

October
2018



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DATES TO NOTE

Oct 8 - 9 P/T Conferences
Oct 13 HOPE Dinner
Oct 15 Flu/Vision Clinic
Oct 18 Catholic Teacher's Convention @ Shanley - No School
Oct 19 Teacher's Convention - No School

Nov 12 Veteran's Day - Holiday - No School



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If you child(ren) are missing any items please come check the lost and found. There are several jackets /pullovers.

The school office is open from 7:30am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday or by appointment.

All items are donated to the Goodwill after 30 days

Dear Parents,

Fall greetings from St. John's Academy. It is amazing how fast the month of September has passed by. As we settle into the school year I wanted to let you know how impressed I have been with everyone who is involved with SJA. We have respectful, hardworking and grateful students. The teachers and staff have amazed me with their dedication and focus. The commitment from our parent-volunteers, school board and HOPE Committee is incredible. I am reminded daily of what a blessing it is to be at SJA.

A few notes for the month of October:

Our annual HOPE Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, October 13th. We would love to have you join us on this special evening. We require tickets to be purchased in advance with a deadline of Friday, October 5th. Contact Brenda Pigors for more information at 252-3397. The proceeds from the HOPE dinner directly benefit all students at St. John's Academy by significantly decreasing the tuition rate. A huge thank you to all our HOPE Committee members who have dedicate a vast amount of time and energy to make the evening successful.

Since our last newsletter we have launched the public phase of our capital campaign for the addition and renovation to SJA. Over 58% of the necessary funds have been raised to date. Please keep the campaign in your prayers. We want to be able to offer the best educational opportunity possible to our families. A successful campaign is important for the future of St. John's. If you're wondering how you can help, please consider the following ways: 1) Pray for the campaign's success, 2) Make a financial pledge 3) Spread the word about the campaign 4) Notify me of anyone who you believe would be interested in helping us reach our goal.

This is a wonderful and busy time of year. Enjoy the remaining days before the white stuff arrives. May God bless you and your loved ones!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Jeff Trumbauer'.

Jeff Trumbauer
Principal - St. John's Academy

A Campaign for St. John's Academy PAST. PRESENT. FUTURE.

ON OUR WEBSITE...

<http://www.stjamesbasilica.org/campaign>

VIRTUAL TOUR

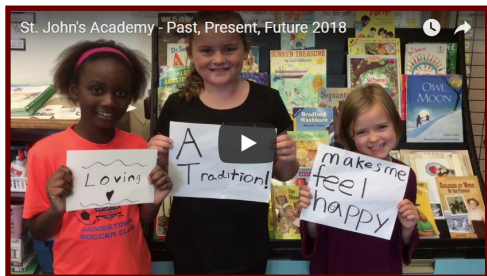
Explore the building designs for the renovated and expanded school, including:

- ◆ Secure front entrance and administrative offices
- ◆ Commons area
- ◆ Childcare addition with separate entrance
- ◆ Remodeled classrooms
- ◆ Renovated classrooms
- ◆ Music room
- ◆ New chapel



DONOR STORIES

Learn about others who have given to the campaign and why they believe the renovation and expansion of the current building will benefit students now and in the future.



STUDENT VIDEOS

Find out why the kids are excited about this project in videos from the students themselves.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Questions about the campaign? Check out the frequently asked questions to find answers.

FUNDRAISING PROGRESS

With the support of 169 families, we have raised

\$4,353,533

58% of our \$7.5 million goal.

WHY PHILANTHROPY MATTERS

Dear Parents,

This time of year is always bursting with fundraising activity. For this reason, I think it is important to talk about why philanthropy is important – and why it matters for St. John's Academy.

As parents, you are already paying tuition for your kid(s). Tuition ranges from \$1,634 to \$4,097 per student. However, the cost to educate each child is nearly \$5,000 per year. This leaves a gap of \$1,000 to \$3,400 per student, which is funded, in large part, through fundraising. As a private institution, St. John's Academy would not be able to sustain itself without actively seeking donations and relying on parents and friends as volunteers.

