

November 18, 2021

ST. JOHN VIANNEY SCHOOL

SJV WEEKLY

Up to Date with SJV...

WEEK AT A GLANCE...

Nov. 19th In honor of Mrs.
Dress Down Speilmaker - MSU,
SJV Wear or pink for
the fight against
cancer

Nov. 19th SHINE Cart

Nov. 21st MS Band Concert

Nov 22nd Toys for Tots
Collection starts

Nov 23rd Parent/Teacher
Conferences

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Dec. 9-10 SJV Santa Secret Shop

Dec. 15 Christmas Program
(2 times 2:00 p.m. &
6:30 p.m.)

Middle School Band Concert
(with 5th-8th grade Bands)

St. Cecilia Music Center
24 Ransom Ave NE, GR
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

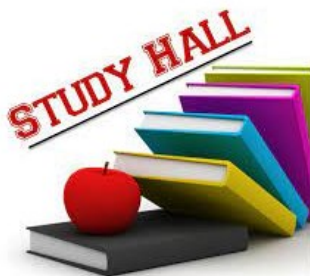
Sunday, November 21, 2021
Report Time: 2:15pm
Concert Start: 3:00pm



Concert Uniform

White shirt*/blouse- no sleeveless and no t-shirts
Black/Navy Blue pants** or skirt – no jeans
Dark Shoes and Socks
*White school uniform shirt is allowed
**Navy uniform pants are allowed

**IMPORTANT—STUDY HALL
IS CANCELED FOR
TUESDAY, NOV. 23RD**



Happy Thanksgiving

A recipe for a thankful heart: one cup of true love, two cups of kindness, three cups of grace, a teaspoon of patience and forgiveness, and just a pinch of zest for living. That's the kind of thanksgiving meal we're cooking in our lives together!

Thanksgiving

Conferences

Nov. 23rd

4:30 - 6:30 PM
In Person

6:30-7:30 PM
Virtual

**See teacher sign up
links in newsletter

Thanksgiving Break Nov. 24, 25 & 26

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



Self-Control
Honesty
Inspire
Never Quit
Exemplify Christ



When—Nov 22nd—Dec. 10th

*School Goal 260 Toys

*Members of MS Houses will be collecting each morning in the drop off line.

*Watch WZZM morning news to get updates on how many toys collected.



School Lunch

Due to the rise in COVID-19 numbers, whether it be positive cases or need to quarantine, we will be closing down the Kelloggsville district on Monday, November 22nd and Tuesday, November 23rd. We will return to full operation on Monday, November 29th.

We will still provide meals for the St. John Vianney students. We will make some minor changes to the menu to make easier prep the items over on Friday for Carol and Angela. We will be sending

Menu for Monday, Nov. 22nd

Cheesy Pull Apart Bread/Marinara Dip Cup
Broccoli / Ranch Cup
Fruit Choice
Milk



Menu for Tuesday, Nov. 23rd

Ham and Cheese Cracker Kit
Carrots / Ranch Cup
Fruit choice
Milk

Financial Aid Applications for 2022-2023 Now Available Online

Financial Aid Applications are now being accepted at Blackbaud Financial Aid Management (formally known as Smart Aid)

The benefits of a Catholic education are well documented and we at SJV are constantly striving to keep this opportunity affordable. We encourage you to apply if you need financial assistance. Use this link to apply: [Financial Aid Management \(blackbaud.school\)](https://blackbaud.school).

Specific instructions can be found here: <https://stjohnvianney.net/school/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2014/12/12005-22-23-Parent-Instructions.pdf> or on our website under School Communications and important documents and forms; then 2022-2023 Smart Aid Parent Instructions.

School Pick-up Line



Our end of the day pick-up line is running smoothly, but we could still use your help to make sure that students are picked up in a safe and timely manner. This is a fun and easy way to help here at SJV.

Please sign up for a shift on the [Sign-Up Genius](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4fadab2fa3f85-sjvvolunteers).

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SANTA'S SECRET SHOP IS RETURNING THIS YEAR!

Mark your calendars for December 9 & 10.

Shopping envelopes coming soon. (preschool through 5th grade)

(Each student can purchase up to 6 items in order to make sure that our elves have enough supplies. Each gift is \$1.50.)

**If you have any Christmas wrapping paper or gift bags you could donate, please have your student drop off in the office by Dec. 8th.



SJV Spirit Store



The SJV Spirit Store is a great place for Christmas ideas! If you would like to order, please contact Mrs. Werkema at

llwerkema@gmail.com



From the Principal

Dear SJV parents and families,

It was a pleasure to see some parents in the building for conferences this week. Our partnership depends on frequent and open communication, and these conferences are an important part of that. Another is, of course, this newsletter and your children's class newsletters. I am also inviting small groups to meet over coffee to listen to parents talk about their family's experience at SJV. These conversations are very informal and designed to welcome ideas about how we can better serve our mission, our families, and our community. I hope to meet with every family at some point this year. That's an ambitious goal, but one I am looking forward to working to achieve. When your invitation arrives, please come - no preparation needed.



