

October 12th, 2025



St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school communication from the Leadership Team

Administration email: principal@stjosephgraffton.org

Important Dates to Remember

- **No School, teacher in-service - Mon. 10/13**
- Crokinole Club, 3:15 - Tues. 10/14
- Catholic Schools Walk, 9:30am - Thurs. 10/16
- 3rd & 4th Grade presentations at Mass, 8:00am - Sun. 10/19
- Internet Safety Presentation, 4th-8th - Wed. 10/22
- Family Fun Night - Fri. 10/24
- Crokinole Club, 3:15 - Tues. 10/28
- Parent-Teacher Conferences, 3:30 - 8:00pm - Wed. 11/5
- Early release, 11:35am - Th. 11/6
- No School - Fri. 11/7



~ An Invitation from the Leadership Team ~

Dear St. Joseph Parish School Families:

The St Joseph Parish School Annual Fund campaign is a vital initiative designed to uphold our commitment to providing accessible and high-quality education for all families in our beloved school community. Donations go directly to our operating budget to keep tuition rates stable, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive academically and spiritually within a nurturing environment.

This upcoming week, SJPS will be having \$2.00 Dress-up days to help reach out goal of \$10,000. Every day this week, your child may be out-of-uniform with a donation of \$2.00 per day for the following fun dress-up themes: Black Out Tuesday, Character/Disney Wednesday, All Red Thursday and Pajama Friday!

We also want to extend a personal invitation to all families and community members to walk with us on Thursday, October 16th 2025 following the 8:30am Mass to celebrate Catholic Schools, build community, and raise funds to help maintain St Joseph Parish School's commitment to Teaching, Learning,

Leading and Serving as the Hands of Christ.

Blessings,

St. Joseph Parish School Leadership Team



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

All Dinner order forms are due Tues. 10/14

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.

We are also in need of many volunteers for this event to keep it running smoothly! Please see the Sign Up Genius's below:

Adult - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EAFA629A7F9C52-59363683-family>

Game Room - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EAFA629A7F9C52->

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



SJPS AUCTION 2026

Planning and preparation has already begun for this year's annual Auction! We are always looking for more volunteers, but if you cannot commit to helping in-person, that's ok - we have lots of upcoming options to help make this an AMAZING event on your own time! If interested in supporting the event in any capacity, please use the link below to let us know you're interested!

[Auction Committee Support Interest Form](#)

~ SJPS Auction Committee

JOIN US

ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WALK

Join us as we walk to celebrate Catholic schools, build community, and raise funds that stay at our school.

THURSDAY, OCT. 16TH

9:30AM - AFTER MASS

To Donate: <https://pushpay.com/g/stjosephgraffton>

1619 Washington Street, Grafton



ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WALK

\$2 OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAYS

Bring \$2 to school for each day to go out-of-uniform in the theme of the day!

TUESDAY, OCT. 14TH
BLACK OUT DAY
DRESS IN HEAD-TO-TOE BLACK!

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15TH
CHARACTER & DINSEY DAY

THURSDAY, OCT. 16TH
RED DAY
WEAR RED FOR THE WALK!

FRIDAY, OCT. 17TH
PJ DAY



SJPS at Weekend Masses

This year, as a school, we will be collectively focusing on continuing to enhance our School-Parish connection. To that regard, each month, a homeroom/grade will be featured at a weekend Mass!

What this all includes is: students are invited to attend Mass with their families (preferably in uniform), a piece of work they have done or an activity will be set up in the Gathering Space for parishioners to see how awesome we are as a school and to invite them to interact with school families, Fr. Tim will say a little "blurb" during Mass to showcase that grade and a light hospitality will be provided.

A schedule of each homeroom's weekend Masses are:

- **October 19th @ 8:00am - 3rd & 4th**
- **November 16th @ 10:30am - K5 & 1st--> **Date change****
- **January 24th - 25th @ all Masses - All classes(Catholic Schools Week)**
- **February 14th @ 4:00pm - K4**
- **March 15th @ 8:00am - 2nd & 3rd**
- **April 19th @ 10:30am - 5th - 8th**

This past weekend, the Middle School students presented their research project on "Who is Jesus in the Old Testament." Each student summarized their assigned Old Testament book, identified a theme as to "Who Jesus is" based on the text and chose two verses and images that symbolized Jesus's character/personality as he was revealed to humanity. They did a GREAT job!



