

THE DUTCHMEN DETAILS

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE SCHOOL

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 8
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Pizza and Ice Cream Social

February 9
8:00 AM All-School Mass - Gr 2 Lead
Hot Dog Day- Hot Dog Day Rules Apply

February 13
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Pink/Red Dress Down Day- Hot Dog Day
Rules Apply.

February 14
8:00 AM All-School Mass- Gr 8 Lead

February 16
No School- School Office Closed

February 19
No School- School Office Closed

February 23
8:00 AM All-School Mass- Gr 5 Lead



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR. FLOTTMEYER

It is somewhat surreal to take a drive around the St. John campus and see the parish office is gone. Even though I am not local (I'm a Northsider from La Crosse), the parish office building was the location of numerous memorable events that happened during my years at SJS. It was where I interviewed for the principal position. It was the location of many crucial meetings and conversations. It was a place of many smiles and laughs (too many to mention), but most importantly, it was the first location in which I prayed with co-workers and colleagues. What a tremendous difference that prayer at work makes!

I can only imagine the memories that life-long St. John members have of that building. Looking back over sixty years, it is fun to envision the early days of it being a rectory with offices, meeting rooms, living and dining quarters, and guest rooms. The decades of prayer that took place within those walls is remarkable. What a legacy!!

This got me thinking, what will be our legacy while at St. John School, knowing full well we are placeholders in time (especially at a school that first began in 1844)? It is difficult to see the end result of our collective work because every graduate of SJS is our legacy. What they do or don't do, if they are loving, compassionate and seek Jesus or not, is our legacy. What an important job that I never take lightly.

On a final note, I have an assignment for all of you. Since Ash Wednesday is one week away, please take a moment and read this brief article from Bishop Ricken. Honor God Today and Go Dutchmen!!!

Living the Faith JOURNEY TO THE FOOT OF THE CROSS: BISHOP RICKEN OFFERS 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR LENT

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/10%20Things%20to%20Remember%20During%20Lent.pdf>

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

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is open! Please check the Weekly Communication for information on registering your child for next year.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be on Thursday, February 8th and Tuesday, February 13th. More information on conferences has been sent out in the Weekly Communication.

SAVE THE DATES

Thursday, February 8th- Parent/Teacher Conferences & Pizza and Ice Cream Social

Friday, February 9th- Hot Dog Day

Tuesday, February 13th- Parent/Teacher Conferences & Pink/Red Dress Down Day

Friday, February 16th- No School

Monday, February 19th- No School

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

Information about the Donuts with Grown Ups event for students in grades 1-2 came home this week. We are looking forward to this event on Friday, February 23. This month's home and school meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 21 at 6:30pm in the teachers' lounge. We hope to see you there!

Please mark your calendars....

Who: SJS Boys in Grades 1-8 and their mom or a special guest

What: Fun with the Fellas (NEW)

Where: SJS gym

When: Thursday, March 7 from 6:00-7:30pm

Why: join us for some extreme sports fun with pizza and prizes (this event will run opposite years with the evening with a princess event for the girls which took place last year for the first time)

Other upcoming home and school events....

Family Skate Night

Thursday, April 11 from 6-8pm

All SJS families are welcome

Skate City, Kimberly

Tea with Me

Friday, May 10 from 8:00-10:30am

Students in grades 1-2 and a special female figure

Fellowship Hall

COUNSELOR CORNER

Happy February! Catholic Schools Week was an absolute blast and success! Thank you parents for helping our kids to dress up and celebrate to the max!

During the month of January we wrapped up our safety classes in the younger grades and started focusing on identifying feelings, being a team player, and resolving conflict. In the older grades we started focusing on time management and reckless love and kindness. Our 8th graders are focusing on careers and starting to think about their transition to high school! On Thursday, February 15th, counselors from Little Chute High School will be in the building in the morning to help the 8th graders attending LCHS schedule their classes for next year. This week I'm meeting with each of the 8th graders to help prepare them before their meeting. During the month of February we are all going into Kindness overdrive! We're going to discover our "why"...Why are we kind? Because of the reckless love of our God. How can we be kind, what might be considered unkind, and how can we resolve conflict even if we're not feeling happy/kind in the moment... Students are going to be challenged this month!

NAMI present during Conferences:

I look forward to seeing everyone around the building during Parent/Teacher Conference time! While you're at the ice cream/pizza social Thursday night, feel free to stop by and say "hi" to Kay from NAMI who has lots of great resources and insight for parents whose kids may be showing signs of anxiety, ADHD, or depression.

Looking ahead:

- February is Black History Month
- Feb 5 - 9: National School Counseling Week
- Feb 8 and 13: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Feb 9: Hot Dog Day!
- February 13: St. Valentine Celebration: Due to Ash Wednesday falling on Valentines Day this year, St. John's is celebrating the holiday a day early! Students may dress down and are encouraged to wear red/pink for the special day.
- Feb 14: Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent!
- Feb 16 - 19: No School!
- Feb 15: LCHS Counselor visiting our 8th graders for scheduling freshmen classes.
- Feb 17th: Random Acts of Kindness Day

Save the Date:

- March 8th: MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE! DJ Chuck from Rock the Flock will be entertaining our 6th through 8th graders from 5 - 8 p.m. Thank you Home and School for funding our DJ!

Take a minute:

The Art of Kindness

The art of kindness is more than a kind gesture. It means fostering a spirit of helpfulness and consideration of others without expecting anything in return. Showing kindness is simple, positive, and FREE! Some aspects to consider: empathy, generosity, are a ripple effect!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK FUN

Students and staff enjoyed a whole week of fun for Catholic Schools Week! Each day they had a different dress down day such as Pajama Day, Tacky Tourist, Decades Day, Favorite Holiday, and Class Color Day. The students got to decorate their classroom doors, make tie blankets, and many more fun activities!



JANUARY DUTCHMEN DOLLAR WINNERS

Students earn Dutchmen Dollars by living out the SJS Mission Statement, helping others. The January Dutchmen Dollar winners are Jaxon Anderson, Stella VanGrinsven, Mason Borowski, Calvin VanZeeland, Mabel Vosters, Graycen Resch, and Odin Bricco. Thank you JD's for donating the shakes!



WHAT'S HAPPENING?



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