You'll notice that the newsletter has a short, easy-to-complete survey to gather your feedback on an issue quickly. The last newsletter asked questions about the Christmas program. [Those responses](#) helped us plan for this important SJV tradition in our current circumstances. We will livestream and video the afternoon performance with a limited audience and share that video with our community. If Covid cases are rising, we will limit the afternoon audience to only students and cancel the evening performance. Hopefully, we will be able to offer both performances and in either scenario, will require masking and reasonable distancing between families. To accomplish this, we may offer breaks between class performances, allowing parents to come and go with little interruption and still see their children perform in person. All these factors will be weighed as we near December 15th.

We split the school into two groups to allow for two smaller audiences, one for a Christmas Program and one for a Spring program (talent show and/or praise and worship fest. Details about the Spring Program to follow in the coming months.)

I also want to address what has been the bulk of the communication with school in the last week or so: questions about our response to Covid, particularly the rise in positive cases and plans going forward. I have put together an [updated Frequently Asked Questions - SJV Covid Response Document](#) to share that information with you. If you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call, drop in, or send an email. I welcome the conversation.

With my gratitude and prayers for a wonderful Thanksgiving for you and your family and friends,

Linda Olejnik, Principal

This week's quick, easy, and very important survey is about this newsletter. Your response matters. [CLICK HERE](#). Thank you!

Holiday Scrip Schedule



Scrip will be closed on Thanksgiving.



Orders in by 8:30 a.m. on Monday, December 13 will be ready on Thursday, December 16 (3-4 p.m.) or Sunday, December 19 (9:30 – 10:30 a.m.)
This is your final pick-up before Christmas.

Scrip will be closed December 20 – January 2.

Orders in by 8:30 a.m. on Monday, January 3 will be ready on Thursday, January 6 or Sunday, January 9.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



SIGN UP GENIUS FOR PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Below are links to sign up for parent teacher conferences via Sign Up Genius. Click on the link associated with the teacher(s) you need to see, and sign up for your spot. Once you submit your choice, you will not be able to change it on sign up genius. If you need to make a change, email the teacher and they will be able to make schedule adjustments for you. If you need help, please feel free to call the office. :-)

God Bless,
Mary Durkee

MS English

Mrs Tessmer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BABA622A3FCC70-mrs2>

MS Math

Mr. Banchoff: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BABA622A3FCC70-mrbanchoff>

MS Theology

Mr. Hurst: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BABA622A3FCC70-mrhurst>

MS Science

Mr. Essick <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BABA622A3FCC70-mressick>

MS Social Studies

Mrs Spencer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BABA622A3FCC70-mrs>

5th Grade

Mrs. Tomaszek <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BABA622A3FCC70-mrs3com/go/10C0F4BABA622A3FCC70-mrs3>

4th Grade

Mrs. Goerge <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BABA622A3FCC70-mrs4>

3rd Grade

Mrs. Szumski <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BABA622A3FCC70-mrs5>

2nd Grade (will be getting conference sign up from Mrs. Spielmaker)

1st Grade

Mrs. Clark <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BABA622A3FCC70-mrs7>

Kindergarten

Ms. Spiegl <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BABA622A3FCC70-mrs8>

PE

Mrs. Wright <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BABA622A3FCC70-mrswright>

Technology

Mrs. Spreitzer <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BABA622A3FCC70-mrs12>

Spanish

Mrs. Rempalski <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BABA622A3FCC70-mrs9>

Music

Mrs. Byerly <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BABA622A3FCC70-mrs10>

Art

Mrs. Koziatek <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BABA622A3FCC70-mrs11>

[GRACEAC WINTER II SPORTS REGISTRATION](https://www.graceac.com/) <https://www.graceac.com/>

In addition to girls basketball, We are in the process of finalizing registration for the first ever Catholic United ski team! Registration for CU ski will use a separate link, as parents will need to pay the \$250 per player registration fee through TeamSnap.

Please note the following dates for girls basketball:

Monday, December 6: Deadline to submit girls basketball teams. Minimum of seven players needed to register a team.

Monday, January 3: Girls basketball practices may begin (start of winter II season).

Saturday, January 15: Girls basketball regular season begins.

Saturday, March 5: Girls basketball postseason tournament finals.

GRACEAC

Grand Rapids Area Catholic Elementary Athletic Council



Parents, please remember to send your student to school with a reusable water bottle. This would help us reduce the amount of disposable cups we go through.

Thank You!



WEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

On a West Catholic Shadow Day, 8th-grade students are paired with a West Catholic student to experience a day in their life. By sitting in on a few classes, eating in the lunchroom and meeting WC students, your child will see what they will experience during their time at West.

Remaining Fall 2021 Semester Dates:

- Friday, November 19, 9-12:30 p.m.
- Monday, November 29, 9-11:55 a.m.

Winter/Spring 2022 Semester Dates:

- Tuesday, February 8, 9:45-1:20 p.m. (Mass; St. Josephine of Bakhita week)
- Monday, February 14, 9-11:55 a.m.
- Monday, March 7, 9-11:55 a.m.
- Friday, March 18, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 25, 9 a.m.-11:55 a.m. (St. Catherine of Siena week)
- [Click here to learn more and sign up](#)

<https://www.grwestcatholic.org/admissions/visit-west-catholic>

Basketball Boys & Girls Youth Camps

Starting December 18th!

K-4th grade

[Learn more and sign up here](#)

8th Grade Shadow Day

Monday, Dec 6th

[Click here to learn more and sign up](#)

December 1 priority deadline for 8th graders:

The [application for admission](#) and [financial aid application](#) priority deadline is **Wednesday, December 1st.**