

# Up to Date with SJV...

# **WEEK AT A GLANCE...**

Mon. May 31 -Memorial Day
No School

Thurs. Jun. 3 -8th Grade

**Graduation Mass** 

Fri. Jun. 4 -Last Day of School—1/2 Day

-10:40am Blessing

for Mrs. DeWitt & Mrs. Hogan

-11:00am Mass in the Grotto

-11:45 Dismissal

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Mon. Aug. 23 -2021-2022

Open House

Wed. Aug. 25 First Day of School

2021-2022

#### **Last Day of School**

Our last day of school Mass will be held at 11:00am in the grotto. Prior to Mass, at 10:40am, we will be having a blessing over Mrs. DeWitt who will be retiring this year, and Mrs. Hogan who retired last year. Students will return to their classrooms after Mass to collect their belongings

and will be released by our usual dismissal procedure at approximately 11:45am.

## **Device Collection**

Chromebooks and iPads will be collected from students on Tues. June 1 and Wed. June 2. Please be sure to send your student to school with their device and charger on those days. Devices should

be fully charged for tech classes on Tuesday and will be collected after that class. We are looking for a couple of parents to assist with check in. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mrs.

Quint at jquint@stjohnvianney.net.



Self-Control

**H**onesty

Inspire

**N**ever Quit

**E**xemplify Christ

At St. John Vianney Catholic School, we educate compassionate, knowledgeable students to follow the path of Jesus Christ.



#### Yearbooks are in!

We have a limited supply of yearbooks available in the office. The cost is \$20.00. Please see Mrs.

Quint if you would like to purchase one.



# **Report Card Information**

Students in grades K-3 will receive a paper copy of their report card that will be sent home on last day of school. Students in grades 4-8 will not receive a

paper copy of their report card, but may print a copy from Infinite Campus. Please see the attached sheet for instructions on how to access this report card. If you need help accessing your account in Infinite Campus, please contact Mrs. Quint at <a href="mailto:iguint@stjohnvianney.net">iguint@stjohnvianney.net</a>.



#### **School Supply Lists**

School supply lists have been updated for the 2021-2022 school year. Please see the attached pages or check our website for more information.

# **Altar Server Training**

Fr. John will be offering altar server training for students in grades 4-8. The training will be held Tuesday, June 1 at 9:00am in the church. Parents of students who are interested should contact their child's teacher.





### Registration for Fall Sports is Now Open

Registration for GRACEAC fall 2021 sports is now open! The following sports are offered for 5th-8th graders in the fall: Girls Volleyball, Girls Sideline Cheer, Boys Football, Boys Soccer, Boys & Girls Cross Country

Registration for 5th-8th grade sports can be completed at the following link: <u>https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/267755</u>

We are also happy to announce that we will be continuing to offer 3rd/4th grade boys flag football and girls sideline cheer this fall after a successful launch to the two programs last fall. The cost to register is \$95.00 per athlete. Registration for 3rd/4th grade sports can be completed at the following link:

https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/268572

# **Home & School News**

Meet your 2021-2022 Home & School Officers

**President: Erica Cantu**—I have 2 kids at SJV, Airiana going into 7th grade and Xavier going into 3rd. I am the General Manager at New Holland Brewing in Holland and a Cub Scout Den leader. I have been the VP of Home & School for the last 2



years. We have tried to be fun and engaging with Covid, but are hoping to get back to our normal and some NEW activities next year.

**Vice President: Jess Carlson**—Currently has 3 students at SJV: 5th grade, 1st grade, and preschool. Jess served as the secretary for H&S this past year.

**Secretary:** Amy Ayotte—I am Mom to Jake Ayotte and our Labradoodle Shamus. My husband Greg and I both work in the Consumer-Packaged Goods industry here in Grand Rapids where we met. We like to hang out at our cottage up north on Big Star Lake in the summer and enjoy the fall season in MI watching Jake play sports. I look forward to helping with the Home & School next year to make it another great year at SJV.

**Treasurer: Deanna Chwalek**—I currently have three kids enrolled at St. John Vianney in 5th, 3rd and 1st grade. I also have two SJV graduates currently attending Catholic Central. Looking forward to serving as the treasurer for the 2021/2022 school year. I work in accounting services at a local CPA firm and live in Wyoming.

SAVE THE DATE Aug 23rd Open House Tailgate sponsored by H&S!



#### **SJV Scrip News**

The last Thursday Scrip will be open for this school year is June 3 from 3:00-4:00 pm. To align with the Mass schedule beginning Sunday, May 30th, Scrip will return to being open from 9:30-10:30 am on Sundays. We will be closed on Sunday, July 4th.

