



SAINT JOHN  
SCHOOL

# Parent Newsletter

## March 2025



### 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

I have no artistic talents, or at best they are extremely under-developed. If you think this is false humility, ask my family. At Christmas, we played a game similar to Pictionary. I was laughed out of the game and no one picked me for future games. My self-esteem took a hit.

Nonetheless, I admire artists who have an idea in their head and can bring it life on canvas, or the sculptor seeing a block of stone can chisel away and create a masterpiece.

One of our Herald core values is discipleship. This value calls us to follow the path of Jesus. It requires us to come to know Jesus through prayer, reading scripture and sharing our faith journey with others. The call to discipleship starts as an unpainted canvas or a block of stone. The discipleship journey helps paint a picture that will only be complete at the end of our life. God has given us the gift of shaping our life. We are created in God's image and then from birth to death we bring the image to fulfillment.

Lent is a perfect time to add flourishes to what God has created. We can do so through taking time to pray, sharing our gifts and blessings with others and avoiding the things in our lives that lead us away from being a faithful disciple of Jesus.

It always helps me be a better disciple to reflect on people who I believe are examples of discipleship. I recently had the chance to talk to a parent of an alum who turned 94 in early February. He shared with me how much he misses his wife who died a few years ago. He has lived his life simply, providing for his family and doing whatever good he can do. He loves spending time in the garden, tending his flowers and plants. Nothing spectacular, his name won't appear in too many google searches, but he has painted for me a picture of discipleship.

Who are your models of discipleship? Happy Lent!

# HERALDS LEAD



### **PTO Meeting**

PTO will meet on Tuesday, March 4 at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria.

### **Parent Ambassadors Meeting**

The next Parent Ambassadors Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 4, 8:00-9:00 am in the cafeteria.

### **Shadowing**

Shadowing for potential new students entering grades 5-12 will be Thursday, March 6 and Thursday, March 20. Please contact Mr. Corlew for details and scheduling.

### **Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)**

Kindergarten Readiness Assessment will be on Friday, March 21. This will be by appointment ONLY for students new to Saint John School.

### **Lottery Dress Down**

This month Lottery Dress Down Day will be Thursday, March 20.

### **Athletic News**

If you did not attend the mandatory parent meeting for Spring sports, there will be a make up meeting on Tuesday, March 4 at 6:00 pm. This meeting is required by OHSAA and no player may participate in a game or match until parents have attended the meeting. Please contact Mr. Nick Iarocci if you have any questions.

All student service fees must be paid before a student may participate in spring sports.

Spring sports pictures will be taken on March 12 after school Awards night for Winter Sports will take place on March 11. Jr. High will start at 6:00 pm and High School at 7:30 pm.

### **Calendar 2025-2026**

As we begin planning for the next school year, we want to share with you some general information about the calendar for the 2025-2026 school year. School for students will begin on Tuesday, August 19. This will be a full day for all students in Grades K-12. PK will begin on Monday, August 25. Christmas vacation will begin on Monday, December 22 and we return to school on January 5. Spring break will be on Good Friday, April 3 and we will return to school on April 13. The last day of school is May 29.

A more detailed calendar will be available later in May. Please make any travel plans in accordance with these dates.

### **Grief Prayer Service**

The Guidance department will be holding a grief prayer service on Thursday, March 13 at 1:00 pm in the chapel for students and staff who lost someone special in their life. Students will receive more information on the project for the service. For more information, please contact Amanda Brace in the Guidance Office, [abrace@sjheralds.org](mailto:abrace@sjheralds.org).

### **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**

We are blessed with the support of our parent community. Your involvement with PTO, Intramurals, Parent Ambassadors, Boosters, Lunch Volunteers and so many other activities benefits are students in countless ways. As a small measure of our appreciation we are inviting all of our parent/guardian volunteers to an Appreciation Dinner. It will be held at Normandy Hall on Saturday, April 26. The dinner will be at 5:30 pm. There is no cost to attend. A form will be sent out closer to the date so that we can determine the number of people who will attend. At the dinner Sister Maureen will give an update on the building addition.

### **NO SCHOOL**

Spring break will begin on Friday, March 21 through Friday, March 28. School will resume on Monday, March 31.

