

March 8th, 2026



## 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

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

- Mini Musical Mondays, 9:00am - Mon. 3/9
- Musical Rehearsal, 3:15-4:45 (Scenes 1-4) - Tues. 3/10
- 1st - 8th Breakfast, 7:45 - 8:15am - Wed. 3/11
- 4th grade Shadow Day in Middle School - Wed. 3/11
- Musical Rehearsal, 6:00-8:00 (ALL CAST) - Wed. 3/11
- 5th - 8th Students of Christ retreat, 8:30 - 2:30 - Fri. 3/13
- Report Cards sent home - Fri. 3/13
- Family Open Gym, - Sat. 3/14
- 2nd & 3rd Grade Mass Presentation, 8:00am - Sun. 3/15
- \$2.00 St Patty's Day out-of-uniform 8th grade Fundraiser - Tues. 3/17
- Tot Open Gym, 8:30 - 10:00am- Wed. 3/18
- 2nd - 8th grade Lenten Reconciliation - Wed. 3/18
- K3/K4/K5 Mom's Night Out at BSG Coffee, 7:00pm - Thurs. 3/19
- SJPS Mom's Night Out Peg Doll Exchange - Tues. 3/24
- Spring/Easter Break - 3/30 - 4/6

**The Lenten Journey  
is about  
Almsgiving,  
Prayer &  
Fasting.**





~ A Message from The Leadership Team ~

Dear St. Joseph Parish School Families:

As we continue our journey through the season of Lent, we continue to encourage our students to practice prayer, kindness, and small acts of sacrifice as they grow closer to God and to one another.

Lent is also a time for all of us to remember that growth takes time, effort, and encouragement from the people around us. On Friday, March 13th, our 1st-8th graders will receive second trimester report cards. Just as Lent invites us to reflect on how we can grow spiritually, report cards invite our SJPS students to consider how they can continue to grow academically, socially, and personally.

As we reflect on this year's progress, we are also beginning to look ahead with hope and excitement for the next school year. Registration for the 2026-2027 school year continues, and we warmly invite you to continue your family's journey with us.

Blessings for a continued peaceful Lenten Season,

The Principal Leadership Team

**Just a reminder - the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program March Open Enrollment Period for the 2026-2027 school year begins today, March 1, 2026 and runs through Friday, March 20, 2026!**

**Additional Reminders:**

- Please sign up to volunteer at Fish Fries or just come out to eat and support this major fundraiser. \*\*Any student who volunteers at or comes and eats at a Fish Fry can earn an Any Day but Mass Day dress-down coupon! See Mrs. Gratz after announcements to collect
- Registration is open for all grade levels K3 through 8th grade!
- Please don't forget to put your name card in your vehicle for drop off and pick up!

A quick reminder as we look ahead to the 2026–2027 school 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!

**ENROLL NOW**

If you have any questions or need assistance with registering, please reach out to the Daphne in the School Office or the Principal Leadership Team.

SJPS Leadership Team

2026 - 2027 Tuition Information

Tuition Support Options

Register [HERE](#)

## **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.



St. Joseph Parish School



Calendar of Cash Winners:

3/3/26 Michelle Spring \$50

3/4/26 Conor Quinlevan \$25

3/5/26 Lois Roloff \$50

3/6/26 Casey Wieland \$100

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 VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

[Fish Fry Volunteer Sign Up Link](#)

Don't forget to sign up to clean tables, serve meals, offer drinks or share desserts during our Fish Fries! Volunteering is a fun and exciting time for our families and students - both present and past!

**\*\*We have a great need for assistance at the end of each Fish Fry in cleaning up after the event. Please consider donating your time to help close down at the end of the night\*\***

Thank you!

[Click here to view our newest Fish Fry promotional video!](#)

St Joseph Parish School Invites our 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>  
Grade Families to Join us at...

1<sup>ST</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FAMILY BREAKFAST



JOIN US FOR  
A DELICIOUS  
MORNING!

**7:45 - 8:15AM**  
**WED. MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> 2026**  
**CHURCH GATHERING SPACE**



# ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL'S NEW & GENTLY USED BOOK DRIVE

Help Us Share the Joy of Reading!

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students are hosting a Book Drive and collecting new and gently used books of all varieties.

From picture books to novels, cookbooks to devotionals – every book has the power to inspire, teach, and entertain.

Please donate books that are:

- ✓ Clean
- ✓ In good condition
- ✓ Ready to be loved again

Donations can be brought to the SJPS school office during school hours 8:15am - 3:15pm, Monday - Friday.