SJV Scrip families earned of \$6,000 in Scrip credits in the first four months of 2021. These credits were used for SJV School and Catholic Central tuition, SJV Preschool and Childcare, and funding for SJV Foundation Tuition Assistance.

In four months, our top families earned over \$400 in Scrip credits. How did they do it? By consistently using Scrip for everyday purchases and getting some help from family and friends. Scrip is a great way for grandparents, Godparents, aunts and uncles to help with the cost of Catholic education. SJV Scrip is available to all parishioners. If you don't have children or they are grown, please consider adopting a current SJV School or Catholic Central family or designate your Scrip credits to the SJV Foundation Tuition Assistance Fund. If your children are too young for school, start using Scrip now and save your credits as a future family.

Scrip is easy to use; you simply pay for your purchases with a gift card instead of using case, debit, or credit cards. Use Scrip to buy groceries, gas, restaurant, movies, retail stores, travel, and more! Scrip has hundreds of merchants to choose from and many rebates of 5% or more. Some Rebates are 10% or more! Presto Pay, Scrip Reloads, and Scrip Now make it even more convenient.

Interested in learning more? Please stop by the Scrip office (in the hallway behind the church) on Sundays from 9:00—10:00 am, Thursdays from 3:00-4:00 pm, or call Vicki at 261-4122. Scrip cards make great gifts for Father's Day and Graduation! See how much your family can earn over the summer by using Scrip!

Dear Parents and Families,

Color Challenge last week was an incredibly fun way to begin to wrap up the year! Thank you Home and School for organizing and funding this celebration, and thank you to everyone who helped out on Friday and everyone who supported Home and School activities and fundraisers all year. We are especially grateful to our officers, Cindy Lyons, Michelle Bury, Jessica Carlson, and Erica Cantu who led this program with courage and creativity through so many changes this year, who helped show our students they are loved and supported, and who demonstrated the SJV can-do spirit -- even through a pandemic. We sincerely thank our officers who are stepping down this year and those who are stepping in and we look forward to working together next year to continue to grow Home and School and the good work this important group does at SJV.

As we prepare for the end of the year with the usual celebrations, classroom activities, and exams, we also express our gratitude and share our best wishes for those teachers and staff members who are moving on from SJV to embrace the next step in their journeys.

Amy DeWitt is retiring after a 22-year career here as Kindergarten teacher. Mrs. DeWitt has taught generations of students the love of Jesus, the joy of reading, and the love of learning. She has also taught alongside many teachers and staff who have found her clarity of mission, her love for her students, and dedication to the vocation of teaching to be an inspiration and a source of strength.

Annette Dinsmore is moving on to teach preschool to students in our area who will benefit from her genuine and deep investment in her students, her rich experience in teaching diverse learners, and her abilities in teaching students for whom English is a second language. We will miss her generous spirit and her love of our faith that she shares so openly with her students and us all.

Sean Briggs, middle school Social Studies teacher is also moving on - and moving west - to join his wife as she pursues her medical residency in Oregon. We appreciate his ability to connect with students, his love of history, and his intelligent wit, and we wish him a safe journey and smooth transition to the west coast.

We also want to thank Lisa Lee, Preschool/Childcare Director, for her leadership, dedication, and abundant love for our children and our families. After serving graciously in an administrative role for a number of years, Lisa is returning to the classroom to teach preschool in an area where her positive spirit, creativity, and experience in reaching diverse learners will enhance the lives of young students in our area.

These teachers and staff have enriched SJV in so many ways, and it is with love and gratitude that we extend our blessing on them and their families as they move on. We will honor Mrs. Amy DeWitt's and Mrs. Beth Hogan's retirement in a special way before our last school Mass, hopefully in the Grotto, at 10:40AM, Mass starting at 11:00AM. Following Mass, we will extend our blessing on these teachers before we part for the summer. If we are in the Grotto, we will livestream via Facebook Live, and if we are in church, we will share a livestream link in the morning before Mass. Please join us in sharing our love and gratitude for these teachers and staff, in person or virtually.

And, of course, we look ahead to next week's celebration of our eighth grade students -- their party on Wednesday and their graduation Mass and diploma ceremony on Thursday, and the passing of the leadership torch to our seventh grade students on Friday.

We ask for God's blessing on these transitions and on us as we celebrate the end of some experiences and the beginning of others, and all the ways He strengthens our faith in Him and each other, every day.

God is GREAT all the time. Comets SHINE all the time.

Peace,

Linda Olejnik, Principal