

THE DUTCHMEN DETAILS

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE SCHOOL

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 11
8th Grade Preview Day LCHS
12:15 PM- 3:25 PM

January 12
8:00 AM All-School Mass - Gr 4 Lead

January 16
Preschool Preview 6 PM- 7 PM

January 18
Registration Opens 8:00 AM

January 19
8:00 AM All-School Mass- Gr 3 (C) Lead
Hot Dog Day- Hot Dog Day Rules Apply

January 26
8:00 AM All-School Mass- Gr 3 (R) Lead

January 28
Catholic Schools Week Starts



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR. FLOTTMEYER

Happy 2024 SJS Families!

With registration for the 2024-2025 school year and Catholic Schools Week taking place this month, I think back to my own Catholic education experience.

Growing up in La Crosse and attending St. James School (a parish school very similar to St. John School) I experienced the Holy Spirit in the faith of those who guided me. It was displayed by their knowledge, expectations, reasoning, caring, enthusiasm, joy, and their ability to speak of the love of Jesus Christ. These tremendous role models taught me through my formative years and shaped me into the person I am today. I absolutely know that I am not a finished product and that I still make mistakes (and honestly, when students are referred to the office, or I hear about an episode/mistake that was made, I almost immediately think “That is something I have done” or “I can imagine myself making the same mistake at that age”). The blessing is my Catholic education gave me an understanding that my actions, every single one of them, will either bring me closer to God or farther away. The goal is to live a life worthy of eternal happiness with God and the saints in Heaven. This knowledge started for me as a young person at home, was reinforced everyday at a Catholic school, and finally ingrained into my heart and mind. I am so thankful my parents made the sacrifices that afforded me a Catholic education. I cannot think of a better gift.

Thank you for your continued support of SJS!!! Please let your friends and neighbors know that a life changing, life affirming Catholic education is still available today right here at SJS. Now, more than ever, there is not a better decision that families can make than to send their children to a Catholic school. Our world is full of division, worry, and hopelessness. St. John School is the antithesis to these fears. Let’s make it an outstanding January and St. John Nepomucene, pray for us!

REMINDERS

- When your child is or will be absent for any reason (not feeling well, doctor or ortho appointments, etc.), email schooloffice@stjn.org or call 920.788.9082.
- If you are planning on taking a family vacation when school is in session, please be sure to submit a vacation request form to the school office well in advance. Request forms are located on the website under [Family Resources](#).

SPECIAL NOTES

St. John's will be having their annual Preschool Preview on Tuesday, January 16th at 6:00PM-7:00PM. Along with Registration for the 2024-2025 school year opening on Thursday, January 18th at 8:00AM.

Catholic Schools Week starts January 29th-February 2nd. For more information please check the Weekly Communication that will be sent out today.

SAVE THE DATES

Thursday, January 11th- 8th Grade Preview Day LCHS

Tuesday, January 16th- Preschool Preview

Thursday, January 18th- Registration Opens

Friday, January 19th- Hot Dog Day

Sunday, January 28th- Catholic Schools Week Starts

UNIFORM POLICY

Just a reminder that it is very important to adhere to the [uniform policy](#). The policy is located on the school's website under Family Resources.

HOME & SCHOOL

The home and school meeting for the month of January will take place on Wednesday, January 17 at 6:30pm in the teachers' lounge. Come and join us as we discuss upcoming events such as Donuts with Grownups, the upcoming pizza and ice cream social, and staff conference meals. We would love to see you there!

Save the date....

Donuts with Grownups (formerly Donuts with Dads)

Who: students in grades 1-2

When: Friday, February, 23, 2024

Why: For students to enjoy some special time with an influential male figure in their life.

Pizza & Ice Cream Social

Who: all students and families

When: Thursday, February 8 from 4-7 pm

Why: to celebrate our school community during parent teacher conferences

Pizza and ice cream are FREE courtesy of Home and School.

COUNSELOR CORNER

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas vacation! It's time to motivate our kiddos again to do their very best and be the very best version of themselves.

In December the whole school started their Safe Environment Training. Preschool students learned about safe/unsafe touches and how to use their big, strong voices to say "No!" and "Stop!"

Kindergarten through second grade learned all about "Don't Knows" through Safeside Superchick! Every kid should have at least 3 designated Safeside Adults. If you haven't already had that discussion with your kiddos, make sure you discuss who they can go to no matter what!

Grades 4 and 5 reviewed how God designed their body for them, how to follow their gut, and how to tell the difference between a safe/unsafe situation.

Middle school discussed boundaries and learned about what consent is in any relationship.

Looking ahead:

- Catholic Schools Week is near! January 28th through February 2nd! There's lots of new dress up days planned!
- Safe Environment training continues through January.
- Jennifer Schunk from Harbor House returns January 11th to present about Sexual Abuse awareness through a curriculum called Second Step to our K-5th grade.
- January is "National Thank You Month". Sometimes New Year's resolutions can quickly become New Year's anxieties. Try focusing instead on what the Lord has already done and turning your eyes to the things and people you are so grateful for.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Monday, January 15th

Take a minute:

Cultivating a growth mindset in students is crucial for their academic and personal development. Here are a few strategies to promote a growth mindset at home and in the classroom.


