



St. John's Academy Eagles

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November 2020



Bishop Folda was here in October to bless the school and dedicate St. Joseph's Chapel.

We are thankful for this beautiful chapel. It is located at the center of the school just as Christ is the center of our life.

DATES TO NOTE

November 11 - Veteran's Day

- No School

November 26 - Thanksgiving Day

- No School

November 27 - Thanksgiving Break

- No School





Principals Corner

Families of St. John's Academy,

The temperatures are dropping and the strong winds of October are signaling that winter is close by. The first few months of school at St. John's Academy have been filled with excitement and activity. We are now fully settled and accustomed to the new building and the "new normal" of education in the academic year 2020-21.

School Happenings: COVID-19 has reduced the number of activities our students are able to participate in this year. The primary focus has been on the day to day responsibilities. Students and staff are focused and academic progress has been noticeable.

The 4th grade students have been busy preparing their Saint reports and getting ready for the All Saints Mass which we will celebrate on Thursday, October 30th at the Basilica.

Kindergarten classes have been working diligently on their virtual finger plays for the Halloween season. I'm confident that the parents will enjoy their performance.



Facial Coverings: I want to extend a word of appreciation for your cooperation with the recent change in regard to face coverings at SJA. While nobody wants to see the children in masks for extended periods, we placed a greater priority on ensuring that they would be healthy and able to remain in face-to-face instruction this school year. I would also like to commend our staff for their creativity and cooperation, finding ways to spread desks out and generate opportunities for masks breaks. Through my observations students are receiving plenty of opportunities to get out of the masks.

HOPE Dinner: HOPE Dinners financial numbers are being calculated, but it is apparent that this years event was the most successful HOPE Dinner to date. Thank you to the many, many people who contributed to its success. Special thanks go to our HOPE Committee members:
Event Chairs – Stacey Hunt and Stacy Anderson, and sub-committee chairs – Sarah Sankey, Natalie Lonnberg, Erica Althoff, Rita Jarrett, Janel Monson, Megan Aldinger, Crystal Krapp, Alicia Wanzek, Nichole Champagne, Paula Marker and Brietta Iverson. They worked incredibly hard, were faced with many challenges and once again did an amazing job!



School Blessing and Chapel Dedication: On October 7th, 2020, St. John's Academy celebrated a long-awaited event as the new school chapel was Dedicated by Bishop John T. Folda. St. Joseph's Chapel, named in honor of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet who founded St. John's Academy in 1890, is the final component to the \$6 million addition to the Academy.

Each class will be spending time each day in St. Joseph's Chapel learning and praying. With a capacity of 90, students will be able to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass each week in in small groupings.

Although we have only had access to the chapel for a few days it is noticeable how much we are going to use and enjoy St. Joseph's Chapel.

God bless you and yours in the month of gratitude!

In Christ,

Jeff Trumbauer
Principal - St. John's Academy



Cafeteria News

Trump Administration extended free school meals for students for the entire 2020-2021 school year.



The school office is open from 7:30 to 4:00pm Monday - Friday.
All items are donated after 30 days

Kids' Kingdom

The Pre-K session spent time closely studying bats and spiders! We learned about their HABITATS (and created them!). We played spider MATH games and followed Witches Brew recipes (also MATH!).



The AM sessions (preschoolers)... investigated bats and spiders through art, books, and movement. They also did some science by mixing paint colors - allowing us to practice crossing our Mid-Line.



All Sessions We're finding joy in every day - and finding times to take breaks from our masks... all while working on our fine motor, our printing, cutting, math, and language skills.



Brrr... It's cold Outside



Every day students participate in outside recess unless the temperature drops below -10F or if it is raining. As a result, all students are required to wear the

following to participate in outside recess:

- Winter coat
- Winter stocking hat
- Winter gloves or mittens
(thin ones are not warm enough)
- Snow pants *(when snow is on the ground)*
- Boots *(when snow is on the ground)*

Please make sure to place your child's name inside their items in case they lose an item.

Pre K

Pre-K has been busy and very exciting! We've been having so much fun playing and learning together. Here are some of the last month's highlights:

- Bishop Folda came to our school to bless the new St. Joseph's chapel. He also visited our classroom and gave us (and the classroom) a blessing.
- During our pumpkin unit, we cut open a pumpkin and investigated it. We discovered what it looks and smells like, on the outside and the inside.
- We spent the last nice days of fall playing outside and enjoying the fresh air before the snow started.



Kindergarten

We love our new classroom but the students have been waiting for the last area to be finished in our school, the chapel. This month the chapel has been completed and blessed. The students enjoy going to the chapel and spending time each day in prayer. We also took time this month to see how kindergarteners could be missionaries. It wouldn't be October without Halloween fingerplays and fire safety. We can't forget about the letters, words and number concepts that we have been working hard to learn. October has been a fun filled month and we can't wait to see what November brings!



1st Grade

First grade has been busy, busy, busy. We are doing weekly Spelling, Grammar, and Reading tests now. We have started getting two pages of homework each night for Math. We are learning about Habitats in Science and American Symbols in Social Studies. Our favorite part is having our weekly Mass in our new chapel. We also like visiting the chapel each day for silent prayer time. Our next adventure will be learning how to use RazKids to better our reading skills!

New Cafeteria Director

Please join us in congratulating Brenda Pigors as the new Cafeteria Director. Brenda has been the school secretary at St. John's Academy since 2016.

Thank you Kayla Kuska for your years of service to the Academy. May God bless you on your new journey.



November 1
Daylight Saving
Time Begins

2nd Grade

In 2nd Grade we have been busy! In Religion we are learning about the Holy Trinity. We are having great discussions with each weekly Virtue. We will soon be preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In Science, we watched a seed grow and got to observe the roots as they grew. We are learning about animals and how they adapt. In Social Studies we are learning about economics. In math we are practicing telling time, counting money, and our addition facts. We get better at reading each day.

