

January 25th, 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

- **REGISTRATION FOR 2026 - 2027 IS OPEN**
- Book Fair Open - Sun. 1/25 - Thurs. 1/29
- CSW - Class Color dress-down/Prayer Service/Bingo! - Mon. 1/26
- CSW - Character dress-down day/Crokinole Championship - Tues. 1/27
- CSW - Sports theme dress-down day/Variety Show - Wed. 1/28
- **All School Movie @ Rivoli Permission slips due - Wed. 1/28**
- Mass at 8:30am - Thurs. 1/29
- CSW - Spirit wear dress-down day/All School Rock-Paper-Scissors - Thurs. 1/29
- Open House, 5:00pm - Thurs. 1/29
- CSW - Pajama/comfy dress-down day/Movie @ Rivoli - Fri. 1/30
- Early release, 11:35am - Fri. 1/30
- Culvers Share Night for SJPS, 5-8pm - Wed. 2/4



~ A Message from Fr. Tim ~

Dear St. Joseph Parish School Families:

With gratitude and great excitement, I am pleased to announce that Chris Jackson has accepted the position of Principal of St. Joseph Parish School, beginning next academic year 2026-2027.

As you well know from her many years teaching third grade, Chris brings a deep commitment to Catholic education and a passion for forming young disciples. In the past year as part of the Principal Leadership Team, she embodied the values that define our school: a love for Christ, a dedication to students, and a collaborative spirit with teachers and parents which strengthened our entire community. I am greatly looking forward to working alongside Chris and continuing the wonderful ministry of our school.

In the midst of this exciting announcement, I want to thank Julie Lemke and Carren Gratz for their continued participation in the Principal Leadership Team for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year. The immense success of this current school year would not have been achieved without the sacrifices, dedication, and hard work they have given and that I know will continue. Their willingness to take on the additional responsibility is a testament to our incredible teachers who care deeply for our school and community. The Principal Leadership Team will continue in its current role through the end of the school year and will provide support to help ensure a smooth transition for the upcoming year.

A special thank you to Kelly Swietlik for her guidance and support with the Principal Leadership Team. I am grateful for the many years of experience and wisdom she shared with us. The success of the Principal Leadership Team model could not have been achieved without her.

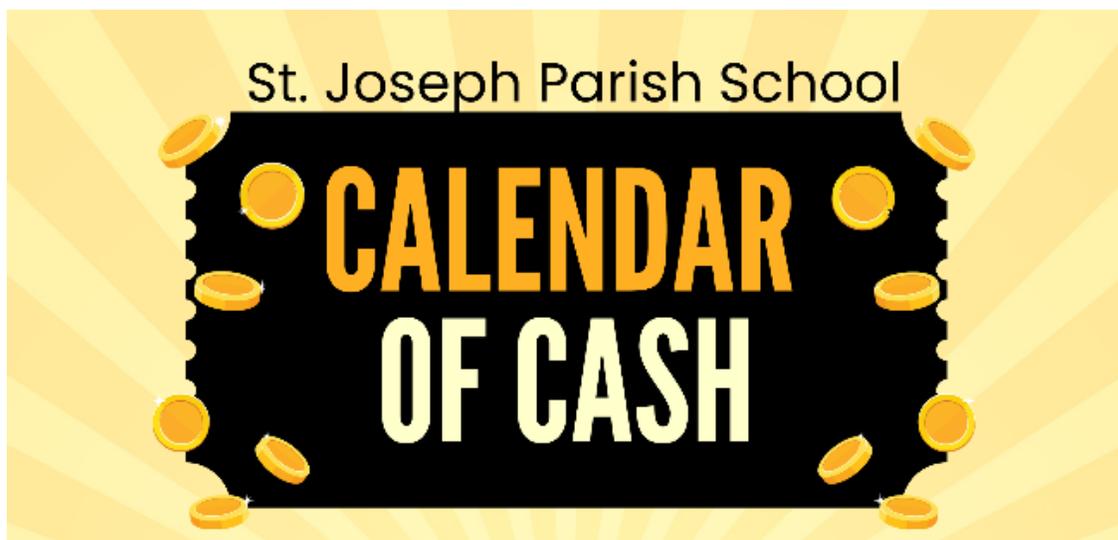
With the full support of the Archdiocese, my leadership team, and our parish trustees, please join us in congratulating Chris Jackson on her new position and may God continue to bless our teachers, students, and staff of our beloved St. Joseph School.

Fr. Timothy Schumaker

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**Calendar of Cash Winners:**

- 1/20/2026 Dawn Kunkel \$50
- 1/21/2026 Lorraine & Dan Lochen \$25
- 1/22/2026 Joan Hutchison \$50
- 1/23/2026 Andy & Erin Prombo \$50

Checks will be mailed to each winner. Congratulations!