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

If you missed the Lancer Spirit Wear order we have extra spiritwear available in limited sizes—t-shirts: \$10, hoodies:

\$29, and crewneck sweatshirts: \$26. Stop by the office or send a note with your student to grab the few we have in stock.

In addition, we do have to place an order for others, so if you'd like something not on the list, please reach out with your families name, size (youth and adult) and quantity. Email Daphne Lingsweiler at schooloffice@stjosephgraffton.org or call the office 262-375-6505.

Available in the office:

YXS- crewneck sweatshirt, navy

YXS- crewneck sweatshirt, hunter green

YS- Lancer T

YS- crewneck sweatshirt, navy

YS- hoodie, hunter green

YS - hoodie, navy

YM- Lancer T

YM- hoodie, navy

YM- crewneck sweatshirt, navy

Thanks!

Weekly Classroom Highlights

By: Ms. Melissa Myers, 4th Grade Teacher

Last week, 3rd and 4th grades met for a retreat around the theme of “Love Thy Neighbor.” The students had a discussion about what it means to love your neighbor, as well as the Great Commandment and the Golden Rule. We discussed ways to include others and treat each other with kindness.

The students then engaged in an activity called Find Your Group, in which each student was given a label on their back naming them some part of a trio; ketchup, mustard and hot dog; marshmallow, graham cracker and Hershey bar; etc. They could only ask yes or no questions, requiring them to use critical thinking skills while collaborating with their peers. After finding their group, 1st and 2nd grades joined us for a STEM activity.

Mixed groups were tasked with building the tallest tower out of marshmallows and toothpicks. They only had 12 minutes to complete this task. Throughout the activity, students had to collaborate, assign tasks, and ensure everyone in the group had a say. At the end of this activity, students learned that working with others goes best when we listen to each other, use kind words when we disagree, and treat each other with respect and dignity.



SJPS 8TH GRADE CLASS SAYS THANK YOU!

YOU ARE AWESOME TO THE CORE!

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO
EVERY FAMILY WHO PURCHASED A
CARAMEL APPLE FROM THE 8TH
GRADE FUNDRAISER. THEY WERE
ABLE TO RAISE \$1008 TOWARDS
THEIR END-OF-YEAR TRIP!

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BRAXTON, NEVE, MADDIE, MACKENZIE,
KENNEDEE, GRIFFIN, CROSBY

~ GIFT CARDS OF GRATITUDE ~

A **HUGE** thank you to all the SJPS families who graciously donated gift cards from various local establishments and varying amounts to be used this year as a way to show appreciation for our SJPS Staff!



Each full, 5-day week, during announcements, a student randomly draws a staff member's name and they are awarded a "gift card of gratitude." This is an unbelievably generous and exciting gift we are able to share with our staff.

Winners so far this year:

- Mrs. Gratz - \$5 Starbucks
- Mr. Smith - \$25 Target
- Ms. Myers - \$10 Amazon
- Mrs. O'Dell - \$5 Culvers

★ October Character Trait: RESPONSIBILITY

What It Means:

Responsibility is doing what you are expected to do and owning your actions — even when no one is watching. It means taking care of yourself, your things, and your duties. Responsible people can be trusted to follow through, make good choices, and learn from their mistakes.

