

October 26th, 2025



St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school communication from the Leadership Team

Administration email: principal@stjosephgraffton.org

Important Dates to Remember

- Crokinole Club, 3:15 - Tues. 10/28
- Maddie and Mackenzie Volleyball @ Seton Tournament, 5:30pm - Tues. 10/28
- Tot Open Gym, 8:30 - 10:00am - Wed. 10/29
- Kringle Orders forms + payment due - Thurs. 10/30
- Mini-Musical Monday, 9am - Mon. 11/3
- Parent-Teacher Conferences, 3:30 - 8:00pm - Wed. 11/5
- Early release, 11:35am - Th. 11/6
- No School - Fri. 11/7
- Picture Retake Day - Th. 11/13
- Kringle Order Pick up, 3:00 - 3:30pm - Fri. 11/14
- End of Trimester 1 - Tues. 11/25
- No School, Thanksgiving Break - Wed. 11/26 - Fri. 11/28



~ A Message from the Leadership Team ~

Dear St. Joseph Parish School Families:

Family Fun Night - Monster Mash was a "spooktacular" evening! A thank you to all the SJPS families and community members who joined us for an evening of dining, dancing and fun. We had a wonderful time seeing all the spooky costumes and smiles all night long.

As a Leadership Team, we would like to acknowledge that this event does not come together without hours of planning, preparing and set-up. Soliciting donations, organizing dinner, planning game room events, selling raffle tickets, and set-up/clean-up are only a few of the tasks that our amazing SJPS Home and School committee take on to make this event a success for raising money for our school.

We would be remiss to not send a HUGE thank you to the following

committee members whose continually work to enhance SJPS - your support is truly appreciated:

- Shannon and Brian Morgan and family
- Huong and Daniel Le and family
- Mel and Ryan Iserloth and family

In addition to the "behind the scenes" work involved in a fundraiser of this capacity, we would also like to thank those who donated their time during the event to help create a fun and welcoming evening. Thank you to:

- Brittany and Brett Hess
- Lorraine Lochen
- Stephanie Nino de Guzman
- Christine Weeden
- Carley and Joe Novotny
- Bridget and Brett Hutchisoon
- Kelly Osowski
- Sherri Picciuto
- Casey Wieland
- Michelle and Jim Spring
- Hannah Belknap
- Mary and Joey Burger

The success of each and every event held at St Joseph Parish School, whether big or small, could not be accomplished with the love and support from our wonderful families. Please know that we are always grateful for any time, talent or gifts given to SJPS to help students and staff continue to always *Teach, Learn, Lead and Serve as the Hands of Christ*.

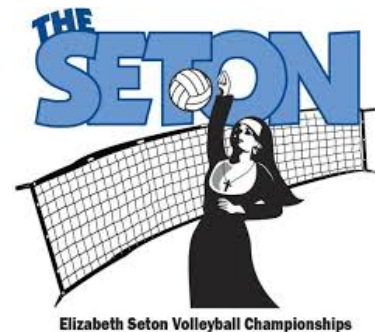
Blessings,

St. Joseph Parish School Leadership Team

Congratulations Lady Lancers!

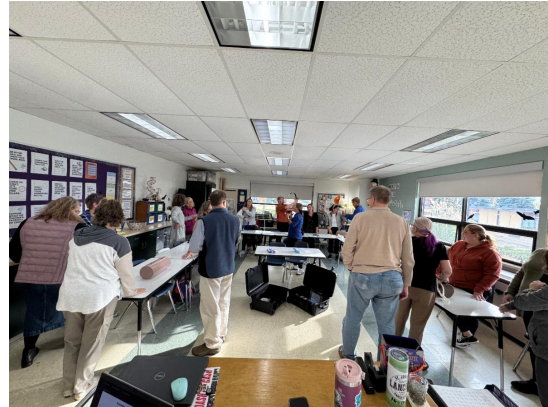
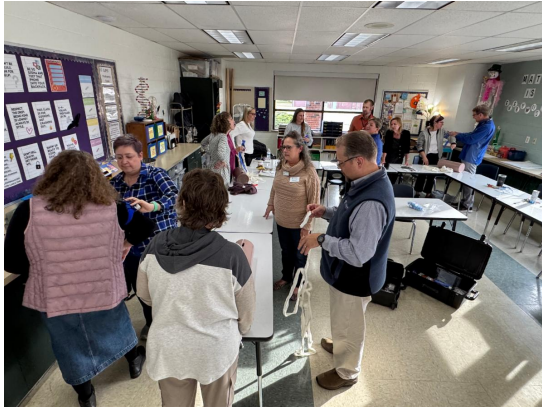
SJPS 8th graders, Maddie Spring and Mackenzie Morgan, along with their volleyball team, have earned an invitation to the Elizabeth Seton Volleyball Tournament. They will begin pool play on Tuesday, Oct. 28th and if they advance, play on Thursday, Oct. 30th.

