

January 18th, 2026



## St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school communication from the Leadership Team

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

### Important Dates to Remember

- No School, teacher inservice for Sustaining the Mission - Mon. 1/19
- **Registration for 2026 - 2027 Opens - Mon. 1/19**
- Tot Open Gym, 8:30 - 10:00 - Wed. 1/21
- Musical Auditions after school - Wed. 1/21
- Mass at 8:30 - Thurs. 1/22
- Crokinole Tournament, 12:30 - Fri. 1/23
- 8th grade vs Parent-Teacher Volleyball game, 1:30pm - Fri. 1/23
- Catholic Schools Week Kick-off - Sat. 1/24/26 at 4pm Mass
- Book Fair Open - Sun. 1/25 - Thurs. 1/29
- Open House, 5:00pm - Thurs. 1/29
- Early release, 11:35am - Fri. 1/30
- Culvers Share Night for SJPS, 5-8pm - Wed. 2/4

~ A Message from the Leadership Team ~



Dear St. Joseph Parish School Families:

As we joyfully anticipate the celebration of **Catholic Schools Week** in just one short week, we give thanks for the gift of our St. Joseph Parish School community and for the families who make it so special. Catholic Schools Week is the perfect time to celebrate the partnership between home, school, and parish. With this in mind, we are reaching out to all of you to get involved in some of the activities that showcase our school for St. Joseph Parish and the greater Grafton community.

We are still in need of help during the weekend Masses next Saturday and Sunday, January 24th and 25th. Please consider having your child volunteer to read the petitions or the student thank you at one of the Masses. Miss Jackson will be present at all three Masses to help guide the children during Mass. We

would also love to have some of our school families serve as greeters, present the gifts and interact with parishioners during Hospitality after Mass. Please use the Sign-Up Genius link below to volunteer.

Thank you for being an essential part of our St. Joseph Parish School family, and may God bless you and your loved ones always.

Blessings,

St. Joseph Parish School Leadership Team

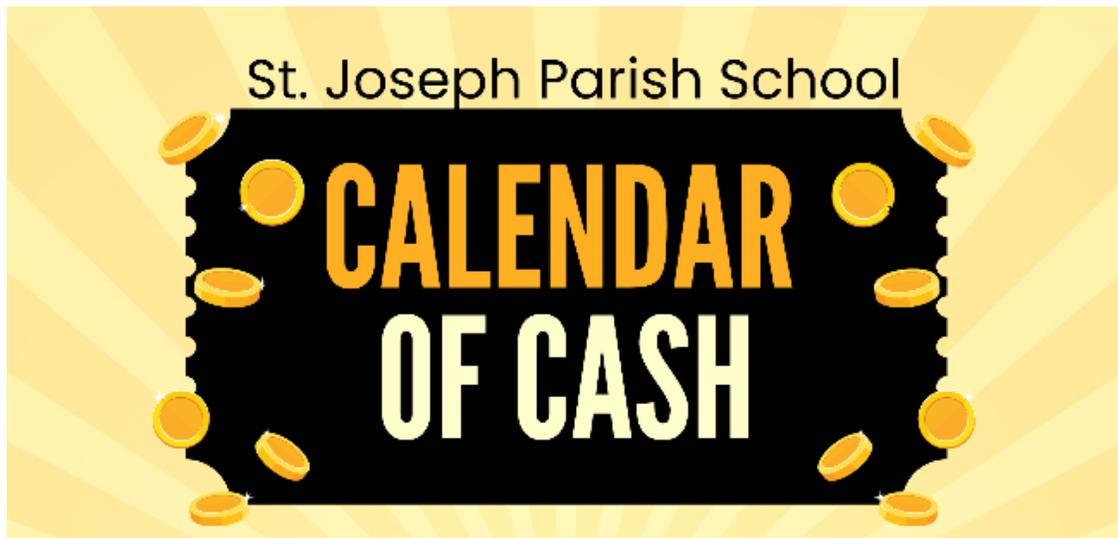
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#### Inclement Weather School Closures

In the event of inclement weather, our school will follow the guidance and closure decisions of the Grafton School District. Any delays or closures will be communicated to families as soon as possible. Notifications will be sent via email and text message and will also be shared with local news stations. Please be sure your contact information is up to date so you receive timely alerts. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we prioritize the safety of our students and staff.

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#### Calendar of Cash Winners:

1/12/2026 Marissa Morgan \$100

1/13/2026 Kenny Coleman \$25

1/14/2026 Phil Schmitt \$50

1/15/2026 Brian Oakley \$25

1/16/2026 Keri Sipe \$50

Checks will be mailed to each winner. Congratulations!