How Students Demonstrate Responsibility:

- Turning in assignments and homework on time
- Bringing necessary materials to class
- Following rules and instructions without reminders
- Admitting mistakes and working to fix them
- Helping keep shared spaces clean and organized
- Managing time well (e.g., balancing school and play)
- Taking care of personal belongings and school supplies
- Following through on promises or tasks given

How Parents Can Support at Home:

- Give children age-appropriate tasks and chores to build accountability
- Set clear expectations and follow through with routines
- Praise efforts to be responsible, not just results
- Encourage children to solve small problems on their own
- Talk about choices and consequences in real-life situations
- Be a role model—show responsibility in your words and actions

used **BOOK SALE**

Hosted by the Friends of the Grafton Library

\$1 per book

**excluding a "deal" table*

OCT. 23-25

**USS Liberty Memorial
Public Library**

**1620 11th Ave.
Grafton, WI 53024**

Ozaukee Food Alliance

*During our fall book sale,
shoppers will be able to enjoy
a FREE BOOK when making a
non-perishable food
donation.*

Thursday, 1-7:45pm

Friday, 9:30am - 4:45pm

Saturday, 9:30am - 1:45pm

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Library
USS LIBERTY MEMORIAL
PUBLIC LIBRARY
GRAFTON, WI

~ Information from Previous Lancer Times ~

Message from the Business Office:

Invoices for tuition have been sent to email addresses on file. Please make sure to check your Spam folder to ensure you are receiving these. For those families who are past due with their payments, copies August and September invoices are being sent home. October invoices were sent out Monday, October 6th.

If you have billing/tuition questions, please reach out to Lisa Jauron, SJP Business Manager at businessoffice@stjosephgrafton.org

WALL OF HONOR

OUR 1ST AND K5 STUDENTS ARE CREATING A SPECIAL PROJECT
FOR VETERAN'S DAY, WHICH THEY WILL PRESENT AT MASS ON
NOVEMBER 16TH, 2025

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HONOR A VETERAN IN YOUR LIFE ON
OUR WALL OF HONOR, PLEASE BRING A 4X6 PHOTO AND GIVE
TO MISS JOHNSON OR MRS. TEMPLE. PHOTOS MAY BE OF
VETERANS WHO ARE LIVING OR HAVE PASSED AWAY.

ON THE BACK OF THE PHOTO, INCLUDE:

- VETERANS NAME
- BRANCH OF SERVICE
- YEARS SERVICED

PLEASE NOTE: PHOTOS WILL NOT BE RETURNED.

SJPS First Grade & Kindergarten Students



KRINGLE SALE

MON. 10/6 - THURS. 10/30

A wonderful holiday treat!

*Help support the 8th grade class in
raising funds for the End-of-Year Trip!*



12 Flavors \$12.50/ea. 22oz. Oval

Pick up 3-3:30 on Fri. 11/14

GRAFTON HOOPS SKILLS LEAGUE

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

GRADES 1-5 BOYS & GIRLS

THE GRAFTON HOOPS SKILLS LEAGUE IS DESIGNED FOR BOYS AND GIRLS IN 1ST-5TH GRADE AND FOCUSES ON BUILDING BASKETBALL FUNDAMENTALS THROUGH SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND LIVE GAME PLAY. SESSIONS ARE HELD ON SATURDAY MORNINGS THIS WINTER, AND EACH PLAYER WILL RECEIVE BOTH GEAR AND INSTRUCTION TO MAKE THE SEASON FUN AND REWARDING. THIS YEAR WE WILL BE CAPPING THE MAXIMUM PARTICIPANTS AT 90 SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO REGISTER EARLY TO SECURE YOUR SPOT.

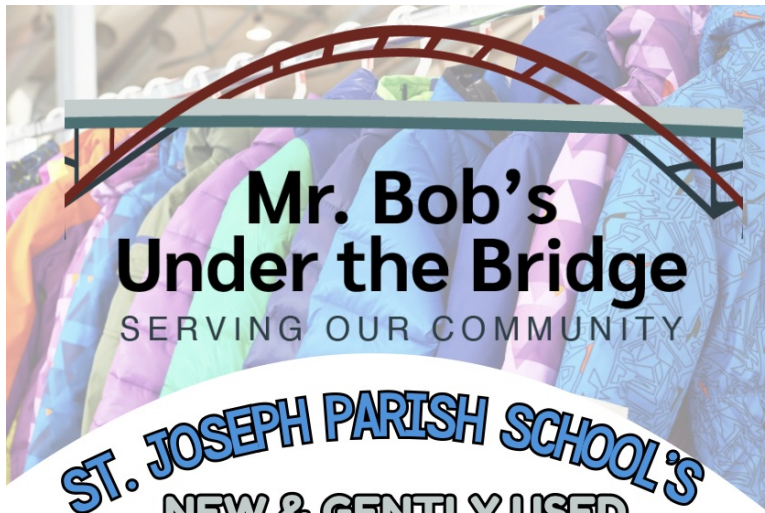
JAN 10 - FEB 21 | 8:30-9:15AM OR 9:20-10:35AM
SATURDAYS | (TIME BASED ON REGISTRATION NUMBERS)
JOHN LONG MIDDLE SCHOOL
(2/14 AT GHS AUX. GYM)