### **Registration 2025-2026**

Letters regarding registration and tuition for 2025-2026 will be mailed the week of March 3. A few items to note:

- If you have an outstanding balance, you will not receive a re-registration package.
- The deadline for registration is April 1. Many of our grade levels will have limited space. We will begin accepting new students and families on April 8. Families who have not turned in registration fees will be in jeopardy of not having a secure spot. If for some reason you cannot pay the registration fee by April 1, please send a letter or email to Sr. Maureen Burke at [mburke@sjheralds.org](mailto:mburke@sjheralds.org).
- Last year, we reminded families that you would be responsible for tracking family volunteer hours to avail themselves of the tuition discount. Please review the volunteer opportunities that qualify for the discount on final forms.
- With the registration letters, we will include information on how to apply for financial assistance and scholarship opportunities.

### **Saint Patrick's Day Raffle**

Our annual Saint Patrick's day raffle will be held **VIRTUALLY ON March 15**. We are kindly asking families to donate gift cards or a cash donation that the committee can use to provide raffle items. Students who make a donation of \$10 or more are able to dress down on March 7. Families who spend \$25 during the raffle will be eligible for a dress down day at a later date.

A big part of this event is the Reverse Raffle. Tickets are \$300 and there is more than \$20,000 in prizes. One out of 10 numbers win a minimum of \$300. Consider getting 2 or three of your friends together to buy a ticket. Contact Christy Garrod for more information [cgarrod@sjheralds.org](mailto:cgarrod@sjheralds.org) or 440-997-5531 x 223.

### **Looking ahead**

Mother Son Breakfast is on Saturday, April 5

School Play is the weekend of April 11-13

Junior High Spring Fling is Friday, April 25

### **EdChoice and Jon Peterson Scholarship**

Letters regarding the renewal of state scholarships were mailed home in February. We encourage you to renew as soon as you receive your letter and renewal form. We mail them home now, but you will also receive a renewal application from the state. You only need to complete the form once.

Some copies of the forms mailed home were missing pages 2 and 4. Access to all of the forms can be found in the enews or you may email Mrs. Hartwell at [mhartwell@sjheralds.org](mailto:mhartwell@sjheralds.org) for the missing sheets.

Please remember when you send in your application to include a complete copy of a utility bill. **It needs to indicate both billing and service address.**

**If you are not receiving text messages, please text 67587. In the message type "Y" and hit send. You should get a confirmation text.**



## New ACT Dates...

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Standby Deadline</u>
<b>June 14, 2025</b>	<b>May 9, 2025</b> (Late Registration Fee Required)	<b>May 26, 2025</b> (Photo Upload Deadline)	

### FEES

ACT (No Writing)	\$69.00	Standby Testing	ADD \$69.00	Additional Score Reports	ADD \$19.00
ACT Plus Writing	\$94.00	Test Option Change	ADD \$25.00		
Late Registration	ADD \$38.00	Change Fee	ADD \$44.00		

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>
<b>May 3, 2025</b>	<b>April 18, 2025</b> (Late Registration Fee Required)	<b>April 22, 2025</b>

### FEES

SAT Test	\$68.00	Cancel Registration	ADD \$29.00
Late Registration	ADD \$34.00	Late Cancel Registration	ADD \$39.00
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 school website.**

## SENIORS

Attention Seniors, local scholarships will start to trickle in to the Guidance office so make sure to check your email, Google classroom, and the Guidance Office for applications.

Also, please save and turn in a copy of all college acceptance letters and scholarship award letters even if you do not plan to attend the college or accept the scholarship offer.

## 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 2025 - 2026 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** is when the applications open for the State of Ohio to award hours.

## ARMC ACADEMY

ARMC Academy is a summer internship designed for high school students interested in healthcare careers. Eligible students are welcomed into the hospital for a professional, practical learning experience. Students are placed in a variety of clinical settings, rotate assignments at least once during the program, have opportunities for short one-day placements, and participate in lunch-and-learn presentations that provide a well-rounded perspective of both clinical and nonclinical departments of the healthcare system.

The culmination of the experience is a commencement program during which students give a presentation on their experiences and are awarded with their scholarship.

All students who successfully complete the full-time ARMC Academy program (190 hours) earn a \$500 scholarship. Students who successfully complete a part-time schedule (95 hours) will earn a \$250 scholarship. Two participants who demonstrate the best performance throughout the program may also receive an additional \$1,000 scholarship. Funding for the program is possible through the generosity of donors to ARMC Foundation.

