

# Parent Newsletter

## April 2024



### MISSION STATEMENT

*As Heralds of the Gospel, Saint John School seeks to bring light and truth to PK-12 students in Ashtabula County and beyond through its commitment to educating the whole person by developing scholarship, deepening faith and inspiring leadership in the Catholic tradition.*

## A Note from the President

Spring is a season of cultivation. I am not much of a gardener myself, but I enjoy the beauty of those who are able to create beautiful landscapes. I do know that unless the garden and land is cultivated properly, it is difficult to have plants grow proper. The ground needs to be dug, fertilized, and properly prepared.

Gardens and the land are not the only things that need that type of attention or cultivation in order to produce new growth.

Just like tending to a garden, cultivating skills and talents requires consistent practice, patience, and dedication. Recognizing one's strengths and weaknesses is essential for effective cultivation. It allows individuals to focus their efforts on areas where they have potential for growth. It is easy to think that it is too late in the school year to develop skills and talents **it is not**. Cultivating ideas and knowledge involves seeking out new perspectives, challenging assumptions, and fostering intellectual curiosity. Collaboration and open-mindedness are crucial for cultivating a rich and diverse intellectual landscape. It is never too late for this.

In addition, cultivating knowledge, spring and the Easter season is a time to cultivate relationships as well as faith and virtues. Cultivating relationships involves investing time, energy, and empathy into building meaningful connections with others. In the many appearances of Jesus after the Resurrection we see this type of interaction with Jesus and the apostles and disciples. In these interactions Jesus helped to cultivate leadership among his followers so they might be able to live the Beatitudes after his Ascension.

In the final eight weeks of school, it is important to cultivate the soil of our lives and the lives of our children. I would encourage taking time with your children to reflect on what the last part of the school year means for them and what they would like to accomplish. It could be in the area of sports, or academics or friendship. A strong finish for the 2023-2024 school year, will enable greater accomplishments for 2024-2025.

God Bless.

## I See The Leader In You!

## Cap and Gown pictures Class OF 2024

Ripcho studios will be at school on Tuesday, April 9 to take pictures of the Class of 2024. They take a picture in their cap and gown and a head shot. Both of these pictures are used in the yearbook. Families may order copies of the photos, especially the cap and gown photos. Boys are required to be in a white dress shirt, tie, dark pants, and dress shoes. Girls are required to be in a light-colored dress and dress shoes.

## Blood Drive

Key Club will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on April 29 from 2:00 - 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria. Please consider being a donor for this event. Not only are you helping save lives, but, you also can help provide a scholarship for a Saint John student.

## Easter Break

School will be closed from Friday March 29 – April 8 for our Easter break. No one will be in the office on Good Friday, March 29, Easter Monday, April 1 and Monday April 8 (the solar eclipse). The office will be open on April 1-5 from 9 am – 1 pm for any assistance you may need.

## Spring Musical

Our thespians are proud to present the production of *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*. Let the cast and crew bring you into the world of Snoopy and Friends for laughter and smiles.

Shows will be on Friday, April 12, Saturday, April 13 at 7:00 pm and Sunday April 14 at 2:00 pm.

Cost is Adults-\$10, Students-\$5.

## Parent Ambassadors Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 16, 8:00-9:00 am and 2:45-3:45 pm in the school cafeteria. All current Saint John parents/guardians/grandparents are welcome to join us and attend monthly parent ambassador meetings. Our group focuses on how we can best market Saint John School. We discuss the website, social, digital and print media and even plan a couple of cool events for the students! Questions about how to join us: Keith Corlew at [kcorlew@sjheralds.org](mailto:kcorlew@sjheralds.org).

## PTO

The next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, April 16 at 6:00 pm.

## Lottery Dress Down

April's lottery dress down day will be Friday, April 19.

## Kindergarten Readiness

Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) for students NEW to Saint John School entering the kindergarten class in 2024-2025. Monday, April 29, 2:45-3:45 by appointment Contact Mr. Corlew at 440.997.5531 X 226 or [kcorlew@sjheralds.org](mailto:kcorlew@sjheralds.org) to schedule.

## International Trip

The Heralds are traveling to Italy in June, 2025! Have you ever wanted to take a gondola ride through Venice, visit the Basilica of St. Francis in the quaint town of Assisi, see the beautiful Amalfi coast and the Isle of Capri, tour St. Peter's Basilica, or throw a coin into the famous Trevi Fountain to make a wish to return to Italy? We will do all of this and more!! The trip is open to students who will be in 9th-12th grade during the 2025-2026 school year. Students entering grades 7 and 8 may go if accompanied by an adult. Visit the tour site to see our amazing itinerary and more details: <https://www.eftours.com/tour-website/2689513DY>. Contact Julie Bloom for more information at [jbloom@sjheralds.org](mailto:jbloom@sjheralds.org).

