

February 8th, 2026



## St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school communication from the Leadership Team

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### Important Dates to Remember

**REGISTRATION FOR 2026 - 2027 IS OPEN!**

- Red, White and Blue Free Dress for Winter Olympics - Mon. 2/9
- 8th Grade Valentine Candy Gram Sales at lunch - Mon. 2/9 - Th. 2/12
- Moana Rehearsal (All Cast), 3:15 - 4:45pm - Tues. 2/10
- Optional Trimester 2 Parent-Teacher Conference slips due - Wed. 2/11
- Mass @ 8:30am; 1st Grade Hospitality - Th. 2/12
- Moana Rehearsal (All Cast), 3:15 - 4:45pm - Th. 2/12
- Red, White or Pink Free Dress for Valentine's Day - Fri. 2/13
- 8th Grade vs Parent-Teacher Volleyball Game, 1:30pm - Fri. 2/13
- Family Open Gym, 9:00 - 10:30am - Sat. 2/14
- K4 Hospitality @ 4pm Mass - Sat. 2/14

### ~ A Message from The Leadership Team ~



Dear St. Joseph Parish School Families:

We are so excited to see registrations rolling in for the 2026-2027 school year! We are looking forward to another wonderful year working with all of you and your children. The entire SJPS staff appreciates your support!

We are seeing a lot of Early Childhood spots filling up. If you are interested in an Early Childhood seat for next year, please don't delay. Just a reminder to make your enrollment official, the registration fee must be paid. The registration fee is \$200 through the month of February and then goes up to \$250 on March 1st. Only one fee per family is required regardless of the number of students you register.

A BIG thank you to all of you who were able to join us at Culver's on Wednesday evening in support of our amazing school. It was a pleasure seeing all the smiling faces! If you would like to help keep the fundraising going for SJPS through our RaiseRight program, you can purchase gift cards for **Culver's (10% cash back)** and

**Sendik's (5% cash back)** for future purchases that will benefit your school account and Home & School.

Gift cards are available in the following denominations:

- **Culver's: \$10, \$25, and \$100**
- **Sendik's: \$50 and \$100**
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Please note that these two retailers **must be purchased outside of the RaiseRight app**. To order, stop by the school office to see Daphne Lingsweiler or email her at [schooloffice@stjosephgrafton.org](mailto:schooloffice@stjosephgrafton.org). Orders placed by the end of the day on Fridays will be ready for pickup the following Friday. Thank you for your continued support of SJPS!

**A few reminders for the upcoming week:**

- Red, White and Blue or USA themed Dress Down Day on Monday, February 9th to honor and celebrate our Olympic athletes!
- Optional Parent Teacher Conference forms were sent home in Friday Folders. Please be sure to fill them out and send them back to school by Wednesday.
- Red, White and Pink or Valentine themed Dress Down Day on Friday, February 13th to celebrate Valentine's Day!
- Please join our K4 classes at the 4:00 Mass on Saturday, February 14th and enjoy some school sponsored hospitality!

Finally, please don't forget to put your family name card in your vehicle for drop off and pick up. Knowing whether you need to pull ahead to buckle or unbuckle your child is very helpful to us. Pink means you will pull ahead and green does not.

Blessings to you all,

The Principal Leadership Team

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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,

Father Tim Schumaker  
(Pastor)

Lisa Jauron  
(Business Manager)

Carren Gratz  
(Principal Leadership Team)

Christine Jackson  
(Principal Leadership Team)

Julie Lemke  
(Principal Leadership Team)

### A Special Note for Early Childhood Families:

Early Childhood Families,

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.

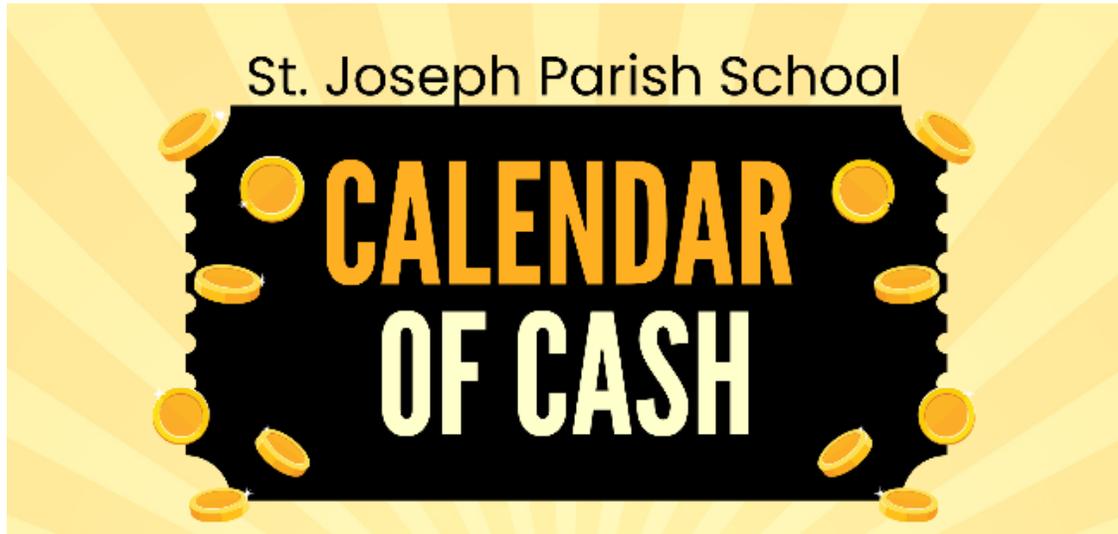
**ENROLL NOW**

2026 - 2027 Tuition Information

Tuition Support Options

Register [HERE](#)