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Dear St. Joseph Parish School Families:

We are writing today to thank you for your continued support of St. Joseph Parish School and to express our appreciation for having given us the opportunity to work each day with your child to, "Teach, Learn, Lead and Serve as the Hands of Christ." We know that choosing a school for your child is an important decision and the faith you have placed in us is humbling.

With the celebration of Catholic Schools Week beginning just one short week away, our thoughts turn toward registration for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year. Early registration helps us to plan effectively for classrooms, staffing, and programs. It also ensures that we can continue to provide an education rooted in faith for all of the children you entrust to our care.

We would also like to share some important information regarding tuition for the upcoming year. After lengthy discussions with Fr. Tim, Lisa Jauron and investigating tuition rates for surrounding Catholic schools, we have determined that there will be an increase in tuition for next year. However, while the base rate of tuition will increase, several fees will be eliminated. Moving forward, there will no longer be technology (Chromebook), athletic, or sacramental preparation fees. In addition, the fees for online payment of various items will also be eliminated. The early registration fee does remain to secure your spot. If you register by February 28th, the registration fee is \$200. On March 1st, the registration fee goes up to \$250. Please remember that the registration fee is non-refundable. Tuition rates are outlined on the opposite side of this letter.

Again thank you for being a part of the St. Joseph Parish School family. We look forward to continuing to be able to work with you and your children.

In Faith,

Father Tim Schumaker  
(Pastor)

Lisa Jauron  
(Business Manager)

Carren Gratz  
(Principal Leadership Team)

Christine Jackson  
(Principal Leadership Team)

Julie Lemke  
(Principal Leadership Team)

2026 - 2027 Tuition Information

Tuition Support Options

As we prepare for Catholic Schools Week, we are looking for students and/or families to participate in our weekend Kick-off Masses. Volunteer opportunities are available for reading petitions, bringing the gifts to the altar, greeters, and hospitality.

Please see the Signup Genius to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848A4A723ABFECE9-61540299-kickoff>



**MONDAY, 1/26  
PRAYER SERVICE &  
BINGO**

**CELEBRATE OUR  
COMMUNITY: DRESS  
IN YOUR FAVORITE  
ERA/DECADE**



# **CATHOLIC** *Schools* **WEEK**

**2026**

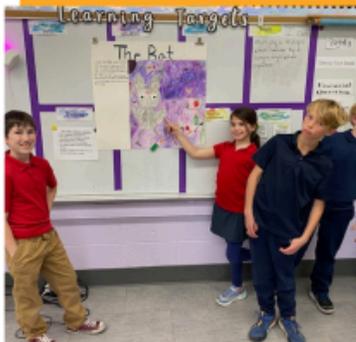
**Tuesday, 1/27  
Crokinole Championship**

**Celebrate our Students:  
Dress as your favorite  
Character  
(movie, show, book)**

**Wednesday, 1/28**

**Variety Show**

**Celebrate our  
Talents: Dress in  
your Sports apparel**



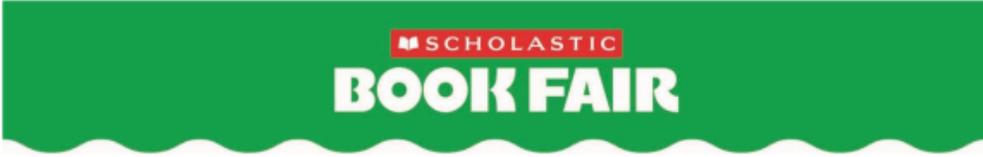
**Thursday, 1/29  
Rock-Paper-  
Scissors  
Tournament**

**Celebrate  
our Spirit:  
Color Day**

**Friday, 1/30  
All School Movie Day  
(early release)**

**Celebrate SJPS: Dress  
in your pajamas**

**~ SJPS: Teaching, Learning, Leading and Serving as the Hands of Christ ~**



**SCHOLASTIC**  
**BOOK FAIR**

Dear SJPS Families,

Get ready—the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! This is a great opportunity to build your child's home library with new books they'll dive into again and again.

The easiest way to let your child shop the Fair independently is by creating an eWallet. It's easy to set up and easy for others to add funds. Just visit our Book Fair Homepage listed below.

Here's everything else you need to know about the Book Fair which will be held in the SJPS Library!

**Book Fair at SJPS will be open, Jan 25 – Jan 29, 2026**

- Sunday, 1/25: Before/After Mass (9a-12p)
- Monday through Wednesday, 1/26 - 1/28: Lunch Hours (11a-1p) and After School (3p-4:30p)
- Thursday, 1/29: Lunch Hours (11a-1p), After School (3p-4p), During Open House (5p-7p)

In addition to the main event, we have a few other opportunities for you to help make this successful:

- **Book Fair Set-up:** Monday, 1/19 (8a-12p)
- **Teacher Preview Day:** Wednesday, 1/21 (12p-1p) and Thursday, 1/22 (11a-2p)
- **Early Childhood Preview:** Thursday, 1/22 (11a-1p) and Friday, 1/23 (10a-1p)
- **Book Fair Tear-Down:** Friday, 1/30 (8a-11:30a)

More than ever, we need to get students reading. Studies prove\* that children with more books at home have higher-level reading skills, and attain more years of education overall.

