

November 23rd, 2025



## St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school communication from the Leadership Team

**Administration email: [principal@stjosephgraffton.org](mailto:principal@stjosephgraffton.org)**

### Important Dates to Remember

- Calendar of Cash Raffle Kick-off - Now - 12/20
- 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
- Mini Musical Monday w/ Mr. Smith- Mon. 12/1
- School Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30pm - Mon. 12/1
- 8th Grade Christmas Movie Fundraiser, 3:15 - 5:00 - Fri. 12/5
- Report Cards sent home in Friday Folders - Fri. 12/5
- Mass for Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mon. 12/8
- Tot Open Gym - Wed. 12/10
- No School Mass - Th. 12/11
- Mass at 8:30am; 3rd Hospitality to follow - Fri. 12/12
- K4 Gingerbread House Making, 1:30pm - Fri. 12/12



~ A Message from the Leadership Team ~

Dear St. Joseph Parish School Families:

As we gather to celebrate Thanksgiving this week, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the wonderful community we share here at St. Joseph Parish School.

We are truly blessed by the kindness, faith and generosity of our families. You truly are the heart of the school. Your continued support, involvement, and love for our students makes all the difference each and every day.

May this Thanksgiving be a time of rest, relaxation and reflection. May your homes be filled with laughter, your tables with abundance and your hearts with peace.

From all of the teachers and staff at St Joseph Parish School, we wish you a

very Happy Thanksgiving!

Look for our next Lancer Times on Sunday, December 7th. Happy Thanksgiving!

Blessings,

St. Joseph Parish School Leadership Team

☐ Join Us for Some Holiday Cheer! ☐

St. Joseph Parish School families are invited to walk with us in Grafton's Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 29, 2025! Let's come together to share the joy of the season and show our Lancer spirit to the community. Bundle up in your festive Christmas gear, grab your Santa hats, and help us spread cheer as we celebrate this wonderful holiday tradition together!

All students, parents, and staff are welcome to join the fun, the more, the merrier! Whether you've walked before or it's your first time, this is a wonderful way to kick off the Christmas season with friends and family. More details about our lineup location and time will be shared soon. **For safety purposes, students in fourth grade and below should have at least one parent/guardian walking with them.**

Let's light up Grafton with the warmth and joy of St. Joseph Parish School! We can't wait to see you there! ☐☐♥



2025 GRAFTON HOLIDAY EVENTS	
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 Tree Lighting Outstanding Citizen & Community Group Reception	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29 Breakfast with Santa 45th Annual Christmas Parade
DECEMBER 14 - JANUARY 1 Grafton Home Decorating Contest	

## Special Units Confirmation

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025

**PLEASE arrive NO LATER than 10:00am. Parade starts at 11:00 a.m.**  
Thank you for joining us for the 45th Annual Grafton Christmas Parade.  
Your position in the parade is # 87

A map of the parade route and staging area is attached with your line up spot highlighted.  
Please READ THE POINTS BELOW and share the map and your staging location with everyone in your group.

**Important Note:** All Parade Staging traffic should ENTER the staging area from Hwy 60 (Washington Street) onto 5th Avenue or from Beech Street. You cannot enter at 5th or 6th Avenue at 60.

Due to increased security at the event, you **MUST** be in the staging/parade lineup area by **NO LATER** than 10am. Security will have the area blocked off after that time.

- Please be **Festively Dressed** for the Christmas Parade – **NO SANTA COSTUMES ALLOWED**
- The parade ends at Wisconsin & 7th Ave (Little Caesar's). Proceed back on 7th Ave to St. Paul's Church.
- Parade starts promptly at 11:00am. **Please be in your assigned spot NO LATER than 10:00am**
- For your convenience, parade participants can warm up and use the restrooms located inside St. Paul's Church, 701 Washington Street, Grafton, WI 53024
- To prevent gaps in the Parade, please try to stay within one car length of the unit ahead of you. Smile and wave to the Camera filming the Parade from Paramount Plaza in the Heart of Downtown
- Please feel free to pass out candy, trinkets, red noses, etc. Any flyers handed out must be the size of a Post-It note, or smaller.