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Calendar of Cash Winners:

- 2/2/2026 Mackenzie Morgan \$100
- 2/3/2026 Stephanie Nino De Guzman \$25
- 2/4/2026 Samuel Gratz \$50
- 2/5/2026 Kate Tretow \$25
- 2/6/26 Andrea Rakoczy \$50

Checks will be mailed to each winner. Congratulations!

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:Arakoczy13@gmail.com), 262-617-8128) for more information.

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

Fish Fry Volunteer Sign Up Link



# Cut Tuition Costs with RaiseRight

Everyday earning that's easy and effective

Earning through RaiseRight fits into your daily life! Simply shop online through RaiseRight and buy gift cards to use on everyday expenses, and brands automatically give up to 20% back to the school. **You can easily earn over \$1,000 per year.**

## How it Works



### Buy gift cards or shop online

Browse hundreds of brands on RaiseRight that offer gift cards and online earnings.



### The brand gives back

A percentage of each gift card or online purchase through RaiseRight goes back to your school as earnings.



### Earnings go to the school

The school shares those earnings with you to offset tuition or cover other costs and fees.

## 3 Steps to Get Started

1

### Scan the QR code to join the school's program

Or visit [RaiseRight.com/Enroll](https://RaiseRight.com/Enroll) and enter the enrollment code provided by your coordinator. **A2F8B5C91447**

2

### Complete the short signup form

Create a secure RaiseRight account in just a few easy steps.

3

### Start earning

Buy gift cards and shop online through RaiseRight.



SCAN TO JOIN



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# VALENTINE'S CANDY GRAM SALE



MON. 2/9 - THURS. 2/12  
DELIVERED DURING SCHOOL 2/13  
\$1.00 each

Sold at all lunches OR before school  
from Mrs. Gratz

*\*Must be returned by 2/12/26\**

~ AN 8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT THEIR END-OF-YEAR TRIP ~



Are you a business owner? Do you know someone interested in donating an item or service?

The SJPS Auction team is looking for items or services donations for the 2026 Boots and Bling Dinner Auction! Email [auction@stjosephgrafton.org](mailto:auction@stjosephgrafton.org) if interested!

Please reach out to Kelly Osowski or Kate Tretow for any questions.

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# Family Open Gym

Saturday, Feb. 14th

9:00 - 10:30 AM

- All SJPS Students Welcome
    - Parents must stay
    - Siblings may come
  - No boots or wet shoes on the gym floor •
- Enter the building through the doors at the end of the playground sidewalk
- Cost = FREE

Come let your children run around for an hour while you connect with other parents!

## Future Open Gym Dates

2/14/26

3/14/26

4/11/26

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

February Extended Care Sign Up

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## Weekly Classroom Highlights

By: Ms. Myers, 4th Grade Teacher

Fourth Graders are working together in literature circles to read the book *Crenshaw* by Katherine Applegate (the same author as *The One and Only Ivan*). This book is about a 10 year old boy named Jackson whose family has fallen on hard times. It deals with themes of homelessness and imaginary friends.

In their literature circles, students practice their reading fluency by taking turns reading pages aloud. They then discuss chapters as a group, building on one another's ideas, and attending to details that help them make inferences and describe characters in depth.

This is a collaborative activity that helps students learn to work in groups and delegate roles and responsibilities, as well as work on their 4<sup>th</sup> grade literature standards. As they read, students make text-to-text and text-to-self connections. And once they have finished the book, they will work together to summarize the story, and determine the overall theme.



### ~ 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:

- Mr. O - \$5 Culvers
- 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@stjosephgraffton.org](mailto:shemauer@stjosephgraffton.org), I am here every Tuesday and Wednesday currently. Have a blessed weekend!

~ **Community Announcements** ~

# DOMINICAN HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS

20  26

Calling All Performers, Entertainers, Storytellers, Athletes, Budding Scientists, and more! This summer, Dominican High School 2026 Summer Camps are back with a welcoming, fun, and immersive environment for campers to develop their critical thinking skills, explore their creativity, get involved in a new sport, and make new friends!

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED ALL SUMMER LONG INCLUDE:



JR. KNIGHTS  
SUMMER  
SPORTS  
CAMPS



SUMMER  
ACTIVITY  
CAMP



DOMINICAN  
THEATRE  
CAMPS



**SCAN THE QR CODE**  
to learn more about our summer camp offerings,  
including cost, registration info, and more.

# Mom's Night Out

Join us for a saint peg doll exchange!



**March 24<sup>th</sup> 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...



### **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.



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**

# **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

<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>

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

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

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