We wish them congratulations on their achievement and good luck!



Elizabeth Seton Volleyball Championships

Lord, we thank You for all that You have given us, as every gift we have is from You. We thank You for the ability to play the game and for all the facilities we enjoy. Lord, grant that we may play to the best of our ability Lord, grant that no one from either team be injured and that the spirit of sportsmanship may prevail before, during and after the game. Amen.



Stop the Bleed Training at SJPS

On Tuesday, Oct. 21st, SJPS teachers and staff received valuable safety training lead by Jill Krell, Associate Professor at CUW in the School of Nursing and accompanied by Brenda Jobe of CUW. Stop the Bleed training is a nation-wide training program intended to help participants become life savers and not bystanders in the event that there is life-threatening bleeding. Participants train to be able to quickly and effectively identify bleeding emergencies and control it.

Trimester 1 Conferences

As the end of the first trimester is nearing, please be on the look out for a communication from your student's homeroom teacher with information about how to schedule Trimester 1 conferences. These are required conferences and students in grades 5-8 are to be in attendance at theirs.



*Please note: middle school conferences will be held differently this year - Mr. Kempf and Mrs. Gratz will have drop-in conferences from 3:30 - 8:00pm. A note will be coming home tomorrow, Mon. 10/27 with more information.

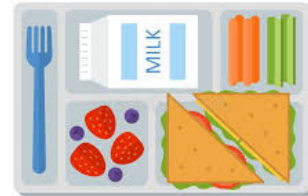
Below are the links to schedule conferences with your child's homeroom teacher:

K3 - [Mrs. Christian Conferences](#)
K4 - [Mrs. Longoria Conferences](#)
K4 - [Mrs. Vaculik Conferences](#)
K5 - [Mrs. Temple Conferences](#)
1st - [Miss Johnson Conferences](#)
2nd - [Mrs. Lemke Conferences](#)
3rd - [Miss Jackson Conferences](#)
4th - [Ms. Myers Conferences](#)

Mr. O (gym) - will be available to meet in the middle school hallway

Hot Lunch and Milk Invoices

Hot lunch and milk invoices have been prepared and will be emailed to families within the next week via QuickBooks. Payments can be sent to the school office. If you have any questions, please reach out to Daphne Lingsweiler at schooloffice@stjosephgrifton.org or 262-375-6505 ext. 150—she'll be happy to help.



Any contributions you've already made toward your account will be reflected on your invoice. Any payments you've already made toward your account will be applied to your invoice. Moving forward, invoices will be emailed on a regular monthly schedule after each month.

We're grateful for your attention and for the many ways you support our students and school community!



PICTURE RETAKE DAY!

For any student or staff who missed picture day or you would like to have their picture retaken. No pre-registration required, simply show up dressed in your best!

November 13th

Third and Fourth Graders Share with the Parish

Following the 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday, October 19th, the third and fourth graders shared the Animal Systems models they created as a part of a recent science unit on how different animal bodies work. They worked collaboratively in mixed grade groups to create and then present their models. These models were on display for all of the Masses. They also had the opportunity to mingle with parishioners as they enjoyed some hospitality with them as well. Thank you third and fourth graders for showing what amazing students we have here at St. Joseph Parish School!



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 link located in end section of the Lancer Times

November Extended Care Sign Up

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:

- 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

TRICK OR TREAT *& Greet!*



THURSDAY
**OCT
30**

5:45 PM - 6:45 PM

Harvest Home Assisted Living
1706 Washington St.
Grafton, WI 53024

Please visit us for our Trick or Treat & Greet! On Thursday, October 30th from 5:45m to 6:45pm, bring your kids dressed in their best Halloween costumes to visit with our residents and get some candy!

We look forward to visiting and celebrating with you!



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[HarvestHomeWI.com](https://www.HarvestHomeWI.com)



Weekly Classroom Highlights

By: Mrs. O'Dell, Interventionist

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By: Kathleen O'Dell School Interventionist

Reading Instruction at St. Joseph Parish School: Supporting Every Learner's Journey

At St. Joseph Parish School, we honor the unique academic journey of every student. We recognize that within a single classroom, learners may be at varying levels of achievement. It is our responsibility—and our privilege—to meet each child where they are and provide instruction that both supports and challenges them.

In grades 2 through 4, teachers use a variety of data sources—including I-Ready assessments, classroom evaluations, and observational insights—to understand each student's strengths and areas for growth. Based on this analysis, students are placed into mixed-age, mixed-grade reading groups that meet four times per week for 30-minute sessions. These groups allow for targeted instruction that aligns with each child's current reading level.

Following small group instruction, each grade also engages in whole-group reading lessons. This ensures that all students receive grade-level instruction and continue progressing toward academic standards.