## Registration

If you have not already done so, please complete the registration process **NOW**. Student registration is a determining factor in decisions regarding contracts, course offerings etc. for the coming school year. We are asking all families to complete the enrollment process on-line through Final Forms. You can access Final Forms from our website under Student

Experience: <https://www.sjheralds.org/student-experience/final-forms.cfm>. Once you have completed the forms, please remit your family registration fee of \$200.00. Registration is not complete until the fee has been paid. Thank you for your assistance in streamlining our paperwork processes. If you do not have access to a computer or Internet, please contact Mr. Corlew at [kcorlew@sjheralds.org](mailto:kcorlew@sjheralds.org) or 440-997-5531 ext. 226.

In almost every current grade level there is limited enrollment space. There are a number of grade levels where we already have more new student applications than we have space. This makes it imperative that you register **IMMEDIATELY**. As of April 6 we will not reserve any spaces and will accept new students and offer them a Saint John education. If you have not completed registration there may not be a space for you in 2024-2025. In order to be eligible to re-register families must be in good financial standing including being current on tuition, no outstanding afterschool or lunch fees.

If you have questions about the re-enrollment process please reach out to Mr. Corlew at [kcorlew@sjheralds.org](mailto:kcorlew@sjheralds.org) or 440-997-5531 ext. 226.

## Tuition Assistance 2024-2025

The deadline for applying for tuition assistance is April 9. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Corlew. If you wish to be considered for assistance with student service fee or tuition you must complete the FACTS application form.

## State Ed Choice Scholarships

Again, if you have not completed the paperwork, please do so as soon as possible. The sooner you complete the paper work the sooner it will be confirmed your level of scholarship. If you wish to be considered for low income status you must complete the income verification process on line. If you have lost the paperwork that was sent home or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Hartwell at [mhartwell@sjheralds.org](mailto:mhartwell@sjheralds.org) or 440-997-5531 ext. 222.

## Upcoming Events in May

April 26 – Spring Fling Grades 7 & 8

May 3-5—Jr. High Trip to Gettysburg

May 9 – All School Liturgy: Mass will include our annual May Crowning

May 10 – Prom

May 14 – Band Concert

May 15 – PTO meeting

May 17 – Field Day for students in grades 7-12

May 21 - Last Day for PK

May 22 – Baccalaureate Mass and Awards for Class of 2024

May 23 – Awards Day for students in grades 7-11

May 23 - PK Graduation

May 30 – Awards Program for students in K-6

May 31 – Fun Day for students in K-6

## New ACT Dates...

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u> (Late Registration Fee Required)	
<b>April 13, 2024</b>	<b>March 8, 2024</b>	<b>March 22, 2024</b>	
ACT (No Writing)	\$68.00	Standby Testing	ADD \$68.00
ACT Plus Writing	\$93.00	Test Option Change	ADD \$25.00
Late Registration	ADD \$36.00	Change Fee:	ADD \$42.00

Visit [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for online registration and practice resources.

Students are required to upload a photo at time of registration.

## SAT TESTING DATES

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u> (Late Registration Fee Required)	
<b>May 4, 2024</b>	<b>April 19, 2024</b>	<b>April 23, 2024</b>	
SAT Test	\$60.00	Cancel Registration	ADD \$25.00
Late Registration	ADD \$30.00	Late Cancel Registration	ADD:\$35.00
Change Registration	ADD \$30.00		

Students are required to upload a photo at time of registration.

Visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) for online registration and practice resources.

**For all ACT & SAT dates, please check the website.**

## COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS (CCP)

Students in grades 7 - 11 who are interested in taking classes at Kent State University (Ashtabula) or other higher education institutions for the first time in the 2023 – 2024 school year please contact Melissa Nooney [mnooney@sjheralds.org](mailto:mnooney@sjheralds.org). This will enable you to meet deadlines for financial and entrance applications.

**April 1st at 5:00pm** is the deadline for applications for the State of Ohio to award hours. For more information please visit: <https://www.kent.edu/ashtabula/ccp>. **June 1st** is the deadline for applications to Kent State University - Ashtabula Campus for Fall Admissions.

**AP Testing Dates:** All 3 days the testing times are: 7:45 am - 12 pm

May 8th - English Language

May 13th - Calculus AB

May 14th - English Literature

Testing will be held at the Saybrook Methodist Church. Students are responsible for any missed work. Additional information will be handed out in the AP classrooms.

## **Attention Seniors - Important Dates and Information for Graduation:**

Local scholarships are continuing to come into the Guidance Office, please check your Senior Guidance Google Classroom and your emails for information. Paper copies are available in the Guidance Office. Please contact the Guidance Department for more information.

Seniors please let the Guidance Department know where to send your transcripts post-Graduation.

