

October 28, 2021

ST. JOHN VIANNEY SCHOOL

# WEEKLY

## Up to Date with SJV...

### WEEK AT A GLANCE...

- Oct 29th Halloween Parade, Party/ Lip Sync (MS)  
Dress Down—  
Black/Orange or  
Halloween theme
- Nov. 1st Home & School Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in  
Village Hall
- Nov. 1st 5th grade Saint Wax  
Museum
- Nov. 5th 5th grade West  
Catholic Visit Day

### UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Nov 17th Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30
- Nov 23rd Parent/Teacher Conferences

Reminder Our next Home & School meeting will be 11/1 @ 630 in the Village Hall.

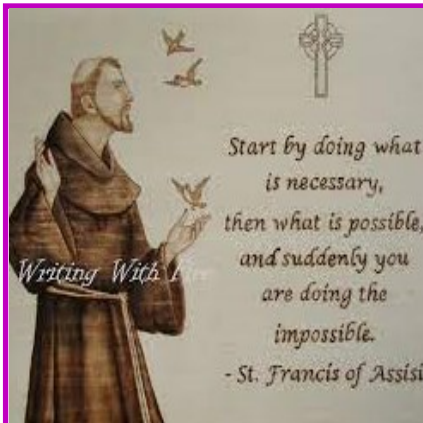
Shine Cart will be here again on 11/5/2021.



Penny War is DONE! U of M was the winner this year. See details later in the newsletter.

If you need pants for your child as we transition out of shorts season, shop at the uniform exchange. All items are free.

**Thank you Dominic House  
for a great All School  
Rosary!**



**End of First Quarter  
October 29th**

**Paper grades will be  
sent home for K-3.**

**4th, 5th & MS grades  
can be viewed on Infinite  
Campus**

## End of First Quarter October 29th

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

Dear Parents and Families,

Happy Halloween and congratulations on completing the first quarter of this year! It has been a busy nine weeks and a welcome return to many of the events and experiences that are so important to our community. I have included here a 13-minute video of some of the [SJV Highlights of 1st Quarter, 2021](#), including Home & School Walkathon 2021, Middle School Retreat, Weekly All-School Mass in church, our Whitecaps outing, Blessing of the Pets, All-School Rosary and the everyday moments that make our community special. The smiles in these pictures tell a beautiful story of our community and the joy we share in being together.



I am also sending an update on our [MAPS scores for Fall, 2021](#), which is another part of our story. You'll see that our accomplishments include scoring significantly above national norms in all 25 tests across 7 grades as well as outpacing diocesan averages in 22 out of 25 tests. For those new to MAPS testing, our students take MAPS tests three times a year and scores from these tests are used to measure each student's academic growth, to plan effective instruction, and to provide a measurement of academic performance compared to national and diocesan averages. This test is adaptive, which means that it responds to each student's responses. Correct responses lead to more difficult levels of questions until a student's top performance is reached. They are also untimed, allowing students to demonstrate learning at their own pace. We test three times a year to provide timely data to inform our instruction and provide this kind of performance feedback to students. Next week, we will send home with students in grades 2-8 a copy of your child's Fall NWEA MAP report.

I also want to thank Jeri Spencer and Jim Hurst, who along with Katie Kiser, our consultant from All Belong, presented a parent program which explained the supports in place for students at SJV. Terry Terrell, President, and Nellie Richthammer, Admissions Director from Catholic Central High School also discussed how these supports follow students through high school, providing a seamless transition. We are so grateful for the blessing of these partnerships to provide a caring, consistent level of support pre-K through 12, to welcome and nurture all of our students. If you have questions, let's talk! We welcome the chance to meet individually to best serve our students.

Looking ahead, we are celebrating All Saints Day with our annual 5th Grade Wax Museum event where 5th graders research and teach students about the lives of saints. This is always an inspiring event. We will celebrate school Mass on our regular day next week, Thursday, 11/4. We will honor our veterans at our school mass on Veterans' Day, 11/11. Family members and friends who are veterans are invited to attend Mass with us, with blessing and a brief reception following in Village Hall. Families are also encouraged to bring photos of the veterans they would like to honor to school by Tuesday, 11/9. These will be displayed during mass.

Tomorrow's Halloween celebrations will end first quarter with lots of laughter and good memories. As always, we want to avoid costumes that are scary or not in keeping with our Catholic values. Thank you for helping us SHINE in every way.

