**Feb. 3rd - Apr. 17th**

- What is School Choice?**  
Families with qualifying income can send their child(ren) to SJPS tuition free!
- Who Qualifies?**  
Current students entering K4, K5, or 1st grade, or a new student in K4-8th may qualify.
- What if my income changes?**  
Students approved at SJPS remain in the program, regardless of income changes. Once In, Always In!
- More Information or to Apply**  
[chooseyourschoolwi.org](http://chooseyourschoolwi.org)

Qualifying Incomes for Statewide Wisconsin Parental School Choice

Family Size	Single Income	Married Income
2	\$44,968	
3	\$56,804	\$63,804
4	\$68,640	\$75,640
5	\$80,476	\$87,476
6	\$92,312	\$99,312

**APPLY HERE**

**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 \$250 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.

## Download Our Parish App

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



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