Lastly, this is a great opportunity to be a Book Fair volunteer! See the **Sign-Up Genius in the 1/11 Lancer Times**. When you give your time, it helps make our Fair an unforgettable reading experience where *every purchase* benefits our school directly. Email me if you want to volunteer and Happy reading!

Huong Le, Home & School Coordinator: [homeandschool@stjosephgrifton.org](mailto:homeandschool@stjosephgrifton.org)

**Book Fair homepage:** <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/stjosephparishschool>

\*Scholastic Research & Validation. (2023). Scholastic Home Libraries Topic Paper. New York: Scholastic

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Signup Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EAF629A7F9C52-61474192-sjps>

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



We are excited to honor our school, Parish, and SJPS community as we celebrate Catholic education with special activities January 24th - 30th.



**Early Childhood**  
K3, K4, K5



**Elementary**  
1st -4<sup>th</sup> Grade



**Middle School**  
5th -8<sup>th</sup> Grade

## OPEN HOUSE

**January 29, 2026**  
**5 - 7pm**

1619 Washington Street  
Grafton, WI 53024



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

👏 Parent Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for parent volunteers to help during our Open House on Thursday, January 29th from 5:00–7:00 PM.

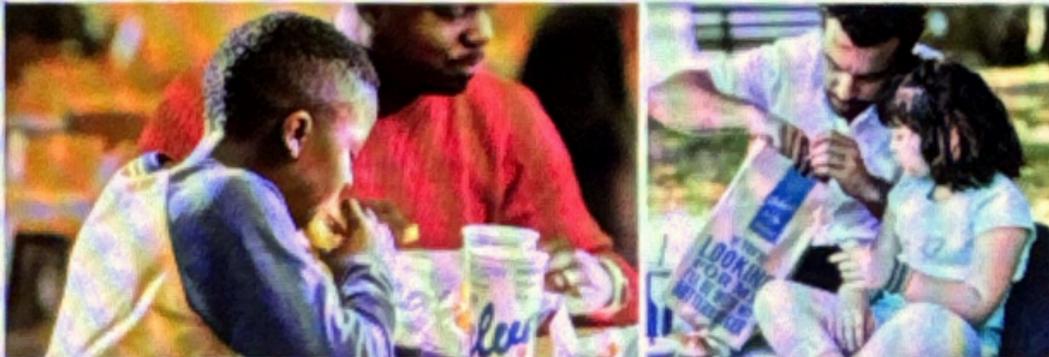
If you are able to help, please click the link below to see available opportunities and sign up. Your support helps make this a wonderful evening for our families!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EAF629A7F9C52-61698747-catholic#/>

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# NEIGHBORS

*Supporting Neighbors*



**WEDNESDAY • FEBRUARY 4 • 5-8PM**

Join us in supporting St. Joseph Parish School as 15% of all sales will be donated. Can't make it for dinner? You can also support by getting a gift card throughout the entire day as 15% of all gift card sales will also be donated.

There's no limit to how much heart you can put into the community - and we're always looking for opportunities for neighbors to help neighbors. Join us and consider giving what you can to our local cause today.

Thank you for your support!

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✦ . SJPS Home and School Committee is launching a  
✦ . . **NEW** promotion to encourage Fundraising with...



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## NEW SJPS Promotion

- ❖ Set up an online account before the end of January to receive an out of uniform coupon for each child!
- ❖ Earn 100% of the Rebate for all online purchases made throughout February (no split)!
- ❖ Want to apply your Rebate balance to school expenses such as Extended Care Bills or Hot Lunch accounts? We can do that on a quarterly basis!



Did you know you can earn more with normal online shopping? No more gift card orders are necessary! Here's how!



1. Log in at RaiseRight.com or the mobile app and select the Shop Online tab to browse brands, shop directly on their websites, and earn on your purchases.
2. Add the RaiseRight Earnings Extension to your browser and we'll bring all the earning opportunities to you while you're shopping online. Use the extension to conveniently activate online earnings.

**Join us** at the **Open House, 1/29 from 5-7pm** to learn more. We can give you more information and help you set up your online account!



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

February Extended Care Sign Up

## Weekly Classroom Highlights

By: Mr. Kempf, Middle School ELA Teacher

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Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed a restful and meaningful break, with time to visit family and friends. As we return, it's nice to settle back into our school-week routines.