**MARCH 1ST - MARCH 31ST**

**NEW THIS YEAR: TRACK AND TENNIS OFFERING**

We are excited to announce that any 5th - 8th graders interested in joining track or tennis this year are able to join students at St Francis Borgia Catholic School. Those interested should complete the attached participation form(s) and turn in as soon as possible.

We are excited to announce that an extra-curricular, coed tennis team for grades 5-8 will be offered this Spring April 1st-May 25th! Caitlin Smyth will be coaching and she is looking for additional assistance. Practices will happen at Adlai Horn Park and will begin in March with matches starting the week of April 6th, 2026. **Registration is due by 2/26/25 with payment to the main office.**

**Grades 5-8**

Will practice 1 day/week and matches 1 day per week and be coached by Caitlin Smyth. Practices will be on Fridays at 4pm-5:30pm at Adlai Horn Park. Match days will vary based on court availability and schedule provided. Cost for Students will be \$75.00.

\*Please complete Registration below in addition to the Medical Form, Consent to Play Form, and Sportsmanship Pledge.\*

Student Name:	Student Grade:
Parent/Guardian Names:	Telephone Number:
Emergency Contact Information:	Telephone Number:
Parent Signature for Participation:	

SFB School Athletic Association  
2026 Girls & Boys Track Participation Form

The St. Francis Borgia Track season begins April 6<sup>th</sup>, and the team is forming now for girls and boys in grades **5-8th**.

For your child to participate in the 2026 SFB school Track program, we must have all athletic forms filled out from this current school year and a current physical form in the school office. If you completed these forms for volleyball or basketball this year, you do not need to do it again. You must also pay a fee of \$60 per student. The money collected from this fee will be used for uniforms, referee fees, equipment needs, etc. If you are unable to cover the cost of this fee for financial reasons, please contact Principal Marissa Narlock.

There is a \$250 per family out-of-pocket maximum for participation in SFB athletic programs (volleyball, basketball, track) for the 2025-26 school year. This out-of-pocket family maximum does not include additional fees that may be incurred for special events.

Please return this form, along with your payment to the SFB School office by **Thursday, March 12 2026**. Your child will not be able to participate in practices or meets until all forms have been turned in and this fee has been paid. In 2 family households, each parent/guardian should return this form with their contact information listed to receive track communications. Please complete a separate form for each child participating. Separate checks are not necessary.

Please contact Karla Quadracci at Athletics@sfbhschool.org if you have any further questions. We look forward to a great season! **The SFB Athletic Association**

Please return with \$60 payment to: SFB School Office  
Make checks payable to **SFB Athletic Association**

GIRLS OR BOYS Track (circle one) Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth or Adult (circle one)

Athlete Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tennis Registration Form

Track Participation Form



**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

March Extended Care Sign Up

## Weekly Classroom Highlights

By: Mrs. Julie Lemke 2nd Grade Teacher

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By: Julie Lemke, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher

Recently, our 2nd graders have been working on a *mystery* in science class. Our mystery is titled: *Works of Water* and includes the following questions that our young scientists had to answer.

- If you floated down a river, where would you end up?
- Why is there sand at the beach?
- Where do flash floods happen?
- What's strong enough to make a canyon?
- How can you stop a landslide?

As you may have already guessed, these lessons focus on learning all about erosion! Our lessons began by introducing these young scientists to the Strange River (pictured below) and their challenge was to figure out why the Strange River looks the way it does. Our 2nd grade scientists applied the scientific and engineering practices of carrying out investigations, developing a model, constructing an explanation, and designing solutions to try to solve all the mysteries and explain why the Strange River looks the way it does. They really enjoyed the hands-on, somewhat messy, lessons along the way to solving this mystery!



## ~ 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. Christian - \$5 Culvers
- Mrs. Lemke - \$5 Starbucks
- 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

**~ Community Announcements~**

# 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:

- **March 15th @ 8:00am - 2nd & 3rd**
- **April 18th @ 4:00pm - 5th - 8th \*Date change**

~ Information from Previous Lancer Times~

## Uniform Reminder

A friendly reminder that students are expected to attend each day in clothing colors and styles outlined in our SJPS Parent Student Handbook.



We are now more than halfway through the school year, so now is a great time to check and make sure your student has extra school and weather appropriate clothing in their lockers (tops, bottoms, undergarments, socks).

Don't forget to peruse our school uniform shop in the library!

[Uniform Policy 2025 - 2026](#)



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@stjosephgrifton.org](mailto:auction@stjosephgrifton.org) if interested!

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

## Donation Request

If you or a family member have empty, cleaned out plastic ice cream tubs, the School Office will happily take those off your hands.

Thank you!



## Cut Tuition Costs with RaiseRight

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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.**

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#### 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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# Future Open Gym Dates

2/14/26

3/14/26

4/11/26

## 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**

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

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