

November 9th, 2025



St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school communication from the Leadership Team

Administration email: principal@stjosephgraffton.org

Important Dates to Remember

- 7/8 Outreach for St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at SJPS - Now - F. 11/21
- Veterans Day Presentation - T. 11/11
- Spirit Wear Day - W. 11/12
- Picture Retake Day - Th. 11/13
- Kringle Order Pick up, 3:00 - 3:30pm - Fri. 11/14
- Calendar of Cash Raffle Kick-off - Fri. 11/14

(More information coming home this week!)

- End of Trimester 1 - Tues. 11/25
- No School, Thanksgiving Break - Wed. 11/26 - Fri. 11/28
- SJPS in Grafton's Christmas Parade, 11:00am - Sat. 11/29



~ A Message from the Leadership Team ~

Dear St. Joseph Parish School Families:

We are thrilled to share some wonderful news with you! Our school family is growing - we are so happy to announce that SJPS has obtained the services of a school counselor, Amber Harrigan who comes to us from a local organization, Harrigan Counseling Services. Miss Amber brings a wealth of experience in supporting students' academic, social, and emotional growth from her time in school districts throughout the county. She is passionate about helping children succeed, building strong relationships with families, and creating a positive and caring school environment. She will be working with our students all day on Mondays and Friday mornings. She will be seeing students individually, in small groups, and conducting all group lessons in the classrooms. Her official start date will be announced once her Safe Environment Training has been completed.

We are also working with the School Counseling Graduate Program at Mount Mary to place a graduate student in counseling with us as well. More details to

follow in the next month or so. Thank you so much for your patience as we have tried to put this important addition to our school staff in place. We truly appreciate it.

Please don't forget to join our SJPS kindergarten students and first graders next Sunday after the 10:30 Mass as they present their Wall of Honor. SJPS will also be providing light hospitality after that Mass. The Wall of Honor will be on display for all the weekend Masses. Just a reminder that the deadline for photo submissions for the Wall of Honor is tomorrow, Monday, November 10th.

Finally, just a reminder that we are collecting any leftover Halloween candy that you would like to get out of your house to be distributed during the Grafton Christmas Parade on November 29th.

Blessings,

St. Joseph Parish School Leadership Team

SJPS IN THE GRAFTON CHRISTMAS PARADE



SATURDAY, NOV. 29TH

11:00am, downtown Grafton

**St Joseph Parish School will once again
be walking in the Grafton Christmas
Parade and handing out candy!**

How You Can Help

**Consider donating any leftover/extra
Halloween candy or new candy
donation! Items can be dropped off in
the School Office for Mrs. Gratz**

Collection Dates

Now - Friday, Nov. 21st



**St Vincent de Paul Pantry at
SJPS**

cereal (whole grain, low sugar), canned tuna in water, canned chicken, canned fruit, canned peas/carrots/green beans, soups and stews (low sodium), pasta sauce, canned pasta, Knorr pasta/rice sides, PB & jelly, complete pancake mix, pancake syrup, facial tissues, paper towels, bath tissue, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, tooth paste, tooth brushes, dish soap, cleaning products, laundry detergent

Trimester 1 Conferences

Hello SJPS Parents:

Thank you for joining us for our fall Parent Teacher Conferences! We appreciated the opportunity to share all the great things your children are doing, as well as, sharing some of the things that they can work on. We truly value our ability to work in partnership with you to help your child achieve his or her fullest potential. As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.

Warmly,

SJPS Staff

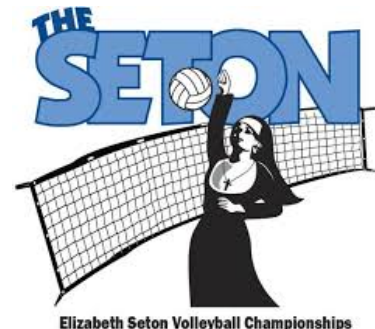
Jackie Stengel
Karen O'Dell
Melissa Meyers
Susan Tomple
Karen Longoria
Andy Smith
Nicole Vaculik
Amy Jan
Deb Twietmeyer
Kim Klement
Caren Gatz
Julie Lemke
Amanda Christian
Cheryl Wojcisiak
Christine Vautson

Congratulations Lady Lancers!

SJPS 8th graders, Maddie Spring and Mackenzie Morgan, along with their volleyball team, will be playing in the 3rd place game tonight at 4pm at Catholic Memorial High School in Waukesha!

Congratulations on all of your successes this year and good luck in your final game tonight!

Lord, we thank You for all that You have given us, as every gift we

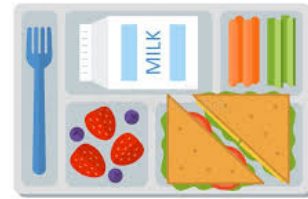


Elizabeth Seton Volleyball Championships

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.

