April 6, 2025



St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews

Important Dates to Remember

- Monday, April 7: School Advisory Committee Meeting at 6:30pm
- April 8th-11th: 3rd-8th Grade FORWARD Testing, Vision testing
- Thursday, April 10: Mass at 8:30, 1st Grade hosts hospitality after Mass
- Friday, April 11: Last Fish Fry 4:30-7:30
- Monday, April 14: Taize Prayer 9:30am
- Tuesday, April 15: Taize Prayer 9:30am
- Wednesday, April 16: Taize Prayer 9:30, Middle School Brewers History Day Field Trip 10am-4pm
- Thursday, April 17: Last day to apply for the Wisconsin School Choice Program
- April 17th-April 21st: No School, Easter Break
- April 25th: Last day to fill out school survey

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE SCHOOL SURVEY

WE NEED YOUR THOUGHTS!!!

Please take some time to fill out the important School Advisory Committee survey using the link below. We need everyone's participation in this survey to use the information to set goals and establish policies for our school. Your ideas matter and we really want to hear from you!

We are trying to get 100% participation from our families for this survey. All students whose parents participate in the survey by Friday, April 25th. will receive a special "any day" out-of-uniform coupon. Once you have filled out the anonymous survey, return the bottom portion of the yellow form that was sent home with your child to the office to receive the coupon. Additionally, the class with the highest percentage of participation will receive an ice cream party. Thank you for participating in this important school survey!

Our Night of Games and Giving Dinner Auction is less than a month away! We are looking for additional donations for our silent auction, including themed baskets, services, and gift cards. Please take a look and sign up if you can kindly support our greatest fundraiser of the year! Please have all donated items to the school auction by Friday, April 18. Thanks for your consideration and support!

Sign Up Here

CONGRATULATIONS SJPS! THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDED SJPS A \$17,000 GRANT!



The \$17,000 will be allocated to St. Joseph Parish School's Angel Fund. This fund offers additional tuition scholarships to families facing financial hardship that exceeds what our generous Scholarship Program can provide. This initiative helps ensure that families can continue to offer their children a Catholic education at St. Joseph Parish School.



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Congraulations Corbin & Stefan for earning 2nd place in the State Forensics Meet on March 15th. They competed in the Infomercial Category and did an outstanding job!

The SJPS community is so proud of you!







Archdiocese of Milwaukee Safeguarding All of God's Family Safe Environment Week - Proclamation

WHEREAS, Safe Environment Week is for every parish and school, as well as the entire faith community to focus, at the same time, on the importance of keeping our children and youth safe;

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are societal problems whose prevention depend on involvement among people throughout the faith community;

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of not only the Archdiocese of Milwaukee but also the entire Church;

WHEREAS, the theme for this years' Safe Environment Week will be "Working Together Towards Recognizing Abuse to Build Safe Communities."

WHEREAS, acknowledging that as a Church we have much work to do to rebuild the trust that has been broken;

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that as bishops, clergy and church leaders we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and neglect and work to promote the social and emotional well-being of children, youth and families in a safe, healthy and nurturing environment;

THEREFORE, I, Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob proclaim the week of March 30th– April 6th, 2025, as Safe Environment Week in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. I ask that all participate and acknowledge each other with the love and mercy of God the Father.

Most Reverend Jeffrey S. Grob Archbishop of Milwaukee

Keeping Kids Safe Online

10 Tips for Protecting Children



Grafton Girls Basketball Camp

Grades 3rd-9th

June 16-19th

Basketball Camp Sign Up

Meet the SJPS School Advisory Committee Members

We will highlight one member a week. Thank you to all of our SAC members for their dedication to SJPS!

St. Joseph Parish School

School Advisory Committee

Spotlight

Get to know Parker Shipley:

I have been a member of the SAC for four years and my wife and I have been members of SJP since 2001. We have three children who all attended SJPS. Our two boys graduated from SJPS in 2019 and 2022 and our daughter will graduate this June. All of our children attended SJPS from K4 through 8th grade. My wife, Monica, is also a substitute teacher at the school. I am a veteran who is retired from law enforcement and I am also an adult leader in the Boy Scouts. I am also a member of the parish safety and security team and the maintenance committee.

What do you like the most about your position?

