

November 16th, 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
- Calendar of Cash Raffle Kick-off - Now - 12/20
- Last Crokinole Meeting - T. 11/18
- Craft Club w/ Miss Johnson - W. 11/19
- All School Movie permission slip due - W. 11/19
- 4th Grade Hospitality after Mass - Th. 11/20
- K4-Longoria Pie Party, 2:00pm - Th, 11.20
- All School Movie Incentive - F. 11/21
- K4-Vaculik Pie Party, 2:00pm - F. 11/21
- End of Trimester 1 - Tues. 11/25
- No School, Thanksgiving Break - Wed. 11/26 - Fri. 11/28
- Order School Picture Retakes/Yearbook Photo Choice deadline - Th. 11/27
- SJPS in Grafton's Christmas Parade, 11:00am - Sat. 11/29



~ A Message from the Leadership Team ~

Dear St. Joseph Parish School Families:

Get ready St. Joseph Parish School families, it's time for our exciting Calendar of Cash Raffle! Each \$20 ticket includes three calendar months filled with daily cash prize drawings worth \$25, \$50, or \$100. With 53 chances to win, between January 5 and March 27, and a total of \$3,425 in prizes, every ticket gives you multiple opportunities to take home some cash since winning tickets are reentered for future drawings!

Tickets will be sold from November 13 through December 19, 2025. They can be purchased from any school family, in the school office, or after Sunday Masses in the Parish Office. All sold tickets must be turned in by January 6, 2025, so please submit them as soon as possible. State law prohibits sales after the first drawing. Winners will be notified by mail and announced in the

Parish Bulletin, Lancer Times newsletter, and on the SJPS Facebook page.

Your participation helps support our school and students. Let's make this year's Calendar of Cash our best yet!

Blessings,

St. Joseph Parish School Leadership Team

St. Joseph Parish School

CALENDAR OF CASH



Want a chance to win a cash prize?
The Calendar of Cash is back!
BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Cash Prizes
are \$25, \$50
or \$100!

TICKETS
\$20
EACH

HOW IT WORKS

- Purchase tickets, from any school family, in the school office during the week, or the parish office on Sundays after Mass through Dec. 19th.
- Winners will be pulled on school days between 1/5/26-3/27/26, with winners announced weekly in the Lancer Times, school Facebook page and the Parish bulletin.
- Each winning ticket is reentered for multiple chances to win!
- Winners will be mailed a check.

****All ticket information must be filled out completely; incomplete tickets will be void.****

BUY TICKETS BY
DECEMBER 19, 2025

 www.stjosephgrafton.org/school |  (262) 375-6505 Ext. 0

Mr. Smith's Crokinole Club will be having it's last meeting this coming Tuesday, November 18th. Hope to see everyone there!

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!



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

****If anyone has access to or knows someone who would be willing to allow SJPS to borrow a generator to supply to power to Mr. Smith's musical ensemble for the**

Christmas Parade, please reach out to
asmith@stjosephgrifton.org or
principal@stjosephgrifton.org**

Collection Dates

Now - Friday, Nov. 21st



FOOD DRIVE!

**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

****Please join us at Mass on Thursday, Nov. 20th as Fr. Tim blesses the outreach donations generously supplied by our school families!****

SCHOOL PICTURES

View your School Portraits, and select your yearbook/class picture before Retake Day!*

- *The final deadline is two weeks after retake day; if you do not pick an image VIP will choose a yearbook image for you
- To view your student's school portraits look for an email sent to you by "Visual Image Photography", or go to vipis.com (student ID number may be required)
- Retake photos will be added to your online image gallery about a week after photo day



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@stjosephgrafton.org)

Weekly Classroom Highlights

By: Miss Johnson, First Grade Teacher

First grade School Scene

By: Amy Johnson
First Grade Teacher

First grade is off to a *fantastic* start this year! Even though we're only a few months in, our class has already learned and grown so much.

In math, we're focusing on mastering our basic addition and subtraction facts to build speed and fluency. We've also been exploring strategies to solve word problems, such as using ten frames, number lines, and the "counting on" method.

During our reading blocks, students are strengthening their phonics skills and learning important reading rules that help them read books and short stories with confidence and ease. These lessons not only support their success now, but also lay a strong foundation for the years ahead. By developing fluency, accuracy, and comprehension, our first graders are becoming skilled and enthusiastic readers ready to take on second grade!

On October 31st, we celebrated Halloween with lots of fun and creativity! Students showed off amazing costumes—including a butterfly, a race car driver, Stitch from *Lilo & Stitch*, and even a pack of Tic Tacs! We enjoyed delicious caramel apples, made spooky ghost crafts, and watched *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*.

As we head into the next few months, we're excited to continue seeing our first graders grow in knowledge, confidence, and kindness. First grade is such a fun and fast-paced time of learning—our minds are like sponges, always ready to soak up something new!



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. Temple - \$25 Culvers
- 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

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:

- 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

~ Information from Previous Lancer Times~



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).

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@stjosephgrafton.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!



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.

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

November Extended Care Sign Up

<u>Monthly Outreach</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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