

September 21st, 2025



St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school communication from the Leadership Team

Administration email: principal@stjosephgraffton.org

Important Dates to Remember

- Caramel Apple Fundraiser Order Forms due - Fri. 9/26
- Lancer Spirit Wear Day - Mon. 9/29
- No School, Sustaining the Mission - Fri. 10/3
- 8th Grade Kringle Fundraiser Kick-off - Sun. 10/5
- Caramel Apple Order pick up, 3:00 - 3:30pm - Fri. 10/10
- No School, teacher in-service - Mon. 10/13

**Please continue to return the following forms as soon as possible:
Emergency Contact, Media Release, Parent/Student Handbook Sign
off, Immunization Records**

~ A Note from the Leadership Team ~



Dear St. Joseph Parish School Families:

We are very excited to announce that we have a new Administrative Assistant for the school. Daphne Lingsweiler has accepted the position and will start in the office on Monday, September 22. Daphne is a member of St. Joseph Parish who brings a fantastic background in serving families through the Wisconsin Make-A-Wish Foundation, and is mom to two students at our school. We are very blessed to have Daphne bring her talents, faith, and experiences to this role to contribute to our mission in Catholic Education. She has a deep love for our school and we can't wait to have her on the team!

We wish to thank Sue Henke and Becky Meyer for graciously stepping in to support us over the last few weeks. Their presence and service to the students, teachers, and families have been a blessing as we started our year. Daphne will be working alongside Sue and Becky in the coming weeks to learn the ropes and ensure a smooth transition. Please join us in welcoming Daphne and extending our thanks to Sue and Becky!

We also have an update to share with you from Mrs. Abby Jones, our School Counselor. Please see her message below.

Dear SJPS Families,

It is with great sadness that I share that I will be stepping away from my role as school counselor at SJPS due to health concerns. Although my time here has been brief, it has been a joy to meet so many of your wonderful children and families. I was truly looking forward to working with you throughout the school year, which makes this transition all the more difficult.

Thank you for the warm welcome and kindness you've shown me in these first few weeks. I will continue to keep the SJPS community in my prayers.

*Sincerely,
Abby Jones*

While we are disappointed, we support Mrs. Jones in her decision to prioritize her health at this time and wish her all the best. We will post the job within the next week as we understand the importance of a school counselor and will work diligently to fill the position.

Best Regards,

Lisa Jauron
St. Joseph Parish Business Manager

Blessings,

St. Joseph Parish School Leadership Team



17th Annual Family Fun Night Monster Mash - Friday, October 24

Join us for an evening of dinner, games, and Halloween fun! Highlights include carnival games, kids' raffle, a haunted hallway, dancing, bake sale, and more.

Dinner: Spaghetti and mac & cheese catered by The Stillery, Grafton. If you are interested in dinner, tickets must be purchased in advance by Monday, October 13 using the order form. ([LINK TO ATTACHED FORM](#))

Tickets for games, haunted hallway, and kids' raffle will be sold via cash at the event. Admission is otherwise free.

Donations Needed: Kids' raffle prizes (always a hit!) plus a few drinks and snacks. Please [sign up here](#) and return donations marked FFN to the school office by Monday, October 13.

Thank you for your support—we can't wait to see you there!



OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 5th

MASS 8:00am, TOURS 9:00am - 12:00pm



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HIGH SCHOOL

- ✓ VISIT US
- ✓ TAKE A TOUR
- ✓ PREVIEW DAY
- ✓ APPLY NOW



Calling All Basketball Players!

St Francis Borgia would love to have you join their team! Students who are interested in playing this year, should complete the form attached below by 10/10/25.



Basketball Sign Up

IMMUNIZATION REMINDER

All updated immunization records are due by 10/1/25 to the school office

(If your child has an appointment after this date, please call the School Office)

All immunization records must be up to date for all students by the start of the school year. Please call the school office if your child received a shot over the summer so we can update their file. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services does an annual review of all student records. Please don't wait to make an appointment to have your child immunized.

