

**April 13, 2025**



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

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews

### **Important Dates to Remember**

- **Monday, April 14: Taize Prayer 9:30am**
- **Tuesday, April 15: Taize Prayer 9:30am, Yearbook orders due by the end of the day**
- **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**
- **Saturday, May 3rd: Auction**

**Get your Auction Tickets Today!**



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

## ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!

Yearbook orders are due by the end of the day on Tuesday, April 15th.

Order Yearbook [HERE](#)

May/June Extended Care 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 Daniel Lochen:**

We are new to the SJP community. My wife Lorraine and I have four children. We currently have children in second grade, 5K, and 4K at SJPS. We also have a three year old who will attend SJPS in the future. I joined the SAC as a committee member this year to be more involved with the school community. I am originally from West Bend, WI, we have lived in Grafton for the past nine years.

**What do you like the most about your position?**

I enjoy being informed of all that is being done to make SJPS a great place for our children to learn and grow in the Catholic faith. I also appreciate the opportunity to share my experiences and help to contribute to the school environment.

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

I am relatively new to the committee, but can offer the perspective of a parent of early childhood students and that of a parent who has experienced other school and parish life prior to joining SJP/SJPS. .



**DANIEL LOCHEN**

# April Counseling Corner

## Character Strong

April's character trait of the month is courage. Character Strong defines courage as "choosing what is helpful, right, and kind—even when it's hard or scary".

## Parent and Education Resources

**Ozaukee Family Services located in Grafton has lots of free and low cost parent and child workshops!**

**For additional information, for a workshop, visit their website:**

**<https://www.ozaukee familyservices.org/>**

## Middle School Character Strong

Our middle school students have been continuing to work diligently in their social emotional curriculum. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are continuing their work on emotional regulation, different tools and strategies for when feeling big emotions, and how emotions connect to their values. Our 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are continuing their work on mental health and well-being and practicing empathy.

## Bags in Backpacks

Did you know that through a partnership with Family Sharing of Ozaukee County, St. Joseph offers a grab and go backpack full of food that students can take home over the weekend? Please email Mrs. Burkhalter at [jb Burkhalter@stjosephgrafton.org](mailto:jb Burkhalter@stjosephgrafton.org) if you would like to sign up.

## Weekly Classroom Highlights

**By Ms. Longoria, K4 Teacher**

Exciting things are happening in our K4 classroom—our little learners are making huge strides in their reading journey! After months of hard work identifying letters and mastering sounds, the students are now putting it all together to start sounding out words. We couldn't be more proud of their progress!

Learning to read can be tricky, but we've made sure to fill our classroom with fun and interactive activities that help reinforce these important skills. From puzzles to letter tiles, our students are constantly practicing and making connections between the letters they see and the sounds they hear. They love building words by putting letters together, and our Smartboard songs and whiteboard activities keep them engaged in the learning process.



Many of our K4 kids are reading our beginner reading books and beyond. This milestone is such a wonderful achievement, and it's great to see them making the transition from sounding out words to reading with more confidence!



### ~Important Information from Previous Lancer Times~

## 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!

[Survey Link](#)

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!

## **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](#)



## **Grafton Girls Basketball Camp**

**Grades 3rd-9th**

**June 16-19th**

**Basketball Camp Sign Up**

## **Congratulations!**

### **March Student of the Month Winners**

**Patrick Lochen ~ K5**

**Daniel Lochen ~ 2nd Grade**

**Natalie Marquardt ~ 8th Grade**



## 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](#)

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# 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

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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!

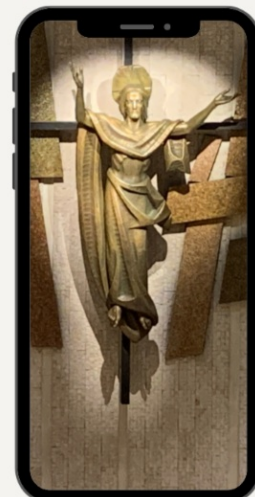
Click Here to Register

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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