Blessings, Linda Olejnik

## Halloween Celebrations

We are excited to celebrate Halloween next Friday, October 29th! Classrooms are having individual parties and middle school is hosting a musical event. Home and School will provide cider and donuts to students. If you would like to join us for the outside parade at 2:15 you are welcome! We have a sign up at the link below for candy and parade volunteers. No need to sign up just to attend. Hope to see you there! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084DACAC2DA2FB6-halloween>



### Here's some details on the day!

**\*Dress Down Day—Orange & Black / change into costumes at lunch**

(Please make sure costumes are positive, no gore, violence, or weapons. Also, please be sure it's appropriate not skimpy or inappropriate dress for school)

**\*Parade outside 2:15 from ramp—around church to child care door**

(If weather is bad, we will parade in the gym. Parents invited to sit in bleachers to watch.)

**\*MS Music event after parade—(Parents watching can sit in bleachers)**

**\*K-5 will have their parties after parade (room parents only in rooms)**

Any questions, please feel free to call the office. :-)



## First Quarter Ends October 29th

The first quarter of the 2021-2022 school year is almost over! Parents may access grades through Infinite Campus. Students in grades K-3 will receive a paper copy of their report card that will be sent home. 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 instructions on how to access this report card. If you need help accessing your account in Infinite Campus, please contact Ms. Durkee at [mdurkee@stjohnvianney.net](mailto:mdurkee@stjohnvianney.net).



November 7- First Reconciliation Session 2: The Ten Commandments (1-2pm in Village Hall)

November 14- Confirmation Session 3: Understanding (1-2pm in Village Hall)  
\*May be subject to date/time change

## 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://stjohnvianney.net/school/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2014/12/12005-22-23-Parent-Instructions.pdf).

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.

# **PENNY WAR**



**THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN  
THE 2021 PENNY WAR!**

**THE WINNER THIS YEAR IS U OF M!**

**TOTAL AMOUNT EARNED IS 196.82. THIS MONEY WILL  
BE DONATED TO SJV ADVENT GIVING TREE FUND.**

**WAY TO GO COMETS!**

**Nov. 5th**

**Dress Down Day—Penny War Winner  
U of M Wear**



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## Resources

Jeri Spencer, Coordinator of Student Support Services

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<https://grcatholiccentral.org/student-support-and-guidance-services/>

Friendzy Social-Emotional Learning Program: <https://www.friendzy.co/>

Understanding MAPS Data:

<https://www.nwea.org/resource-center/resource/what-is-map-growth/>

DOGR Ed Tech - Infinite Campus and Canvas parent help and information

<https://sites.google.com/dogrschools.org/dogredtech/home>



To all the parents who were able to make to our SJV Student Support Parent Program last night. One of the resources shared was this contact list. Helping you get the information and help you need.

We appreciate ALL of our parents here at SJV. Together we're building a strong Catholic community.

## Nomination Form

### ***“SERVICE TO SJV AWARDS”***

On January 29, 2022, the SJV Foundation will host its annual *Foundation Gala* at Noto's Old World Italian Restaurant. The event will again include presentation of the **Service to SJV Awards**. We would like to give you the opportunity to submit a nomination.

#### **Description of the Awards**

The **“Service to SJV Award”** is given annually to the St. John Vianney employee or volunteer who has consistently served the SJV community in an extraordinary fashion or whose efforts during the past calendar year were exceptional.

The **“Lifetime Service to SJV Award”** honors an individual who has provided a very unique level of service to the parish over a significantly long period of time. The award recipient will be an individual who has essentially become a living part of the history of the parish. Because this award is truly unique, it may not be presented every year.

#### **Selection Committee**

Nominations will be solicited from the parish. The award recipient(s) will be chosen from these nominations by the Selection Committee using the selection criteria below as a guide. The Selection Committee will be comprised of the following:

The Pastor

The St. John Vianney Foundation Board and the Gala Planning Committee which includes representation from various backgrounds in the SJV community.

#### **Criteria for Selection**

The following criteria will be considered by the Selection Committee when determining the award recipient:

A significant history of service to the SJV community as a volunteer or employee over many years.

A unique or extraordinary level of service to the SJV community in terms of the hours of work or service.

Service as a chair, co-chair, or key committee member of a particularly important church, school or SJV community program or event.

Assistance to the church, school or SJV community in addressing and resolving a particularly difficult issue, challenge or situation.

Any other outstanding qualities or examples of service that uniquely contributed to the success of the SJV community.