\$100/PLAYER

REGISTER HERE: [HTTPS://GO.TEAMSNAP.COM/FORMS/499894](https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/499894)

ADDITIONAL INFO :

EACH PLAYER RECEIVES A BASKETBALL AND PRACTICE JERSEY
SESSIONS FEATURE SKILLS TRAINING + 5V5 SCRIMMAGES
PLAYERS BRING A LABELED BASKETBALL FOR WEEK 1
NO RESCHEDULES IF A SNOW DAY OCCUR



Mr. Bob's
Under the Bridge
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL'S
NEW & GENTLY USED
WINTER COAT DRIVE

Help Keep Our Community Warm!

Our 1st and 4th grade students at St. Joseph Parish School are collecting new and gently used WINTER COATS (all sizes) for their October service project.

All donations will be given to Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge to help those in need this winter. Donations can be brought to the SJPS school office during school hours 8:15am - 3:15pm, Monday - Friday.

OCTOBER 1ST - OCTOBER 31ST



RAINBOWS.
Guiding our youth through the storms of life

Monday from 6:00 to 7:00pm
12 week session, starting October 20th

Rainbows is a **free**, 12-week program offered by Ozaukee Family Services for children and adolescents (grades K-12) who are experiencing major family changes such as divorce or the death of a loved one. The program provides a safe and supportive environment where children can express their feelings, build self-esteem, and develop healthy coping strategies.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Small, age-based groups where children connect with peers facing similar challenges.
- Engaging activities and meaningful discussions in a fun and supportive setting.
- Compassionate and trained facilitators who create a trusting and confidential space.
- A concurrent support group for parents to help navigate family changes together.

WHY RAINBOWS?

This program helps children and teens understand their emotions, feel less alone, and develop resilience as they adjust to life's transitions.

Rainbows provides a "rainbow after the storm," guiding children toward healing and hope.

PROGRAM DETAILS
Duration: 12 weeks | October 20, 27 November 3, 10, 17, 24 December 1, 8, 15 January 5, 12, 19 (final session)
(If Rainbows needs to be canceled due to inclement weather, we will have our final session on January 26th.)

Location: Ozaukee Family Services
Registration: Required (space is limited)
Cost: **FREE**
FREE Childcare available with sign up!

Questions:
Laura Smith
262-376-7774 ext 151





SAFETY REMINDER

A gentle, yet firm reminder to all families who utilize Extended Care in the mornings or afternoons as we have received complaints from the community:

- 16th Avenue, the road that the doors of Extended Care open out to, is a **ONE-WAY** street. You **MUST** enter right off of Highway 60 on the north side of the school and park in the angled parking spots.
- You may **NOT** drive the **WRONG** direction and enter from the south roadway. You will be ticketed by GPD if caught doing so.

For the safety of students, families and residents, please follow posted traffic signs.



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 below to sign up your student(s).

*We know things happen, but if you need to sign-up for a day after the Monday of that week, please reach out to Amanda Christian via email @ achristian@stjosephgrifton.org or through the Extended Care Class Dojo to confirm your child's placement

October Extended Care	SAC Meeting Minutes	Home and School
Safe Environment Training Registration	Drop-off/Pick-Up Map	
Donate to our Annual Fund	Parish Bulletin Look-up	Visit our website

St. Joseph Parish School
1619 Washington St. Grafton, WI
262-375-6505

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Administration: principal@stjosephgrifton.org

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