Immunization Brochure



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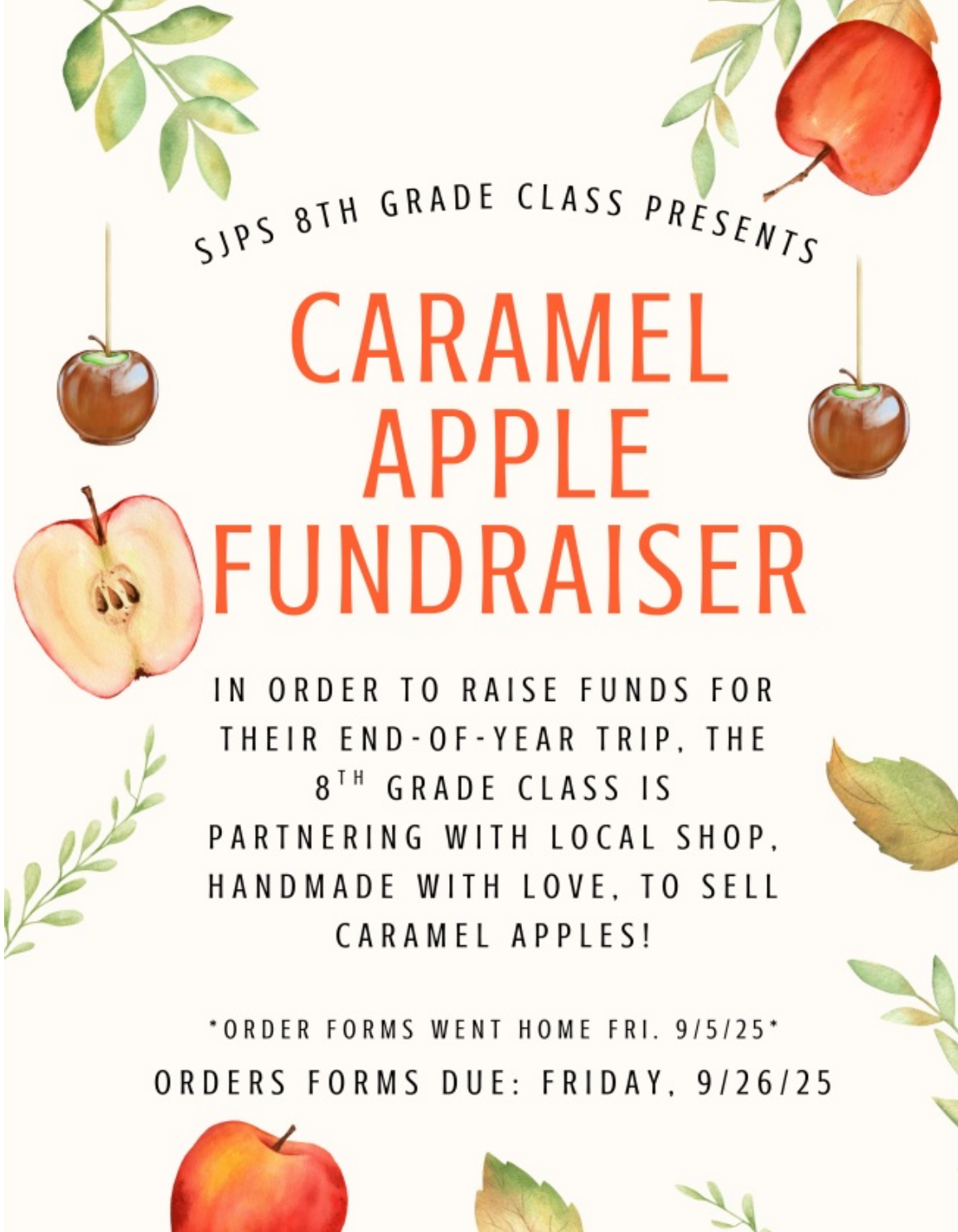
For those of you new to the school, RaiseRight is a gift-card fundraiser for our school. You can order gift cards from almost anywhere you shop through the office at any time! This year, we will continue to offer a 50/50 profit split with families who order gift cards. 50% of all profits will be applied to the following year's tuition. You must indicate the family you would like the tuition credit applied to on your order form.

As of 9/5/25, we are placing a "Hold" on ordering any new RaiseRight giftcards. In lieu of physical gift cards, the Raise Right program is available online that has a broad selection that is delivered electronically for a nominal fee of \$0.29 with no cost for shipping!



2025-26 School T-Shirts, Lancer T-Shirts, & Sweatshirts

If you had purchased Lancer Spirit wear, your order will be arriving in the next 1-2 weeks. We do regret that there is not availability on any orders of "ash" color and can supplement with the navy blue or forest green.



SJPS Extended Care: If you are in need of childcare for your SJPS student, we are pleased to offer both morning (6:30 - 8:00am) and evening (3:15 - 6:00pm) childcare through our Extended Care Program. Please use the link provided to sign up your student(s).

[September Extended Care Sign Up](#)

Weekly Classroom Highlights



Greetings from the Music Room, and welcome back to school at St. Joseph Parish School! Students from K3-8th grade were generally excited to get back into the swing of things in the music room from what I could tell, and I was, too! Plenty of singing, listening, moving, and playing to get us started with success in the music room.

The start of the school year also brought our students several extra-curricular activities to try, some we've had before, and some new ones, too. I'm especially excited about our first try at a Crokinole Club (see picture below). If you've never heard of it, it can be compared to Curling and Shuffleboard. It is great fun for all ages and skill levels, as our club learned at their first meeting! If you'd still be interested in joining, please contact me!

(asmith@stjosephgraffton.org)



~Important Information from Previous Lancer Times~

Drop-Off & Pick-Up

We look forward to seeing you on the first day of school. Here is a reminder of our drop-off and pick-up procedure.