Philanthropy is important for our school not just because it helps to keep the doors open and the lights on, but because it sets an example for our students. We want to instill your children with responsibility and to demonstrate leadership and concern for others. I believe it is our obligation to undertake the renovation and expansion of our building because we are stewards of this school, just as those who came before us maintained SJA for our families.

I understand that some families will struggle to make a financial contribution to this effort. However, there is more than one way to give back. According to a recent study, the value of each volunteer hour is \$24.69, meaning that every four hours you volunteer is comparable to a \$100 donation for our school. If you can't give, I strongly encourage you to contribute in this way.

Whether as donors or volunteers, I am urging all parents to be involved in fundraising for our school this year. Each dollar raised helps to benefit your child and ensures the future of our school.

Thank you,

Jeff Trumbauer, Principal



DONOR STORIES —
BEN & BRENDA KIRKEBY
FAMILY

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As parents, we chose to enroll our students at St. John's Academy because we wanted them to have a good education in a Catholic-Christian atmosphere. St. John's Academy has provided a nurturing environment since our kids began childcare. They are now in the 6th and the 8th grades. Time flies!

While we believe that teaching great values starts at home, we also wanted our beliefs to be built upon and reinforced during the 7+ hours per day our kids spend in school. Faith education at St. John's opens doors and prompts conversation within our family about faith and God. We love that at the Academy there is a consistent message from people our kids know, love, and trust, such as parents, teachers, priests, and administrators.

Today, we are really excited about the renovation and expansion of the school. In particular, we believe that the new chapel at the heart of the school will be a great way to keep God literally present, front, and center in the children's daily lives.

We feel as though God called us to provide for future generations by participating in *A Campaign for St. John's Academy*. Although our kids will not see this come to fruition while attending the school, we are passionate about helping provide a state-of-the-art facility for others. As parishioners or school families, each of us is benefiting from what others sacrificed and provided years ago. We believe it is our turn to contribute to something beyond our own immediate needs and desires and build something great for the next generation.

Ben & Brenda Kirkeby Family
Campaign Volunteers
School Parents



PreK

Pre-K has been off to a great start!! We've been busy getting to know each other, and learning lots of new things. Here are some of the last month's highlights:

- ♦ Watching the 1st grade's frog races



- ♦ Friendship Friday with the other early childhood classrooms; our theme was weather

- ♦ Learning about apples, transportation, and dinosaurs

- ♦ We all wore blue to cheer on the Blue Jays for their homecoming, and went out to watch the middle school band march by

- ♦ A bus ride and field trip to the airport, where we got to get into the smaller planes and try 'flying' them





KINDERGARTEN

The kindergarten students enjoyed learning about how Johnny Appleseed was a great citizen. We then got to try different kinds of apples and pick out our favorite. The kids loved all the activities that were planned during our first Friendship Friday. In the kindergarten classrooms the



students sang songs about weather and created wind. The kindergarten students met their prayer partners. They had fun playing together and getting to know each other. This month we are

going to be practicing Halloween Fingerplays. On Monday, October 29 we will be performing them for our families.



3RD GRADE

3rd Grade Happenings in Mrs. Vandal's Class

It's hard to believe that we have already completed a month of school. It has been going well as we are all into the routine now. We have been doing some writing and comparing stories that we have read. We know what makes up a sentence, and we are trying hard to write them correctly. In Religion we went over the Books of the Bible and colored a poster about them, and we are also learning how God wants us to live and treat others. We did some map work and drew a map of Jamestown with a map key and compass rose. We studied about the three main types of clouds and made a poster about them using cotton balls. As you can see it has been a busy month.

3rd Grade Happenings in Mrs. Gapinski's Class

We have been busy setting short and long term goals in reading! We will be learning more about the different Mysteries of the Rosary throughout the month of October and look forward to starting our Confirmation and Holy Eucharist prep soon!

