

February 1st, 2026



St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school communication from the Leadership Team

Administration email: principal@stjosephgrafton.org

Important Dates to Remember

REGISTRATION FOR 2026 - 2027 IS OPEN!

- Mini Music Monday, 9:00am - Mon. 2/2
- School Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30pm - Mon. 2/2
- Tot Open Gym, 8:30 - 10:00am - Tues. 2/3
- Auction Committee Meeting, 6:00pm in library - Tues. 2/3
- **Early Childhood Pastries w/ Parents, 7:45am - Wed. 2/4**
- Culvers Share Night for SJPS, 5-8pm - Wed. 2/4
- Mass @ 8:30am w/ St. Blaise Blessing of the Throat - Th. 2/5
- Musical Rehearsal, 3:15 - 4:45pm - Th. 2/5
- Adoration - Fri. 2/6
- K3, K4, K5 Report cards sent home - Fri. 2/6
- Optional Trimester 2 Parent-Teacher Conference slips sent home - Fri. 2/6

~ A Message from The Leadership Team ~



Dear St. Joseph Parish School Families:

Thank you so much to all of you for being a part of the St. Joseph Parish School Family. It was a joy to celebrate our wonderful school with all of you whether it was at the Masses last weekend, at the Variety Show, or at our Open House on Thursday night. We are blessed to have such wonderful and supportive families.

A special shout out to our Home and School team for all their hard work with the Book Fair, the many activities at Open House and a delicious dinner. Please join us in thanking them for all that they do.

As we enter the month of February, just a reminder that registration for the 2026-2027 school year is open. Your timely registration helps us to plan appropriately for a wide variety of things including staffing. The per family registration fee is \$200 for the month of February and then increases to \$250

on March 1st. If you have any questions regarding registration, please do not hesitate to reach out to any one of us or Daphne in the school office.

Blessings to you all,

The Principal Leadership Team



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 Carmen Gratz.

Carmen Gratz
(Principal Leadership Team)

Handwritten signature of Christine Jackson.

Christine Jackson
(Principal Leadership Team)

Handwritten signature of Julie Lemke.

Julie Lemke
(Principal Leadership Team)

A Special Note for Early Childhood Families:

Early Childhood Families,

ENROLL NOW

A quick reminder as we look ahead to the 2026–2027 school year: spots in our K3, K4, and K5 programs fill up quickly each year. If you're planning to enroll your child, we encourage you to register soon to secure a spot.

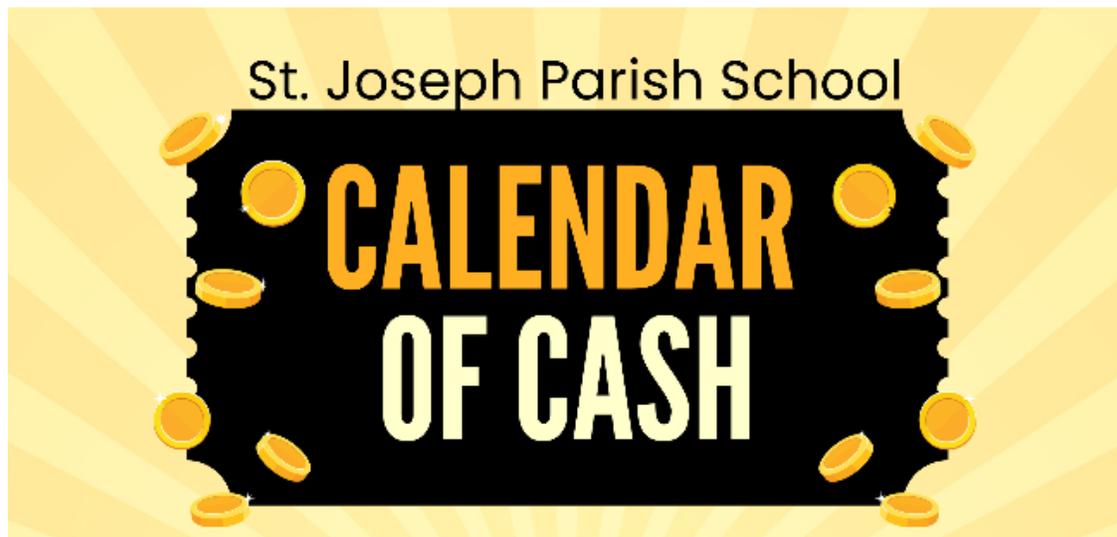
We're grateful to partner with your family and look forward to another great year together! Please reach out if you have any questions.

SJPS Leadership Team

[2026 - 2027 Tuition Information](#)

[Tuition Support Options](#)

[Register HERE](#)



Calendar of Cash Winners:

1/26/2026 Georgina Lopez Ruelos \$100
1/27/2026 Brittany Hess \$25
1/28/2026 Albert Hardy \$50
1/29/2026 Emily Kranich \$25
1/30/26 Ryan Iserloth \$100

Checks will be mailed to each winner. Congratulations!

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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Thank you to all who auditioned for this year's production of Moana Jr! I'm excited to get started with this fun production. Our first rehearsal will be on Thursday, February 5th 3:15pm-4:45 with All Cast and All Crew in the Music Room! If you did NOT receive an email from Andy this week, kindly send him an email at asmith@stjosephgrafton.org to ensure you receive future emails regarding the musical. Thank you - Mr. Smith



St. Joseph Fish Fry
SINCE 2000!