1. **Bus** - Students taking the bus will be dropped off between 8:00 & 8:15. After school, they will be supervised in the bus

line located by the elementary wing doors.

2. **Car Line** - Parents may use the car pick-up line to stay in their car and drop off and pick up their child along the cones. Please do not park under the canopy. *This is the preferred method in the morning, as it makes it much easier on the little ones who sometimes have a hard time letting go. **Parents of children requiring a carseat must pull their car all the way up to the cones closest to the basketball hoops if they need get out of the car to buckle or unbuckle their child.**
3. **Sidewalk** - Parents may park in the parking spaces on the east side of the parking lot and walk along the sidewalk by the church to drop off or gather their child by the playground. **For the safety of everyone, do not walk in front of or between the cars in the pick-up line.**
4. **Middle School Only Option** - Middle School Students may walk to the far end of the sidewalk past the church and meet their parent/guardian at their parked car in one of the designated parking spots on the far east side of the parking lot. This applies only to Middle School Students who do not have a younger sibling.

Please remember, students are not allowed to play on the playground after school unless they are supervised by their parent/guardian.

Map

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

What is Student of the Month?

The SJPS staff is so proud of our students and would like to recognize those who go above and beyond. The faculty and staff will celebrate our incredible students this year through the *Student of the Month Program*. Each month, one nominee will be chosen from each level: Early Childhood (K3-K5), Elementary (1st grade - 4th grade), and Middle School (5th grade - 8th grade). When the students are chosen, they will receive a sign to put in their yard, be announced on the morning announcements, have their picture in the Lancer Times, and hung on a bulletin board near the school office, and receive a Student of the Month Certificate.

Students will be nominated by the teachers and staff based on a character trait each month. We will post the trait we are looking for each month.

☐ **September Character Trait: KINDNESS**

What It Means:

Kindness is showing care, compassion, and respect toward others through words

and actions. It means being helpful, inclusive, and thoughtful—without expecting anything in return.

How Students Demonstrate Kindness:

- Greeting classmates and staff with a smile or kind words
- Helping a peer without being asked (e.g., picking up dropped items, explaining directions)
- Including others in group activities or play
- Complimenting others sincerely
- Listening when others are speaking and showing empathy
- Using polite language consistently (please, thank you, excuse me)
- Standing up for someone who is being left out or treated unfairly
- Showing appreciation to teachers, peers, and staff

How Parents Can Support at Home:

- Talk about what kindness looks like in everyday life
 - Encourage children to share kind acts from their day
 - Read books or watch shows that promote empathy and compassion
 - Model kind behavior in your own interactions
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Join
US!

**SEPTEMBER 9th–
NOVEMBER 25th**



**SAINT
JOSEPH**
PARISH
SCHOOL

Crokinole Club

**\$20 Fee to Help
Purchase Boards**

Hosted by:

ANDY SMITH

**CLUB WILL MEET THE
2nd AND 4th TUESDAY
OF EACH MONTH**

**A GREAT CHANCE TO
HAVE A GREAT TIME!**

FINAL TOURNAMENT WITH PRIZES!



**ARCHDIOCESE
of MILWAUKEE**

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

**If you would like to volunteer in the school
in any capacity during the school day, you
MUST first complete Safe Environment Training. This includes
going on field trips.**

You must first register through the Arch website (link at bottom

HOME & SCHOOL COMMITTEE is looking for more volunteers!

We are a mighty force backed by a few committed individuals! Home & School supports many wonderful events to raise money for the school, recognize teachers, and engage your kids. These are just a few of the events they've supported.

- Back to School Picnic
- Teacher Appreciation
- Raise Right
- Room Parent Activities
- Family Fun Night
- Christmas Concert Hospitality
- Open House
- Catholics Schools Week/Walk
- Scholastics Book Fair
- Grandparent's Day

If you are interested or have suggestions for improvement, please contact [Huong Le](mailto:HuongLe@stjosephgraffton.org) at Homeandschool@stjosephgraffton.org or text 262-573-9733

Special Thanks to our Home & School Committee Leaders who carried out all the events your child was able to enjoy this year

- Amy De Ruyter
- Becky Meyer
- Brittney Hess
- Hannah Belknap-Webber
- Mary Baylor
- Melissa Iserloth
- Shannon Morgan



2025-2026 School Advisory Committee

The SAC Committee works closely with SJPS Leadership to further enhance the culture, marketing and student-family life at St Joe's.

There is still one spot still available for this committee. Please reach out to the school office if you are interested.

RAISERIGHT GIFT CARDS FOR SALE

We have a large amount of gift cards for sale from our RaiseRight Fundraising Program. Also, don't forget, for every gift card you purchase, a percentage is given back to you in tuition credit for next school year.

Sale of physical gift cards is currently on hold. Please consider purchasing through their online portal.

[Click Here to See our Current Gift Card Inventory](#)

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[2025-2026 Parent/Student Handbook](#)

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