1. Praise Effort, Not Intelligence: Encourage students by praising their hard work and intention not to give up too soon rather than simply praising their intelligence or talent.
2. Emphasize the Power of "Yet": Encourage students to use the word "yet" when they face challenges. Below are some examples of how changing your words can shift your perspectives.

Fixed Mindset: "I'm just not good at this, and I never will be."

Growth Mindset: "I may not understand this concept yet, but with effort and practice, I will get there."

Fixed Mindset: "I don't like to try new things because I might fail."

Growth Mindset: "I don't know how to do this yet."

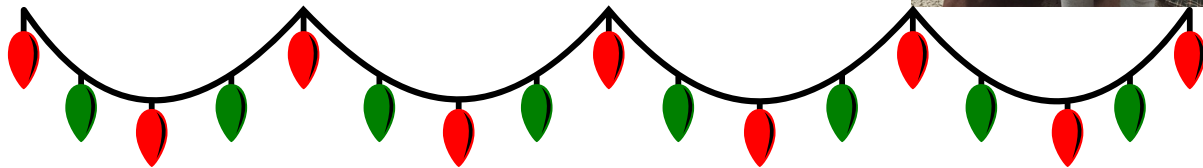
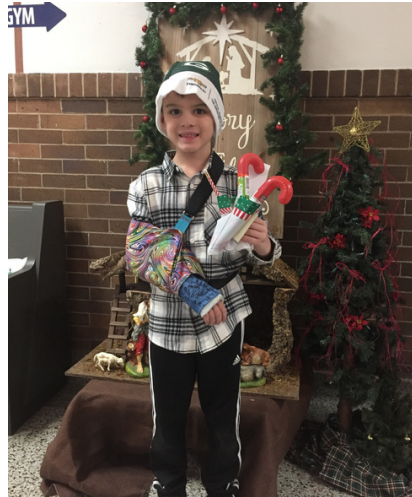


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Philippians 4:8

DECEMBER GOD WINK WINNERS

Students earn God Winks for getting caught doing random acts of kindness. Several students were caught in the month of December and the three winners from the drawing were William Beyer, Zayden Demeter, and Mason Schneider. Thank you to all December God Winks for being disciples of Jesus.

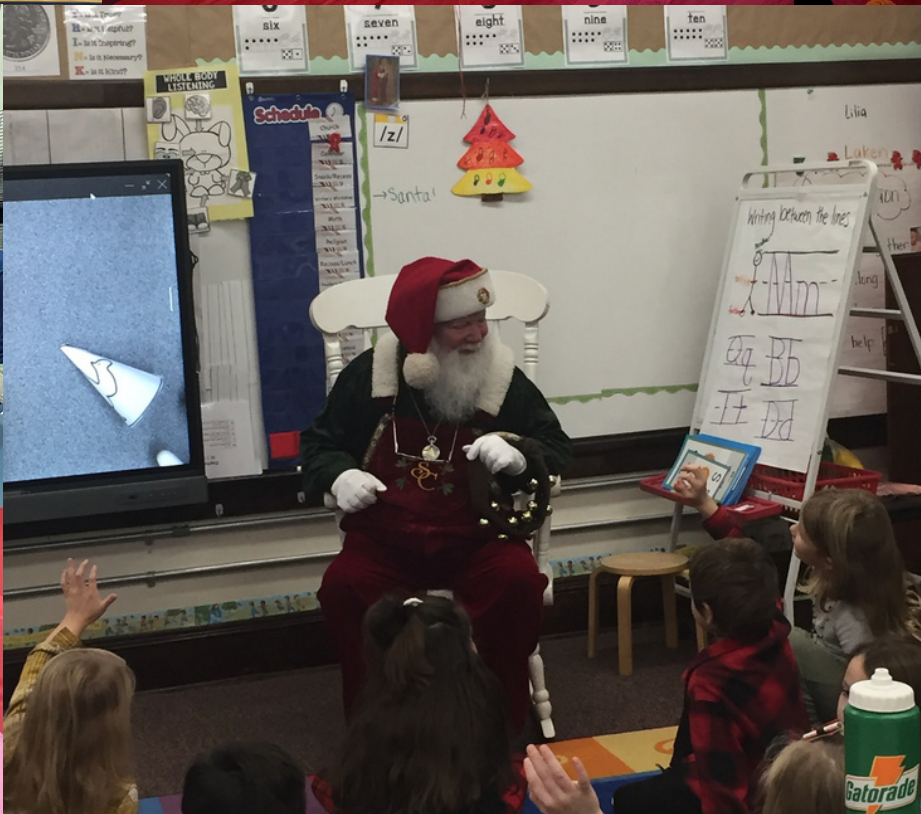


SANTA CLAUS CAME TO ST. JOHN'S

On December 22nd, St. John's had a very special visitor come to the school! Santa Claus decided to stop in and visit with the students to make sure they were prepared for Christmas and to answer many long awaited questions. Many students asked about his working elves, if Santa and St. Nick were related (turns out they're cousins!), and how his reindeer were doing. It was a fun day filled with Christmas magic, hot cocoa, and cookies!



WHAT'S HAPPENING?



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