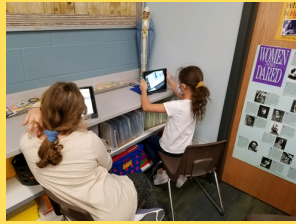
SJA Archery Club

Join the SJA Archery Club on Sunday afternoons! This is a great opportunity to learn and improve your skills and techniques to become a great Archer! Open to all 4th - 6th grade St. John's Academy students.

For more information please contact Nick Bollinger at 320-7196 or Grant Kleven at 368-1687

3rd Grade

Do you need help with technology? Can you create your own Rosary? Have you ever become a cloud and had an adventure around the world? Why do we practice the Virtue of Moderation? Well, if you can answer any of these...



AWESOME. Our 3rd graders can answer them all plus more! It has been a busy month filled with faith growing, mind bending, soul searching learning. These 3rd graders have created works of art, looked for the good in others, and have been amazing helpers.



4th Grade

Mrs. Eckroth's Class

The fourth graders are busy learning about Saints! They are excitedly preparing to celebrate All Saints Day by researching and creating a costume to represent a Saint they chose. We are ready to celebrate some great examples of faith! We have also spent some time reading Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing and are learning about our region: The Midwest. Our favorite time spent each day is praying a decade of the rosary in our fantastic new chapel. Hearing the fourth-grade voices together in prayer is truly a beautiful thing.

Mrs. Beckman's Class

Fourth grade is the place to be! This past month we were able to reach one of our classroom goals and find a little extra time to spend in the wonderful outdoors (playground). We started a new Novel Study called Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing and the students think it is hilarious. Painting pumpkins was a real hit this Halloween season. Even though painting them to look like donuts did make us all a little hungry at times. One of our favorite fall activities has been our "Gratitude Pumpkin". Each day our class comes in and writes one thing, big or small, that they are thankful for on our pumpkin. By the end of November our whole pumpkin will be filled with gratefulness. We are really blessed to spend every day together!



Physical Education

A reminder that students must have appropriate foot wear during P.E. class. Sandals, dress shoes, and crocs are not considered appropriate footwear. Every student is required to have an indoor pair of tennis shoes that remain in the building throughout the school year. These shoes would be appropriate for P.E. class.

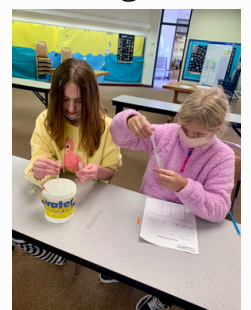
5th Grade

Wow, can't believe it's November! However much we are looking forward to the festivities of Thanksgiving and Christmas, we are excited to see what the rest of the semester brings. The days are getting shorter, and time is flying by, but in the midst of that, we are growing in a wide variety of ways: our study skills and strategies, our perseverance through the challenges, and our understanding and practicing of the virtues. Our most recent virtues have included moderation and modesty. Moderation helps us learn how to balance our lives. There is a time to study, a time to pray, a time to eat, and a time to play. However, prayer should take the prominent place in our day, with a proper balance in relation to our daily responsibilities. Modesty relates to how we dress, but also to how we act. The body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and we want to treat it as such, but modesty in how we act is important as well. We shouldn't brag about our talents or achievements, or try to be the center of attention. These are some of the things we talk about throughout our weeks and we need to put these into practice to become better versions of ourselves, and ultimately to become more like Christ.



6th Grade

The 6th grade students continue to enjoy their days together praying, learning, and experiencing many new things. In October we were able to go to Prairie Waters Education and Research Center. We were blessed with great weather and had a fun day of hands-on science. A yearly favorite from this continues to be putting on the waders and capturing macro vertebrates. This month we have also started Coding. Our robots Dash and Dot make this a whole new level of fun. We have really been enjoying going into our new chapel each day to pray a decade of the rosary. We look forward to having our first chapel Mass soon. Even though we are limited in our ability to physically serve others, we are still finding way to make this happen. We made Halloween treat bags and donated them to the Community Action Food Pantry. We connect with our Kids' Kingdom prayer partners by sending each other pictures and crafts. We plan on continuing to help others through the year, even if it is from a distance.





November Breakfast 2020

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

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2
Oatmeal

3
French Toast

4
Blueberry Muffin

5
Pancake Wrap

6
Pumpkin Bread

9
Fruit and Yogurt
Parfait

10
Ham, Egg, and
Cheese Patty

11
No School

12
Rope Sausage

13
Carmel Roll

16
Oatmeal

17
French Toast

18
Sausage and
Hash browns

19
Pancake wrap

20
Pumpkin Bread

**Cold Cereal also
offered daily.**

23
Fruit and Yogurt
Parfait

24
Ham Egg and
Cheese Patty

25
Blueberry Muffin

26
No School

27
No School

**Breakfast served
from 7:45-8:15**

30
Oatmeal



November Lunch 2020

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Guests-\$3.50
Extra Milk-\$.50

A cold sandwich will
be offered as a
second option daily.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2 Pepperoni Pizza	3 Hotdog	4 Pulled Pork Sandwich	5 Cheeseburger Chowder Soup	6 Tortellini
9 Pancake Wrap	10 Super Nachos	11 No School	12 Chicken Drumme	13 Fish Sandwich
16 Crispito	17 Chicken Nuggets	18 Hamburger	19 Scalloped Potatoes &	20 Cheese Pizza
23 Mini Corn Dogs	24 Mac N Cheese	25 Tomato Soup and Cheesy Breadstick	26 No School	27 No School
30 Chicken Patty Sandwich				