**Thank you for being a part of our Celebration!**

If you have any questions on the day of the parade, please call Elizabeth at 267-599-2801

Grafton Area Council of Carpenters 282-177-1650  
1624 Wisconsin Ave. • Grafton, WI 53024

# 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](mailto:asmith@stjosephgrifton.org) or [principal@stjosephgrifton.org](mailto:principal@stjosephgrifton.org)\*\***

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!**



## 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.stjosephgraffton.org/school](http://www.stjosephgraffton.org/school)



(262) 375-6505 Ext. 0

## SCHOOL PICTURES

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

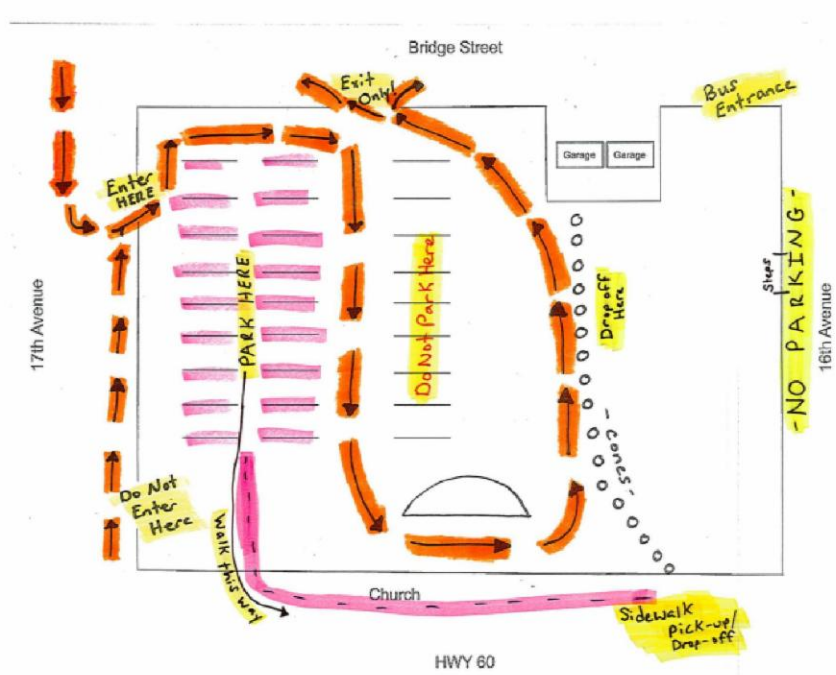
- \*The final deadline is two weeks after retake day; if you do not pick an image VIP will choose a yearbook image for you
- To view your student's school portraits look for an email sent to you by "Visual Image Photography", or go to [vipis.com](http://vipis.com) (student ID number may be required)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





For safety purposes, please only **ENTER** the parking lot from the **17<sup>th</sup> Avenue** driveway and **EXIT** only onto **Bridge St** during morning drop-off between **8:00 - 8:15am** and during afternoon pick-up between **3:00 - 3:20pm**.

Thank you for your support in maintaining a safe SJPS campus



*SJPS 8th grade  
class presents:*

# Christmas Movie Night

**Date:** Friday, Dec. 5th

**Movie time:** 3:15 - 5:00pm

(pick up by 5pm - main school office doors)

**Place:** Middle School Classrooms

**Price:** \$5.00/student

(includes a treat and a drink)

*All monies raised go towards 8th grade class trip*

List student(s) name next to their chosen movie

Detach bottom portion and attach payment when returning

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Check here if your child needs to go to Extended Care after the movie

The Santa Clause (PG): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Alone (PG): \_\_\_\_\_

The Grinch, 2018 (PG): \_\_\_\_\_

Xmas Shorts (G): Mickey's Christmas Carol, Frosty the Snowman,  
Charlie Browns Christmas: \_\_\_\_\_

In an effort to understand the needs of our St Joseph Parish School family and create a more inclusive community-centered evening with hospitality, we would like your family's input on the logistics and timing of our annual St Joe's Christmas Concert. We would appreciate your insight on moving the start time to earlier in the evening to take into consideration an early childhood heavy student demographic and/or changing the date so the concert does not conflict with Daily Mass on Wednesday nights.

Please complete the survey below **by Tuesday, Nov. 25th** to help the SJPS Leadership Team and staff decide on the best date and time for the concert.

**IF** the decision is made to change the date and/or time, ANY change will be communicated with families and calendars updated as soon as possible for planning

purposes.

*SJPS Christmas Concert is currently scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 17th at 6:30pm and is between 1.15 - 1.5 hours in length.*

Thank you for your continued support of SJPS students and staff!