This approach has sparked enthusiasm throughout our school. Students are thriving as they learn at their own pace, build relationships across grade levels, and grow in confidence as readers. Teachers are equally energized by the opportunity to collaborate and connect with students in new ways.

At St. Joseph Parish School, reading is more than a subject—it's a shared journey of discovery, growth, and joy.



~ GIFT CARDS OF GRATITUDE ~

A HUGE thank you to all the SJPS families who graciously donated gif 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:

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

~ Information from Previous Lancer Times~

TOT OPEN GYM



Join us in the St. Joseph Parish School gym from **8:30-10am** to run and play! Open to children ages 6 and under not currently in school. Caregivers must stay with children.



Please enter through the main School doors and sign in with the office when you arrive.



October 29
November 12
December 10
January 7
January 21



MINI MUSICAL MONDAYS



Mr. Smith, the music teacher, will lead children in some lively sing-alongs and hands-on instrument fun one Monday a month! Join us in the St. Joseph Parish School music room at **9am** to sing and have fun! Open to children ages 6 and under not currently in school. Caregivers must stay with children.



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November 3
December 1
January 5
February 2
March 9
April 13
May 4



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.

★ October Character Trait: RESPONSIBILITY

What It Means:

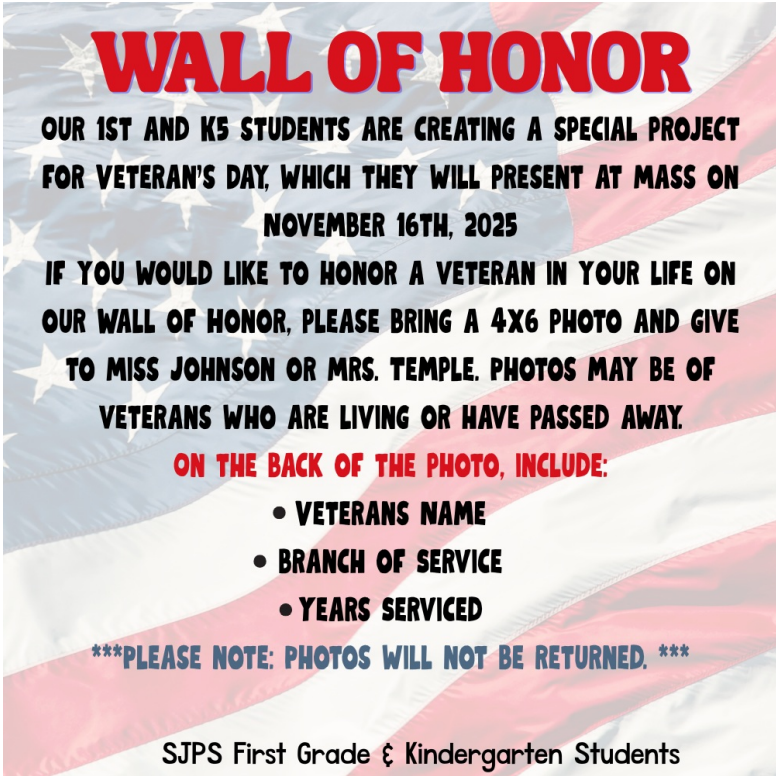
Responsibility is doing what you are expected to do and owning your actions — even when no one is watching. It means taking care of yourself, your things, and your duties. Responsible people can be trusted to follow through, make good choices, and learn from their mistakes.

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



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

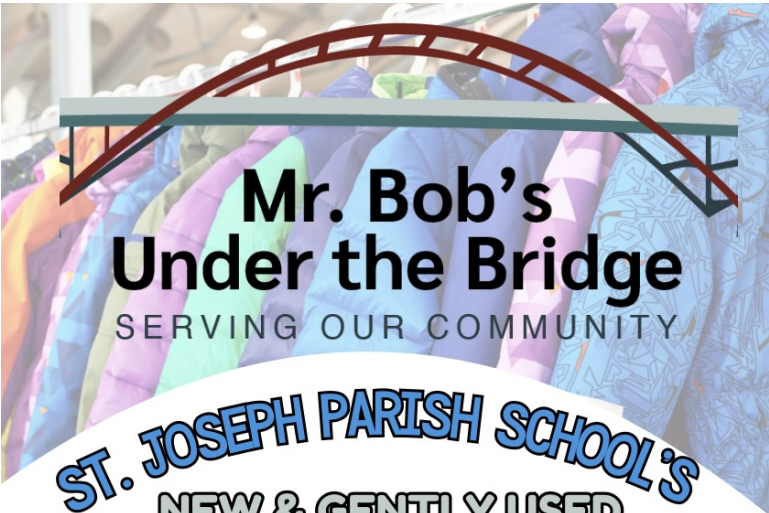
A wonderful holiday treat!

*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



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

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

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262-375-6505

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