Feb. 20, 27
Mar. 6, 13, 20

Dine-In or Carry-Out • 4:30pm to 7:30pm
 1619 Washington St., Grafton

**Fried Cod, Baked Cod, Fried Walleye,
 Fried Shrimp, St. Joe's Platter**

Traditional Potato Pancakes Served! Kids Meals Available.



It's almost time for the Lenten Fish Fries! As a school fundraiser and completely volunteer-run, we need your help to make these events a success!

Volunteer sign up: We need help before, during, and after all 5 Fish Fries. You may sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D49ABAA2EASF49-61877449-stjoseph>

If you are unable to make it to the Fish Fries but still want to help, we have opportunities:

- **Laundry:** wash towels and aprons after each Fish Fry (Pick up on Saturday, return to church by Thursday before the next Fish Fry). Please email Andrea Hayes (arakoczy13@gmail.com) if you are interested in this. It can be for 1 week or up to all 5 weeks
- **Silverware wrapping:** Roll the plasticware that we use during all Fish Fries. This can be done at home and brought back anytime before the Fish Fries during the week
- **Additional desserts:** Many guests rave about our excellent homemade desserts that are included with all Fish Fry meals! If you like to bake, you can help us by bringing an extra dessert. This is included on the sign-up genius listed above

Contact Andrea Hayes (Arakoczy13@gmail.com, 262-617-8128) for more information.

We look forward to seeing you at the Fish Fries!



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 or through the Extended Care Class Dojo to confirm your child's placement

February Extended Care Sign Up

Weekly Classroom Highlights

By: Mrs. Stengel, Art Teacher

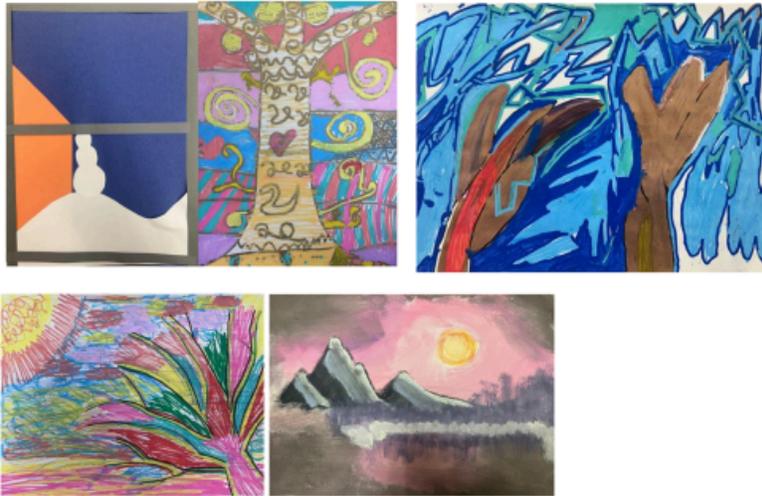
Students have been busy creating all sorts of different artwork these past few weeks!

Preschool students recently read *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats and created a window-framed outdoor winter scene using simple shapes and construction paper. This project introduced students to the definition of an author and illustrator. We also talked about how both an author and illustrator can be the same person. Students used their fine motor skills, while practicing glueing down basic shapes and simultaneously exploring winter imagery.

Elementary students are learning about artist Gustav Klimt and creating a gold-accented colorful winter tree inspired by one of his famous artworks - *The Tree of Life*. In addition to the artmaking process, we discussed the difference between realism and abstraction, helping students understand that art can represent ideas in different ways.

Upper elementary students are studying contemporary abstract artists Brian Rutenberg, who is often compared to Vincent van Gogh for his expressive use of color and movements. Students are creating an abstract impression of one of their favorite places, focusing on emotion, color and personal interpretation rather than realistic details.

Middle school students have been studying Bob Ross and his calm, encouraging approach to painting. They are now recreating one of his winter landscapes using the wet-on-wet technique along with learning about layering, brush techniques and how artists build both depth and atmosphere in a painting.



~ 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. Lingsweiler - \$5 Starbucks
- 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



Counselor's Corner

Hi everyone! My name is Sofia Hemauer and I'm so excited to introduce myself as your intern school counselor at St. Joseph Parish School.

Fun fact about me: I attended Catholic school at St. Frances Cabrini from kindergarten through 8th grade, so the routines, traditions, and spirit of a Catholic school feel very familiar (and very special!) to me. Next I graduated from West Bend West, and went on to attend UW La-Crosse for my undergraduate studies. I'm currently working on my master's degree in school counseling at Mount Mary, which basically means I love learning almost as much as I love helping students.

As one of your school counselors, I'm here for it all: big feelings, small worries, test stress, goal-setting, and everything in between. My office is a place where students can feel safe, supported, and laugh along the way.

I started here this January and can't wait to get to further know our amazing students and families this year. You are more than welcome to stop by, or contact me at shemauer@stjosephgrafon.org, I am here every Tuesday and Wednesday currently. Have a blessed weekend!

~ **Community Announcements** ~

Mom's Night Out

Join us for a saint peg doll exchange!



March 24th 7-8:30pm

St. Joseph Parish Gathering Hall

Contact Lorraine Lochen to register by Feb 20th:

LORRAINE.E.LOCHEN@GMAIL.COM

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**



 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!

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.



February 4
February 18 10-11:30am**
March 4
March 18
April 8
April 22
May 6
May 20



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.



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November 3
December 1
January 5
February 2
March 9
April 13
May 4

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.



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.

[Monthly Outreach](#)

[February 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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