1st Grade

Fall is in the air! First graders are anxiously waiting for the month of October. They have been very busy learning! After the exciting frog races, the students had pet day! Many pets came to school to share their good looks. First graders enjoyed learning about each others pets. Besides learning about animals, they have been busy with reading, writing and math. We have been learning about God's creation and about leaders of our country.

2ND GRADE

In 2nd Grade we have been busy learning! We are learning about reading, addition, plants, animals, and the US Government. Did you know that you can grow a seed in a plastic bag with moist paper towels and see the sprout and roots grow? Then once the roots grow, you can turn the bag upside down and the roots will grow in the opposite direction back down to Earth. It is pretty neat to watch!

We are preparing to sing at the annual HOPE Dinner and Auction on October 13th. We are learning our songs and actions for the big day. It will be very exciting and a little nerve-racking performing. We will have a large audience!

As we come into fall, we are reminded of God's gifts to us and how blessed we are to be at SJA!



St. John's Academy Tuition RAFFLE

Enter to Win FREE tuition
At the HOPE Dinner on
October 13th

LIMITED amount of tickets being sold
\$100.00 per ticket



4th GRADE

During the month of October the fourth graders will be busy studying saints. We have already been learning about Canonization and why we study Saints. We also have been looking into the lives of many different saints and becoming aware of the many, many people who are recognized as living holy lives. We continue our study as the students will narrow their search to one individual. We will conclude our unit on All Saints Day with our litany of saints studied by these students. The students will be in costume as their chosen Saint. Fourth graders are always very proud of who they learn about so be sure to look for their hard work on All Saints Day.

2018-19 SJA Student Council

Adviser: Mrs. Yatskis

President - Michael Cramer
Vice President - Leah Trumbauer
Treasurer - Jace Dillman
Secretary - Brody Wolff

6th Grade Representatives
Cecelia Maulding & Julia Skari

5th Grade Representatives
Haley Attleson & Brooklyn Nygaard

4th Grade Representatives
Tucker Allen, Emelia Cramer & Adisyn Yunck

These students are anxious to start planning events for our school!

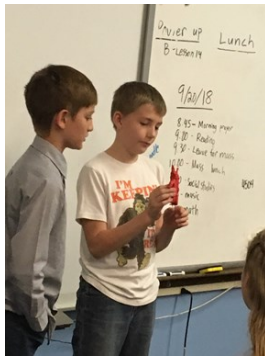
First project - Sock-tober.

We will be collecting new socks to donate to a homeless shelter. Socks are the most requested item for the homeless and the least donated. Thank you for donating to this great cause. More information will be coming home soon.



5TH GRADE

The first full month of school has been fast and exciting. We have been learning about different Native American cultures in social studies and making artifacts from these cultures. In science we are currently talking about dominant and recessive traits that we all have. The students have been hard at work completing a genius hour project, where they research a topic of their choosing and make a project to share with the class. Over homecoming the class had a float in the parade. The 5th graders had a great time being in the parade and going to the game.



6TH GRADE



The 6th grade classroom has been a busy place! We have been blessed to be outside of our classroom quite a bit; active learning is such a fantastic experience.

We had an incredible day of science at Prairie Waters Education and Research Center in Kathryn, ND. We did water chemistry and tested water samples, identified macro organisms with microscopes, did geocaching, and got our feet wet...literally...when we waded in the stream to catch some of the macro organisms we learned to identify. Waders and fishing nets...now that's some fun science!

We also made two visits to Ave Maria. We were able to lead the Rosary one morning. These students are not just learning about God...they are learning how to be leaders for their faith. In a world that can seem so troubled, this is one of the best parts of being at SJA for 6th grade. One of our favorite Bible quotes is "To him whom much is given, much is expected." We know we are blessed to be at SJA. We know we are blessed to know and love God. We know that we are called to share that with others. And so we do. We are going to have a year of action! During our second trip to Ave Maria, we experienced the joy that comes with action. We attended Mass and then played games with the residents. Every person in our class is a better person because of that



experience, and the best part is that we will do this once a month all year long.