SJPS Leadership Team

### Christmas Concert Survey

## Weekly Classroom Highlights

By: Mr. Osieczanek, PE Teacher



Since the beginning of the school year the elementary students have been learning about basic skills such as running, galloping, relays, rolling a ball using proper form, catching and underhand throwing. We are moving towards more games involving these skills.

The upper grades have been working on flag football and multiple frisbee games. We will be transitioning into volleyball, basketball, pickleball and the Winter Olympics.

### ~ 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:

- Ms. Longoria - \$25 Amazon
- 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

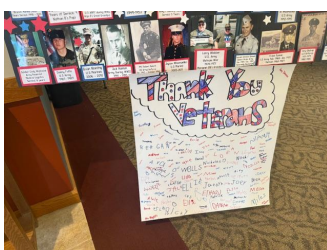
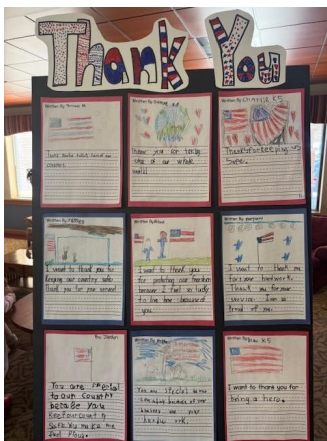
## SJPS at Weekend Masses

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



~ Community Announcements ~

GRAFTON AREA CHAMBER HOLIDAY EVENTS

**BREAKFAST  
WITH  
SANTA**



**Saturday, November 29, 2025**

**Grafton High School Cafeteria (New Location)**

**7:30 a.m.-10 a.m.**

**Pancake Breakfast**

**Prepared by The Stillery/Served by Grafton Lions & Leos**

Buffet breakfast includes all-you-can-eat pancakes with toppings, sausage links, applesauce, donut holes, juice, milk, water and coffee.

Pictures with **SANTA** and costumed characters, photo station, cookie decorating, face-painting, letters to Santa and more!

**ADVANCED RESERVATIONS REQUIRED (Check-in at Door)**

**RSVP by Monday, November 24 • Adults \$10.00, Children \$7.00**

**(Sorry, No Refunds)**



Online Registration  
Option Here!

Mail this coupon with payment to:

**Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce**

P.O. Box 132, Grafton, WI 53024

Sorry, no refunds!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

eMail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Proud Sponsor



**HORICON BANK**

Member FDIC

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

Tree Lighting 6 p.m.  
The Lumberyard Plaza  
Outstanding Citizen & Community  
Group Reception to Follow

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

45<sup>th</sup> Annual Grafton Christmas Parade  
11 a.m. Downtown

For details, visit [www.grafton-wi.org](http://www.grafton-wi.org) or  
call the Grafton Chamber at 262.377.1650.

#graftonwiholiday

~ Information from Previous Lancer Times ~



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](mailto:asmith@stjosephgrafton.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!

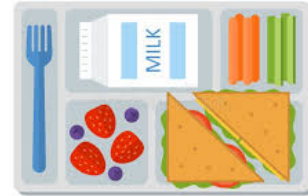
**Sign up via the Google Form [here!](#)**

For questions or more information, reach out to Bridget Hutchison ([bridget.hutchison14@gmail.com](mailto: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@stjosephgrifton.org](mailto: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!

---

# 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**



**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](mailto:achristian@stjosephgrifton.org) or through the Extended Care Class Dojo to confirm your child's placement

December Extended Care Sign Up

<a href="#">Monthly Outreach</a>	<a href="#">November Extended Care</a>	Home and School
<a href="#">Safe Environment Training Registration</a>	<a href="#">Drop-off/Pick-Up Map</a>	<a href="#">SAC Meeting Minutes</a>

[Donate to our Annual Fund](#)

[Parish Bulletin Look-up](#)

[Visit our website](#)

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

**School Office email: [schooloffice@stjosephgraffton.org](mailto:schooloffice@stjosephgraffton.org)**

**Administration: [principal@stjosephgraffton.org](mailto:principal@stjosephgraffton.org)**

**~St Joseph Parish School: Teaching, Learning, Leading and Serving as the Hands of Christ~**

St. Joseph Parish | 1619 Washington Street 262-375-6505 | Grafton, WI 53024 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!