

April 12th, 2026



St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school communication from the Leadership Team

Administration email: principal@stjosephgraffton.org

Important Dates to Remember

REGISTRATION FOR 2026 - 2027 IS OPEN!

- ALICE Safety drill, 2:30pm - Mon. 4/13
- SAC Meeting, 6:30pm - Mon. 4/13
- Mass at 8:30am; K4- Longoria Hospitality - Thurs. 4/16
- Statewide Tornado Drill, 1:45pm - Thurs. 4/16
- 5th - 8th Showcase at Mass, 4pm - Sat. 4/18
- Dash for Cash at Timber Rattlers Game, 1pm - Sun. 4/19
- Vision Screening, 10 - 11:30am - Wed. 4/22
- April Fire Drill - Thurs. 4/23
- SJPS Earth Day Buddy Activity - Fri. 4/24
- First Communion Masses - Sat. 4/25 & Sun. 4/26
- 5th - 8th Field Trip to Science Day at Am Fam Field - Thurs. 4/30

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*We are an
Easter people and
Alleluia is our song!*

-John Paul II

~ A Message from The Leadership Team ~

Dear SJPS Families:



Happy Divine Mercy Sunday! Today is another reminder of God’s endless love and compassion for each and every one of us. What a wonderful gift we are so privileged to receive.

We are happy to announce that all of our students in grades 3-8 have completed their Forward testing for the year. While we won’t have results of this round of testing for a couple of months yet, we would like to share the amazing progress and performance of some of our SJPS Alumni.

Grafton High School recently published their first semester Honor Roll. We are thrilled to share with you that 94% of our SJPS graduates over the last few years made the first semester Honor Roll with a GPA of 3.0 and higher. Of these students, 74% of them earned Special Honors by achieving a GPA of 3.76 or higher! We are so proud of the work our SJPS Alumni continue to do once they move on.

Hard to believe, but in just about a month and a half, we will welcome back the current high school seniors, the SJPS Class of 2022, for their Grad Walk through the halls. This is just one more opportunity for us to welcome “our kids” back home. It is also a wonderful reminder for all of us that once an SJPS Lancer, always an SJPS Lancer!

Continued Easter Blessings and Warm Wishes to You All,

The SJPS Principal Leadership Team



ALICE TRAINING & IMPLEMENTATION

April 2026

Dear SJPS Families,

St. Joseph Parish School prides itself on creating a safe learning environment for all students. In the interest of school safety and compliance with local, state, and federal regulations, our school utilizes a number of procedures and runs a variety of emergency drills to practice for different situations which may occur within a school environment. For example, each year we run fire, tornado, and lockdown drills.

As a school, we also believe in a continuous improvement model and consistently work with local law enforcement and our school Safety and Security Team to adjust our approach based on new information in order to provide the best possible outcome for our students, staff, and families. The critical knowledge gained through ALICE training equips our staff with skills and options in the instance of a school crisis involving an active threat or shooter at school.

ALICE is an acronym for a globally renowned framework designed to maximize positive outcomes and options during dangerous threats:

- Alert** Alert is your first notification of something occurring.
- Lockdown** Barricade the room. Prepare to EVACUATE or COUNTER if needed.
- Inform** Communicate the violent intruder’s location and direction in real time.
- Counter** Use noise, movement, distance, and distraction to reduce assailant accuracy.
- Evacuate** When safe to do so, remove yourself from the danger zone.

In order to best prepare our students from threats of school violence and practice how to safely respond, we use developmentally appropriate instructional methods to teach and practice these ALICE concepts with all students. One way in which we introduced this topic is by using the book, *I’m Not Scared...I’m Prepared!* by Julia Cook, which uses non-threatening and sensitive vocabulary developed for school-aged children. We understand that emergency drills, even ones that are for practice purposes only, can cause anxiety for some students and staff members. Therefore, it is our intent to provide instruction that empowers our staff and students in a comforting and nurturing way.

If you have any questions regarding implementation of the ALICE framework, please call the school office.

Sincerely,

Chris Jackson

Julie Lenke

Carren Gratz

SJPS Principal Leadership Team
principal@stjosephgraffon.org



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Dear St. Joseph Parish School Families,

We are excited to share an update regarding this year’s Spring Concert.

In an effort to better support our younger students and families’ evening routines—and in response to the overwhelmingly positive feedback received around the earlier start time for the Christmas Concert—we will be **adjusting both the date and time of the concert.**

The Spring Concert will now be held on:

Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 5:45 PM

Hospitality and light refreshments will follow the performance. We look forward to celebrating this special event together and watching our students shine on stage. Thank you for your continued support of our school community.