Aside from those major events, we have been helping out in many locations. The 6th graders traditionally take on a leadership role within the school whether it be straightening up the Zebedee after weekly school Mass or setting up tables and chairs for Grandparents' Day. We also help clean up the church rummage sale in both the fall and the spring. It is true: many hands make light work. Whew! We've done a lot of stuff!! Best part is, we are just getting started. We thank God for every day that we are able to learn about His world and His plan for our lives in such an amazing school.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



H.O.P.E.

Dinner & Auction

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018

4:00 PM - SOCIAL (Silent Auction Opens)

5:00 PM - EARLY BIRD RAFFLE PRIZE DRAWING
(join us by 4:59 PM and get a chance to win our fantastic Early Bird
Raffle Prize of \$500 auction dollars)

6:30 PM - DEMI-GLANCE FILET MIGNON DINNER
DRESS IS SEMI - FORMAL

Saint John's Academy

ZEBEDEE CENTER

215 5TH ST SE. JAMESTOWN, ND 58401

701-252-3397

H.O.P.E. (HELP OFFER PRIVATE EDUCATION)

PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN PROVING A SOLID QUALITY
EDUCATION IN A FAITH COMMUNITY BASED ON
CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES AND VALUES FOR THE STUDENTS
OF ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY



PowerSchool

Parents can have access to their child's grades and lunch balances through PowerSchool. This is a great tool for parents to check all grades, check missing assignment, and get balance alerts from the cafeteria. If you would like to set up account access, please email brenda.pigors@k12.nd.us for instructions.

PowerSchool Mobile App

You can now access to PowerSchool through your mobile device! Download the PowerSchool Mobile App to your device. Use the code: MGCW for the district code. Use the username and password that you have set up with the school.

Contact the office if you have any questions or would like to set-up account access - 252-3397



SJA Cafeteria
215 5th St SE
Jamestown, ND 58401
Phone:
701-252-3397 ext 31
E-mail:
kayla.kuska@k12.nd.us

Breakfast Prices:
Students-\$2.00

**Cold Cereal, Fruit
and Juice also
offered daily.**

**Breakfast served
from 7:45-8:20**

Sept/Oct 2018

24	Breakfast Pizza	25	Cinnamon Pull Aparts	26	French Toast	27	Chocolate Chip Bread	28	Oatmeal
1	Waffle	2	Muffin	3	Rope Sausage	4	Donut	5	NutriGrain Bar
8	Sausage Links	9	Poptart	10	Apple Crisp Bread	11	Omelet	12	Carmel Roll
15	Bagel	16	Pancake Wrap	17	Egg & Cheese Wrap	18	No School	19	No School
22	Breakfast Pizza	23	Cinnamon Pull Aparts	24	French Toast	25	Chocolate Chip Bread	26	Oatmeal



Sept/Oct 2018

SJA Cafeteria

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Jamestown, ND 58401

Phone:

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E-mail:

kayla.kuska@k12.nd.us

Lunch Prices:

Students-\$2.75

Guests-\$3.50

Extra Milk-\$.50

A cold sandwich will be offered as a second option every day.

Salad Bar is offered K-6

24	25	26	27	28
Chicken Ala King	Tatortot Hotdish	Scalloped Potatoes & Ham	Spaghetti	Chicken Bowl

1	2	3	4	5
Taco in a Bag	Corndog	Chicken Parmesan	Sweet & Sour	Baked Fish
On a Tray				
1856				

8	9	10	11	12
Chicken Alfredo	Chili	Hotdog	Burritos	Omelet

15	16	17	18	19
Pepperoni Pizza	Salisbury Steak	Chicken Noodle Soup	No School	No School

22	23	24	25	26
Chicken Nuggets	Pancake Wrap	Goulash	Super Nachos	Fried Rice