Hot Lunch and Milk Invoices

Hot Lunch and Milk have been billed for September and October. Please submit payments to the office, including the invoice numbers you are paying in the memo line.



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

THANK YOU!

A big THANKS to everyone who ordered Kringle from the 8th graders.

A total of \$970 was raised to support their end-of-year trip!

Mackenzie

Braxton

Maddie

Griffin

Neve

Crosby

Kennedee

DON'T FORGET - Kringle pick up is Friday, Nov. 14th from 3:00 - 3:30pm in the Gathering Space!



St Joseph Parish School Theatre Department is excited to announce our upcoming production of Moana Jr! Show dates are Thursday and Friday, May 14th and 15th, 2026. This year's production will also be including our 3rd Graders for the first time since our production of The Wizard of Oz!

More information will come your way after Christmas, with auditions happening in late January.

If you might be interested in volunteering to assist with the production, kindly contact Andy Smith (asmith@stjosephgraston.org)



SJPS Moms Advent Small Group

Take time to pause, reflect, and connect with other SJPS moms this December!

Together, we'll walk through scripture passages and spiritual readings rooted in Ignatian spirituality.

- **When:** Weekly on **Monday nights at 7:30 PM** (Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22)
- **Where:** St. Joseph Parish Church
- **Cost: Free!** A digital booklet with daily prayer material is included.

Come as you are—all are welcome!

Sign up via the Google Form [here!](#)

For questions or more information, reach out to Bridget Hutchison (bridget.hutchison14@gmail.com).

Weekly Classroom Highlights

By: Sra. Twietmeyer, Spanish Teacher

Hola a todas las familias!

Hello St. Joseph's families!

It's been a great start to the 2025-2026 school year! What a pleasure and blessing it has been to meet your children and staff at SJPS!

We have been busy learning or reviewing Spanish basics such as greetings and goodbyes, numbers, colors, days of the week, seasons, months of the year, the calendar, weather, and basic vocabulary.

We also focus on cultural aspects such as Hispanic Heritage Month, Day of

the Dead, the monarch migration to Mexico, and the story of the artist who dreamed about Alebrijes.... The colorful creatures made of paper mache (eventually wood carvings) , and artists such as Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera.

Here are a few photos taken the last 2 months of class:



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:

- **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**

~ 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!

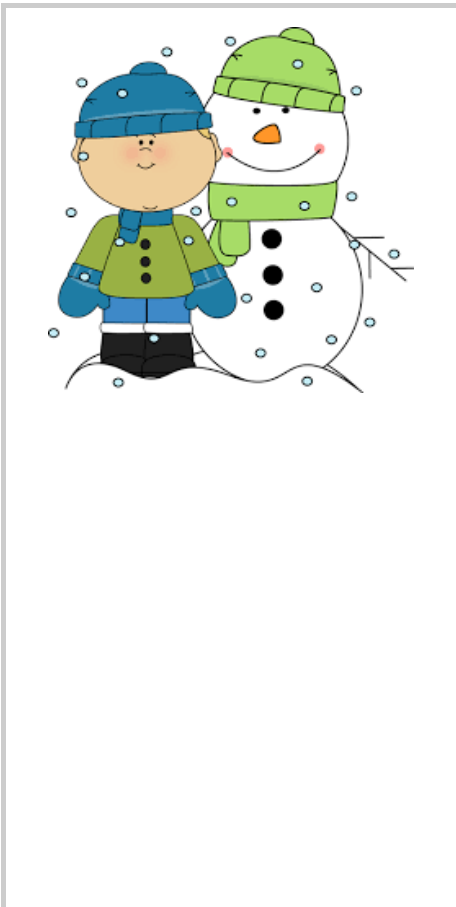


Each full, 5-day week, during announcements, a student randomly draws a staff member's name and they are awarded a "gift card of gratitude." This is an unbelievably generous and exciting gift we are able to share with our staff.

Winners so far this year:

- Mrs. Vaculik - \$10 Culvers
- 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~



As November is upon us and the seasons are changing, a friendly reminder that beginning Monday, Nov. 3rd, bare legs are no longer allowed. Pants or leggings under skirts/jumpers are required until the Spring.

It is also a good idea for early childhood families to consider switching out student's change of clothes from warm weather apparel to cold weather apparel.

Students should also be dressed appropriately to be outside for recess. Per our handbook, students will still go out for recess unless the temperature plus windchill is below 0°F.

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.



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



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.

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



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@stjosephgraffton.org or through the Extended Care Class Dojo to confirm your child's placement

November Extended Care Sign Up

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

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