To be considered for the ARMC Academy, Students must attend a public or private high school in Ashtabula County, must be completing 10th, 11th or 12th grades in the 2024-25 school year, and must have an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher with no more than three absences/tardies in the previous semester.

Applications for 2025 ARMC Academy are due **Friday, March 21, 2025**.

To be considered for admission into the ARMC Academy, you must complete all sections of this application which includes essay responses and submit the required letter of recommendation and official transcript documenting your current overall GPA and attendance records. Please print all information, except where a signature is requested.

If you have any questions, you may contact Amy Price at 440-997-6604 or [amy.price@armchealth.org](mailto:amy.price@armchealth.org). Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

The application can be found online at: <https://www.armchealth.org/foundation/armc-academy/>

Learn more about ARMC Academy for past graduates through the "Where Are They Now" campaign.

ARMC will offer Nurse Camp again this summer during the week of July 21, 2025. More information will be provided this spring.

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## CAMPUS MINISTRY CORNER

### Hats Off For Hospice

Many in our community have experienced the assistance of hospice care when a loved one is preparing for death. Hospice also offers grief counseling and has provided assistance to our community. As part of our Mardi Gras celebration we will sponsor a Hats for Hospice Day. On Tuesday, March 4, students may dress down and wear a hat by donating \$2 (or more). Students will turn their money in to their homeroom teacher.

### Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. We will celebrate Mass on that day at 9:45 am and it will include the distribution of Ashes. During Lent, Grades K-6 will have the opportunity to support those in need on a global level through Heifer International. Students in grades 7-12 will participate in a penny war at the beginning of April and funds raised will also be used to assist those in need. Students will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Date and times will be in the weekly enews.

### Student Service Hours

This is a reminder that students in grades 7-12 are required to complete their service hours. Required hours are: Seniors: 25 hours, Juniors: 20 hours, Sophomores & Freshman: 15 hours and 7 & 8 grade: 10 hours. The months of March and April have many opportunities for students – Parish and community Fish Fries, Easter Egg Hunt, Mother Son Breakfast and events at the Spire. All of these opportunities are posted on Mobile Serve or Theology Google Classrooms. Service hours are to be completed by May 1.

### Retreat

Students in grade 9 will be taking their retreat on Friday, March 14. Please keep them in your prayers as they deepen their faith journey.



# Activity Calendar March 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 PTO Meeting—6pm Mardi Gras Hats off for Hospice \$2.00 donation	5 Ash Wednesday All School Liturgy 9:45 am Dress Uniform Day	6	7 7 Lucky Nights Begins Dress Down Day for Donating Gift Card	8
9	10	11 Winter Sports Awards—6:00 pm	12 Spring Sports Pictures—2:30 pm	13 Grief Prayer Service—1:00 pm	14 9th Grade Retreat	15 Virtual St. Patrick's Day Raffle
16	17	18 Senior Parent Meeting—6:00 pm	19 Title Parent Engagement Night 6:00 pm	20 Lottery Dress Down	21 End of Quarter 3 No School Spring Break Begins Kindergarten Assessments—8 am	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 School Resumes					



# Lunch Menu March 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Cranberry Spinach Apple Salad	3 Pizzaburgers Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	4 Grilled Chicken Salad Parsley Potatoes Celery & Carrots Fruit Milk	5 Cheese Lasagna Roll Salad Fruit Milk	6 Hot Dogs French Fries Corn Fruit Milk	7 Cheese Pizza Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	1
9 Cobb Salad	10 Toasted Cheese Tomato Soup Salad Fruit Milk	11 BBQ Pork Sand OR PB&J Sweet Potatoes Baked Beans Fruit Milk	12 Rotini Breadstick Salad Fruit Milk	13 Asian Chicken Brown Rice Broccoli Fruit Milk	14 Cheese Pizza Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	15
16 Taco Salad	17 Hamburgers Tator Tots Carrots Fruit Milk	18 Creamed Chicken over Biscuit Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit Milk	19 Penne Pasta Roll Salad Fruit Milk	20 Pizza Salad Fruit Cookie Milk	21 NO SCHOOL	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Chef Salad	31 Chili Mac Salad Chips & Salsa Fruit Milk	<div>Calendar Subject to Change</div>				

spring break