January 18, 2026

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,

Handwritten signature of Father Tim Schumaker.

Father Tim Schumaker  
(Pastor)

Handwritten signature of Lisa Jauron.

Lisa Jauron  
(Business Manager)

Handwritten signature of Carren Gratz.

Carren Gratz  
(Principal Leadership Team)

Handwritten signature of Christine Jackson.

Christine Jackson  
(Principal Leadership Team)

Handwritten signature of Julie Lemke.

Julie Lemke  
(Principal Leadership Team)

2026 - 2027 Tuition Information

Tuition Support Options



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

**CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY:  
DRESS IN YOUR CLASS COLOR**

**K3 - PURPLE    K4 - YELLOW  
K5 - RED        1<sup>ST</sup> - GREEN  
2<sup>ND</sup> - BLUE    3<sup>RD</sup> - GRAY/WHITE  
4<sup>TH</sup> - ORANGE    5-8<sup>TH</sup> - BLACK**



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

**JAN. 26 - JAN. 30 2026**

**Tuesday, 1/27  
Crokinole Championship**

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

**Wednesday, 1/28**

**Variety Show,  
1:30pm**

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



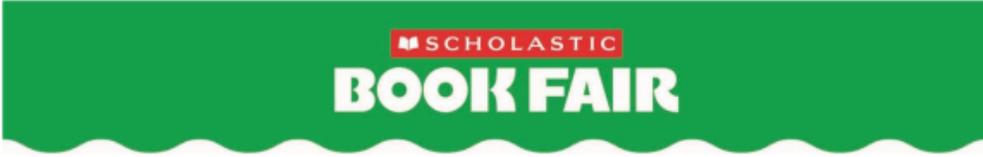
**Thursday, 1/29  
Rock-Paper-  
Scissors  
Tournament**

**Celebrate our  
Spirit: Wear your  
SJPS Spirit wear**

**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: Miss Amber, SJPS Counselor

Weekly Classroom Highlights  
By Amber Harrigan

Hello! My name is Amber Harrigan (Miss Amber to the kiddos) and I am the part time counselor at SJP. I get the opportunity to go into the classrooms every other week and teach lessons on a variety of social, emotional and academic topics. With the younger elementary students, we are working on the Zones of Regulation. In this curriculum, students are able to name their feelings and which zone they are in. The Zone lets them know what energy level they are at and if it's appropriate for the situation ie Wild is great for recess but not in the classroom. The students loved using their zones thermometer to match their energy with their emotions.

**THE ZONES OF REGULATION**

Some feelings in the BLUE ZONE	Some feelings in the GREEN ZONE	Some feelings in the YELLOW ZONE	Some feelings in the RED ZONE
Bored, Hurt	Calm, Happy	Frustrated, Worried	Overjoyed, Wild
Sick, Tired	Okay, Focused	Energetic, Silly	Angry, Out of Control
Exhausted, Sad	Proud, Relaxed	Excited, Annoyed	Terrified, Furious
Low levels of energy and down feelings	Calm energy and a sense of control	Higher energy and stronger feelings	Extremely high energy and strongest feelings



There are three big helpers in your brain. One helps you make smart choices. One helps protect you from danger. And one saves your favorite memories and your ABCs. Can you name the three helpers?

**Prefrontal Cortex**  
It's the boss of the brain. It helps you think, plan, and make good choices. It's the part of the brain that helps you control your emotions and behavior. It's the part of the brain that helps you learn and remember.

**Amygdala**  
It's the part of the brain that helps you feel emotions. It's the part of the brain that helps you feel happy, sad, angry, and scared. It's the part of the brain that helps you remember important events.

**Hippocampus**  
It's the part of the brain that helps you remember. It's the part of the brain that helps you store information about your past experiences. It's the part of the brain that helps you learn from your mistakes.

**Breathing to the rescue!**  
Breathing helps you stay calm. It helps you focus. It helps you think clearly. It helps you feel better. It helps you be your best self!

Our older students in 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> have been learning about Emotional Regulation and it's relationship to our choices and actions. See if you students can name which part of the brain is the leader and which controls our emotions.

We have also started a unit on Executive Functioning. This is the part of the brain that helps with Organization, Time Management, Task Completion, Self Control and Memory. Students will continue to learn skills that will help them be successful in many areas of life, including academics.

Lastly, all grades have learned the power of breathing. Breathing slows their heartrate and helps to activate the leader in their brain. Have you student show you the 'right' way to breath.

I look forward to getting to know your students more and help them be their best self !



~ 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:

- 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.

<b>Role</b>	<b>Description</b>
- 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!

### 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.

<u>Monthly Outreach</u>	<u>February Extended Care</u>	Home and School
<u>Safe Environment Training Registration</u>	<u>Drop-off/Pick-Up Map</u>	<u>SAC Meeting Minutes</u>

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

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