

THE DUTCHMEN DETAILS

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE SCHOOL

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 6
Staff Appreciation Week
- May 8
Bike to School Day
- May 10
8AM All-School Mass- Gr 1 & 2 Lead
Tea With Me- 8AM-10:30AM
- May 15
Instrumental Concert
Middle School Service Hours Due
- May 17
Hot Dog Day
8AM All-School Mass- K (VanDeLoo) Lead
Library Books Due
- May 18
Middle School State Track
- May 23
8th Grade Graduation- 6PM
- May 24
8AM All-School Mass- K (Geurts) Lead
PreK Picnic
- May 27
No School- School Office Closed
- May 29
Field Day
PreK's Last Day of School
- May 30
Kindergarten Graduation- 2PM
- May 31
Last Day of School
8AM All-School Mass- Gr 1 Lead
Early Dismissal 11:30AM

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR. FLOTTMEYER

Greeting SJS Families!

It is difficult to comprehend that today is May 2nd. Wow, where do the days go??? May is a busy time for schools and families, but I am not complaining. God has a purpose for all of us and we are meant to be busy and active. As my wife Katie often says, "If you want to get something done, ask a busy person." A quick glance at my May calendar (and I know all of you have a similar schedule) shows: diocesan meetings, staff meetings, drama performance, many field trips, staff appreciation, bike to school, Tea with Me, instrumental concert, 8th grade graduation, prek picnic, kindergarten graduation, field day, and many other events I am missing. Once again, I am not complaining. Rather I am grateful for the opportunities and challenges of each new day.

With May being a busy work month, my thoughts turn to St. Joseph the Worker. (Side note... Katie and I were married, and our boys were baptized, at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. <https://cathedralsjworkman.org/>. Now we are parishioners at St. Joes in Appleton. I see a trend :) In the Gospels there are just six words that give us an idea that St. Joseph was a carpenter and really the passage is about Jesus:

- "Is this not the carpenter's son?" (Mt 13:55)

It is amazing that this single text led to 2000 years of writings, paintings, sculptures, and stories about St. Joseph the Workman. Obviously this information means a great deal. We all are able to identify and relate to Joseph because, like all of us, he was a tradesman/a worker. This passage conveys the message that we all have a purpose, we all have value, and we were all chosen by God. Amazing message from six simple words!

Even in this bustling month remember to spend quiet time with the Lord. Looking forward to an outstanding May! Thank you for your continued support of SJS and Go Dutchmen!

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.

It's that time of year again to order yearbooks! Please click the link to order: harmann.com/ordering. School Specific Code: SJNLCYB. Please check the Weekly Communication for more details.

SAVE THE DATES

Wednesday, May 8th- Bike to School Day

Friday, May 10th- Tea With Me 8am-10:30am

Wednesday, May 15th- Instrumental Concert

Friday, May 17th- Hot Dog Day: Students and Staff can dress down for the day. Hot Dog Day Rules Apply.

Thursday, May 23rd- 8th Grade Graduation 6pm

Friday, May 24th- PreK Picnic

Monday, May 27th- No School/School Office Closed

Wednesday, May 29th- Field Day & Last Day of School for PreK

Thursday, May 30th- Kindergarten Graduation 2pm

Friday, May 31st- Last Day of School & Early Dismissal 11:30am

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

Home and School would like to thank all of the families of SJS for your wonderful support over the course of the school year. Please be on the lookout for a flyer with details about how we can help our SJS teachers feel the love next week, May 6-10, during teacher appreciation week.

Upcoming events:

Tea with Me

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

Students in grades 1-2 and a special female figure

Fellowship Hall



This month's home and school meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30pm in the teachers' lounge.

COUNSELOR CORNER

The end of the school year is near! Thank you for sending your kids to St. John's! I have really enjoyed getting to spend time in all grade levels and getting to know your kiddos better. My first year as a guidance counselor has been absolutely incredible and I feel so blessed to have such a wonderful support system! Over the summer, please feel free to reach out to the office during office hours or send me an email if you run into any concerns, questions, or could use some resources for your kiddos. The office will contact me and I will contact you as soon as possible. We are here for you and your kids in all seasons!

During the month of May:

Unfortunately I only have 1 or 2 classes with each class left, but there's still much to look forward to! We'll be finishing up lessons we started in April and beginning to help our kiddos transition into summer and the next grade!

Looking ahead:

- May is Mental Health Month
- May 6 - 10 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 9 - National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day
- May 16 - Rock the Flock presentation for grades 6-8
- May 20 - More Precious than Gold - 8th grade girls only - 5:30-7:30
- May 28 - 5th grade Preview Day - 5th graders get a preview into what Middle School holds for them next year!
- May 29 - Field Day in afternoon
- May 31 - Last Day of School!

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS:

Mental health is about how we think, feel, and act. Just like we care for our bodies by eating healthy and exercising, we also need to care for our minds. Our mental health affects how we think, how we manage emotions, and how we behave.

We live in a fallen world where the enemy loves to attack, especially our thinking. Our Father loves us and has given us all the guidance to guard ourselves against the lies of the enemy. "For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and a sound mind." -2 Timothy 1:7 Taking care of our mental health is important because it helps us feel good about ourselves, handle stress, and make healthy choices. When we have good mental health, we can focus better, get along with others, have a positive outlook, and enjoy the things we love to do.

How can we take care of our mental health?

We can take care of our mental health by talking about our feelings, getting enough sleep, doing things we enjoy, and asking for help when we need it. It's also important to be kind and graceful to ourselves and others.

APRIL GOD WINK WINNERS

Students earn God Winks for getting caught doing random acts of kindness. Several students were caught in the month of April and the three winners from the drawing were Reagan Hermes, Cason Hoelzel, and Ava Elrick. Thank you to all April God Winks for being disciples of Jesus.



APRIL DUTCHMEN DOLLAR WINNERS

Students earn Dutchmen Dollars by living out the SJS Mission Statement, helping others. The April Dutchmen Dollar winners are Wells Wittman, Hattie Hietpas, Aubree Luedtke, Elsie Anderson, Caroline Hietpas, Sydney Fonferek, Grady Mutombo, and Avery Ellenbecker. Thank you JD's for donating the shakes!



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