Seniors please keep in mind that your **Senior Celebration Form** is due to the Guidance Office by

**April 18, 2024**. We will need these to help create and write your narrative for **Senior Celebration** on May 08, 2024.

Seniors please turn in your **Senior/Parent Questionnaire** to the Guidance Office by **May 9, 2024**. We will need to know where to send your transcripts, a list of college/university acceptance letters, proof of grants and scholarships awarded along with their official corresponding letters from the institutions, if you will be entering the workforce or the military after graduation.

**If you have not filled out your FAFSA (Free Application For Federal Student Aid) yet - now is the time, there is help available!** Contact guidance for more information.

\*FYI, with the government having FAFSA issues early in their rollout FAFSA has been delayed for many therefore some colleges have pushed back their college applications/ deadlines to help ease the time crunch.

If you or your families have any questions please feel free to contact Ms. Brace ([abrace@sjheralds.org](mailto:abrace@sjheralds.org)) or Mrs. Nooney ([mnooney@sjheralds.org](mailto:mnooney@sjheralds.org)).

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### CAMPUS MINISTRY CORNER

April 11- 11th Grade Mass at 1:00 pm in the Chapel.

April 19- Spanish Mass at 1:00 pm in the Chapel.

April 25- 3rd Grade Mass at 12:45 pm in the Chapel.

April 30 is the Eagle of the Cross Award Ceremony at the Youngstown Diocese at 6:00 pm.  
Congratulations to recipients **Grace DiSalvatore and Nicholas McClure!**

Our Lenten Project with Heifer International has been a huge success! As of mid March we were over halfway to our goal. We will give an update for how many gifts we were able to send in May. Thank you to everyone who supported this effort!

Just a reminder that the Service Requirement for all students in grades 7-12 is due by May 1st. All hours should be logged and verified in the MobileServe app. See Dr. Wilson with any questions.




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# Activity Calendar April 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 <b>Spring Break</b>	2 <b>Spring Break</b>	3 <b>Spring Break</b>	4 <b>Spring Break</b>	5 <b>Spring Break</b>	6 <b>Spring Break</b>	
7	8 NO SCHOOL 	9 Class of 2024 Cap & Gown Pictures - 8:00 am	10	11	12 School Performance 7:00 pm	13 School Performance 7:00 pm	
14 School Performance 2:00 pm	15	16 PTO Meeting 6:00 pm	17	18	19 Lottery Dress Down Day	20	
21	22	23	24 Class of 2024 Dress Down	25	26 Spring Fling Grades 7-8	27	
28	29 Grades K-11 Map Testing <hr/> Blood Drive 2:00-6:00 pm	30	↑				

## **Learning About Business:**

Thinking of one day owning your own business, possibly majoring in business or just want to know more about how businesses are run? If so, check out this amazing opportunity.

**Learning About Business (LAB)** is a nonprofit organization that runs a week-long summer camp for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors to learn the basics of running a business from both the corporate and entrepreneurial perspectives. This total immersion, interactive business experience will be held on the campus of *Lake Erie College* in Painesville, from **Sunday, June 16th through Friday, June 21th, 2024.**

Local business leaders and professionals act as presenters and resources, guiding the students through six days of intense hands-on learning, competition and personal growth. Students are grouped into teams to develop and run a virtual online company - applying the lessons learned throughout the day to executive level decisions that impact their company's market share.

Students of LAB Week 2024 will earn *THREE college credits* for their participation in the program. Learning About Business and Lake Erie College (LEC) have partnered to offer credit for LEC's Fundamentals of the Enterprise as transferable credits to any college or university. Students who successfully complete LAB Week are also eligible for a \$4,000 scholarship should they decide to attend Lake Erie College.

Additionally, students have the opportunity to improve soft skills like interpersonal communications, strategic thinking, creative problem solving, and leadership. By the end of the week, students learn not only the basics of running a business, but also gain valuable employability skills which will give them an advantage during future job interviews.

**The cost of the camp for students is only \$350 that includes room, board and materials. No qualified student is turned away, full scholarships are available for those with financial need. And new this year, we will be offering an opportunity for students to apply for a merit scholarship.**

There are applications in the Guidance Office. Please reach out to Marie Graf with any questions at 216-543-0071 or [marie@learningaboutbusiness.org](mailto:marie@learningaboutbusiness.org)

The website: <https://www.learningaboutbusiness.org/>

## **BGSU Summer Business Camp**

High school students are you interested in an action-packed week simulating a business start-up, creative challenges, experiencing college life and making new friends? If so, **Bowling Green State University is hosting a High School Business Camp from June 16-21, 2024.** Early registration is \$499 and applications are available in the Guidance office. To find out more about the program and to register you can visit [ohiobusinessweek.org](http://ohiobusinessweek.org).