You may nominate individuals for the Service to SJV Award and/or the Lifetime service to SJV Award. To nominate, please prayerfully consider the selection criteria on the previous page and provide the following information. **You may provide this information by sending an email to [smaxim@stjohnvianney.net](mailto:smaxim@stjohnvianney.net) (preferred), by filling out this form and dropping it in collection basket, or dropping the completed form off to the Parish Office. Please mark all correspondence to the Attention of the SJV Foundation Gala Nominations.**

# Nomination Form

## *"SJV DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD"*

As a school and parish community, we strongly value the legacy our Alumni have left on the school. We will work to create opportunities to recognize and appreciate our Alumni who have been a great example to those students currently enrolled at SJV. To that end, we have been presenting an "Alumni of the Year" award at the SJV Foundation Gala in January.

At the bottom of this page, we have included the nominee form for your use. If you would like to submit a nomination for an alumni you think represents the best of St. John Vianney School, we would love to have you do so. A description of the award and the criteria used are below:

### **Description of the Award**

This award honors a St. John Vianney School Alumnus/ Alumna who has continued to exemplify Christ's love in their life and has done remarkable things personally, professionally or both.

### **Criteria for Selection**

Testimony given of service, charity and love to friends, family and community. Any other outstanding qualities or examples of service that provide the illustration of the blessed effect an SJV Alumni have on their world

Nominee -- "SJV Distinguished Alumni Award": \_\_\_\_\_

**Specific reasons in support of nomination:** (Feel free to attach additional pages to this nomination form.

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your email address:

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## 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 12, 9:45-1:20 p.m. (Mass)
- 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)

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

## 7th & 8th Grade Strength & Conditioning

<https://www.grwestcatholicprograms.org/athletics.cfm>

# BOYS BASKETBALL TRY-IN

FOR BOYS IN GRADES  
3RD-8TH



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24,  
2021 & SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 30, 2021

**PAPER**  
REGISTRATION

[bit.ly/westsideform](https://bit.ly/westsideform)

**ONLINE**  
REGISTRATION

[bit.ly/westsideonline](https://bit.ly/westsideonline)

ALL TRY-INS WILL TAKE PLACE AT WEST CATHOLIC HIGH  
SCHOOL, 1801 BRISTOL AVE, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 495404



Westside Boys' Basketball Academy is a non-profit competitive sports organization promoting school-based boys basketball in West Michigan's parochial schools. The program's mission is to develop each player's fundamental skills and basketball acumen within a Christ-centered environment. In addition, the program is in need of volunteer parents or community members willing to coach and develop the student athletes in mind, body and soul.

*See registration forms  
for specific times based  
on grade level*



CATHOLIC CENTRAL  
HIGH SCHOOL



## Experimente CC en Español

2 de noviembre, 6:30-8pm

Estos eventos nocturnos son para que los estudiantes de secundaria (5° a 8° grado) y sus padres aprendan más sobre Catholic Central en un entorno más íntimo. Tengan en cuenta: el evento del 2 de noviembre es específicamente para familias de habla hispana.

**¡Regístrese ahora!**

Abra la cámara de su teléfono celular y úselo para escanear este código para llegar al formulario de registro.



[grcatholiccentral.org](http://grcatholiccentral.org)





**CATHOLIC CENTRAL  
HIGH SCHOOL**



## **FALL 2021 ADMISSIONS EVENTS**

### **Class of 2026 Shadow Days - Tue/Thu, Oct. 12 - Nov. 18**

**8th Graders** - We welcome you to join for a new Shadow Day experience! Enjoy spending time getting to know CC students, shadowing two classes, enjoying lunch in the Student Center, taking a student-led tour and learning more about what it's like to be a Cougar. **Registration required.**

**Parents** - You are invited to a Parent Presentation and Tour the morning of your student's Shadow Day.

### **CC Experience Nights - Oct. 14 & 25, Nov. 2 & 10, 6:30-8pm**

**6th-8th Grade Students & Parents** - Join us in the Student Center for a brief but intimate evening learning more about Catholic Central. The evening will begin with a welcome and introduction followed by hearing from a student. Middle Schoolers will then go on a student-led tour and spend time getting to know our student leaders while parents will learn more from current parents and staff.

Registration encouraged.

*Nov. 2 event is in Spanish only*

### **Open House - Sunday, Nov. 14, 1:00-4:00pm**

**4th-8th Grade Families** - Please join us at our Open House. You will experience a student-led tour and have an opportunity to meet, mingle and speak with current students, faculty and staff as they represent a variety of activities, extracurriculars and departments. **Registration encouraged.**

[grcatholiccentral.org/discover](https://grcatholiccentral.org/discover)

**SCAN TO  
REGISTER**