Warm regards,
The Principal Leadership Team

Carren Gratz
Chris Jackson
Julie Lemke



JOIN US

St. Joseph Parish School



BOOTS
&
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ANNUAL AUCTION

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026, 5PM

DOHERTY HALL



The Details

- **Silent Auction** (can bid remotely)
- **Live Auction**, includes Fund-A-Need and great family friendly packages
- **Auction Raffle** - chance to win \$1000
- **Golden Ticket** - chance to win select live auction items for only \$25

\$50 PER PERSON

includes
admission to
the live event
and dinner
catered by The Stillery.



Purchase your tickets online, pre-register your credit card, and enjoy a "sneak peek" at auction items as they're added.

SILENT AUCTION BIDDING WILL BEGIN ON APRIL 27TH, 2026.

Visit: <http://e.givesmart.com/events/LaT>
or scan the QR code to order tickets and kick
off the 2026 SJPS Auction festivities!



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WESTERN-CASUAL WITH A TOUCH OF SPARKLE!



1619 Washington Street, Grafton



W SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, April 19th | NEUROSCIENCE GROUP FIELD

**Cheer on Ms. Gratz
at Dash for Cash**



**FIRST PITCH
1:10 PM**

Support St. Joseph Parish School as \$3 of every ticket purchased through the QR code link goes back to the school!

Use the link below to purchase tickets to this weekend's Timber Rattler's Dash for Cash game! Join other SJPS families in cheering on Mrs. Gratz for a chance to earn \$\$ for our school!

2026 Timber Rattlers Dash for Cash

Schedule!

- 10:30am- Stadium Parking Lot Opens
- 11:30am- Stadium Gates Open
- 12:25-12:30pm- Begin lining up contestants in right field
- 12:35pm-12:40pm- Dash for Cash! GO MRS GRATZ!
- 1:10pm Scheduled First Pitch

Other Information:

- Each teacher will have a bucket along the foul line in right field. When we say "Go", each teacher will run towards center field where we will have 200 tennis and ping pong balls spread out, each worth \$. The teacher will gather as many balls as possible and bring them back to their respective bucket – 2 balls at a time.

- Timber Rattlers Giveback and Prospera Credit Union are each putting forth \$2,500 for the schools to compete for, and \$1 of every ticket sold by the schools will also be going towards the prize pot.

- The school that sells the most tickets through their link will also receive a free 14 person VIP Suite for a 2026 Timber Rattlers home game – upon availability.

LINK TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/StJosephParish2026>



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

April Extended Care Sign Up

Weekly Classroom Highlights

By: Mrs. Nicole Vaculik, K4 Teacher

Alleluia, He Is Risen! ~ By Nicole Vaculik, K4

"ALLELUIA!" K4 is very excited to be able to sing this word at Mass again! We learned that since "Alleluia" means "He is risen", it's a word we fast from during Lent; in fact, it isn't spoken in church at all during this time. Knowing that we needed to refrain from speaking it, only made it more tempting for us to say – and hum!

During the Lenten season, K4 experienced some very meaningful and engaging lessons on the Stations of the Cross. Before visiting the Stations in church, we utilized a play set to re-enact the passion and death of Jesus. The students each received a play piece or two (with the station number written on it) to add to our story as we "walked" through the Stations. Since this is a Catholic devotion typically prayed during Lent, it obviously ends with Jesus' body being taken down from the cross and placed in a tomb...however, these little K4 disciples knew this was NOT the end of the story. One student exclaimed, "Wait a minute! That's not the end! Where's the angel and the risen Jesus?" To which all of the students immediately wondered if I was holding out on them and "saving" some of the pieces to play with after Easter.

Ahhh...To know the end of the story is paramount. Alleluia, He Is Risen! K4 wishes you a Happy Easter Season!

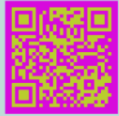


~ Community Announcements~

VBS 2026

Register Today!

Registration



stjosephgraffon.org/vbs



Ages 4K - 5th Grade

MS, HS & Adult
Volunteers Needed

June 15-19

1:00pm - 4:00pm

DOUBLE FEATURE WITH JASON EVERT



PURIFIED

AND

GENDER

AND THE THEOLOGY OF YOUR BODY

Let's come together to discover the beauty of God's plan for human love. A life-changing event for teens & adults (ages 13+).



EVENT INCLUDES:

Eucharistic Adoration

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Free resources for every attendee!

Tickets \$25

April 23, 2026 | 6:00 PM - 9:15 PM

St. Francis Borgia Parish

1375 Covered Bridge Road
Cedarburg, WI 53012

Tickets: chastity.com/purified
Info: eventcoach@chastity.com
Doors open at 5:30pm

Early bird pricing \$22
Ends March 23, 2026

Scan for tickets & info



~ Information from Previous Lancer Times ~

Registration for the 2026–2027 school year is still open! Please take a few minutes to complete your student's registration as soon as possible to ensure a smooth start to the upcoming school year. Early registration helps our schools plan classes, staffing, and resources to best support every student. Thank you for taking care of this important step!

ENROLL NOW

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.



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

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

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



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