I like the friendly camaraderie I have with my fellow committee members as well as giving ideas for the school's improvement and activities. I also like the volunteer opportunities to lead projects that benefit the school.

What impact have you been able to have on SJPS being part of the School Advisory Committee?

I have had a great impact by leading projects that improved the school's playground facilities including the playground stenciling, gaga ball pit restoration, new swings and tetherball. I have also used my law enforcement experience to make the school safer through my advice, training, and facility improvements for the school and parish.



PARKER SHIPLEY

Congratulations! March Student of the Month Winners

Patrick Lochen ~ K5 Daniel Lochen ~ 2nd Grade Natalie Marquardt ~ 8th Grade







Weekly Classroom Highlights By Mrs. Temple, K5 Teacher

A Fun-Filled Day in K5!

The kindergarten class celebrated a Seussabration to honor Dr. Seuss's birthday. It was indeed a "Wacky Wednesday," as students walked into a delightfully disordered classroom. The day was packed with activities inspired by Dr. Seuss's stories. Students practiced counting shoes in pairs, enjoyed Seuss-themed snacks, created art projects, and wrote responses to different Seuss books. Inspired by *The Foot Book*, they also enjoyed some movement games, while various other books sparked engaging math and literacy lessons. To wrap up the celebration, K5 students had the chance to read Dr. Seuss books with their fifth grade buddies. What a fantastic way to commemorate Dr. Seuss's birthday than through reading!



Dominican High School Information Night

Parents-Only Presentation: Parents of 6th and 7th graders are invited to Dominican High School's Prospective Parent Information Night.

Our teachers, current students and parents will be present to share their stories and answer your questions about the value of a Dominican High School Catholic education.

We hope you can join us on Tuesday, May 6th from 7:00PM to 8:30PM at Dominican High School.

Use the link to register! https://forms.gle/EnX3QZHJ1ayiqYfB6



For girls ages 9-12 and their parents

Saint Frances Cabrini School will be hosting Cycle Prep on April 29th at 6:30 p.m., and you and your daughter are invited to attend. Cycle Prep introduces girls to **menstrual cycles**, **periods**, **and body literacy in a positive**, **adult-supported environment**. It encourages girls to respect their bodies and equips them to navigate the natural changes that come with menstrual cycles.

A parent preview video introduction from the creator of cycle prep can be found at this link. It will provide an overview of the night and the topics covered in Cycle Prep. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VldakEK-EgM

If you are interested in Cycle Prep but would prefer to offer it one-on-one in your home instead of in a group setting you are welcome to check out Cycle Prep for in-home use. This would also be a great option if you would like to attend but aren't available on the day of the event.

https://pearlandthistle.podia.com/cycle-prep-first-period-course-for-girls/fa66x

April 29th 6:30pm Saint Frances Cabrini School Cost: Free

Generously sponsored by the Catholic Stewardship Appeal

Learn more and register

https://archmil.regfox.com/cycle-prep-st-frances-cabrini-april-29th-2025

If you have any questions you can reach out to your site host, Tori Franke franket@archmil.org

This event is cohosted by Saint Frances Cabrini School and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee

~Important Information from Previous Lancer Times~



Grafton's BEST EGG HUNT

AND IT'S FREE! Saturday, April 12th, 9:00-12:00

Located at SJPS - Hosted by Utopia RSVP Required

April Extended Care

Please click the link below to sign up for Extended Care for the month of April.

April Extended Care Sign Up

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





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



It's Fish Fry Season! 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



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 <u>auction@stjosephgrafton.org</u> for donation details.

Let's make this event one to remember!



ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL DINNER & AUCTION 2025

Saturday, May 3rd

Doherty Hall

5 - 11pm

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!







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



WE DO NOT ACCEPT

Refrigerators A/C Units Dehumidifiers Freezers



All donations will be ethically recycled by Elite Energy Distribution



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.

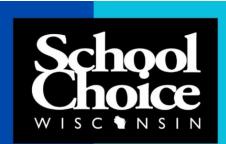
Fish Fry Dessert Date School Family Name

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?



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

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

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.

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2024-2025 Parent/Student Handbook

~St Joseph Parish School: Teaching, Learning, Leading and Serving as the Hands of Christ~



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