### ELA

Our **5th/6th graders** are returning to the novel *Restart*, where we are focusing on character development and the question of whether people can truly change. One of my favorite aspects of this book is how naturally it connects to our Catholic teachings, especially themes of forgiveness and redemption.

Our **7th/8th graders** completed *Night* before the break, but our work with the text continues. Students will be writing an argumentative essay that draws on both the novel and their prior knowledge. Afterward, we will begin a project designed to help memorialize those who perished in the Holocaust, allowing students to reflect deeply and thoughtfully on what they have learned.

### Social Studies

In **5th/6th grade**, students are wrapping up our unit on Westward Expansion. We will then begin looking further back in history as we explore several ancient civilizations. This will be an exciting journey as students learn how these civilizations developed and how their contributions continue to impact our world today.

Our **7th/8th graders** are finishing up our U.S. History unit and will move into a focused study of the U.S. Constitution. I noticed some gaps in this area and want to ensure students are well prepared as they move on to high school. Beyond that, it is one of the most important documents in our nation's history and well worth our careful attention.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

~ 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. Stengel - \$10 Culvers
- Miss Jackson - \$5 Culvers
- Miss Johnson - \$10 Culvers
- Miss Cathy - \$100 Amazon
- 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

## ~ Community Announcements~

### **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 ~



Our Lenten **St. Joseph Fish Fries** are rapidly approaching! If you would like to get involved in the planning process, please join us at our meeting on Monday December 15th at 6:30 PM in the St. Joseph School Library.

<u>Role</u>	<u>Description</u>
- Marketing and Signage Captain	- Arrange with local media to share promotional material for fish fry events
- Dessert Captain	- Coordinate dessert emails for school families and parish bakers; assist with day of set up and portioning
- Sponsor Captain	- Reach out to local businesses for sponsors to offset costs
- Scheduling/Volunteer Captain	- Manage Sign up genius for volunteers and assign volunteer roles for each fish fry
- Fryer Captain	- Manage main fryers during fish fries to cook during each event
- Beverage Captain	- Recruit bartenders for the events, pick up alcohol and NA beverages for each event

Contact Andrea Hayes (Arakoczy13@gmail.com, cell: 262-617-8128) if you are interested or with questions. More communications will be sent out after Christmas for the event-time volunteering.

**We look forward to seeing you at the St. Joseph Fish Fries!**



# Reminder

Just a gentle reminder that this time of year can also bring an increase in illnesses among students. To help keep our school community healthy, we kindly ask that you keep your child home if they are experiencing any symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat, vomiting, or other signs of illness.

Allowing children time to rest and recover at home helps prevent the spread of illness and supports a safe learning environment for everyone. Please remember that our school policy for returning after an absence states: The student may return to school when he/she has no fever, is no longer vomiting, or is diarrhea free for 24 hours. Those 24 hours should be without the support of over the counter medications.



## Congratulations St Joseph Parish School Staff, Students and Families!

SJPS has achieved the high standards of excellence required of all Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation members and is fully accredited by the Board of Directors for the 2025 - 2026 school year.

In addition, the school also successfully meets the Standards for accreditation of the Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation. NFNSSAA commends the school community for meeting the rigorous requirements for accreditation and providing a high-quality educational experience for the community it serves.



## 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**



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### ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL RAISERIGHT

'Tis the season for giving... and earning at the same time! Remember to buy gift cards, shop online, or dine at participating restaurants through St. Joseph Parish School's RaiseRight program. Every purchase helps earn money for St. Joseph Parish School's Home & School.

#### HOW TO ORDER:

##### OPTION 1

Order online at [raiserright.com/shop-online](https://raiserright.com/shop-online)

Enrollment code is A2F8B5C01447.

(Code NOT needed if using the link below)

Orders will be sent to you directly and can be placed at anytime.

\*Online orders that exceed 15 gift cards will be sent to the school office. Please place these orders by 12/11/25 to be included in the school batch order. If not they will be included in the next order after Christmas.



##### OPTION 2

Order in the school office or over the phone with Daphne Lingsweiler, 262-375-6505, ext. 0. These orders need to be placed and payment received by 12/11/25 at 3pm to make it into this order. Anything received after will be included in an order after Christmas.

Orders placed through the school office can be picked up starting on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:45am-3:45pm.

Please contact Daphne Lingsweiler in the school office at 262-375-6505 ext.0 with any questions or accommodations.

We appreciate your support!

<a href="#"><u>Monthly Outreach</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>February Extended Care</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Home and School</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Safe Environment Training Registration</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Drop-off/Pick-Up Map</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SAC Meeting Minutes</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Donate to our Annual Fund</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Parish Bulletin Look-up</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Visit our website</u></a>

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

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Administration: [principal@stjosephgrafton.org](mailto:principal@stjosephgrafton.org)

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