



# St. John School

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Mrs. Lisa Ferraro, Principal

February/March 2017

Dear Parents,

As we move into the second half of our school year, I reflect on the many wonderful events that have taken place over the last six months, and the many wonderful people that made them possible. It is apparent we have much to be grateful for and many people to thank.

Our Catholic Schools Week allowed us to celebrate as a community (of parents, students, teachers and staff) what it means to be Catholic and a School where we live our faith. Please accept this short summary as a **Thank You** for all those who played a role in our celebration!

- **Catholic Schools Week**

- ❖ **Parent Guild Pancake Breakfast:** Mrs. DeMaso & Mrs. Konarski

- ❖ **Open House:**

- **Parent Ambassadors:** Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Heppes, & Mrs. Gesztesi

- **Mass Speakers and Student Ambassadors:** A big shout out to our 18 SJS Speakers and Ambassadors who embody our values and shared our mission with incoming families. In recognition of their service to our school, they will receive a dress down day pass from me to be used on Thursday, March 23rd.

- **Faculty & Staff:** Mrs. Casse, Mrs. Dwyer, Mrs. Power, Mrs. Nicoletti, Mrs. Sabatano, Mrs. Guarino, Ms. Hand, Mrs. White, Mrs. Machnicki & Mrs. Lahiff

- ❖ **The Living Rosary:** Ms. Hand & Grade 5 students

- ❖ **Career Day Presenters:** Mr. Gesztesi, Mrs. Spano, Inv. Anderson- DETF, Trooper Francine Torhan and K9 Wiltse, Trooper Joseph Bleicher and K9 Blair, Trooper Meredith Govoni and K9 Lexy, Mrs. Fidanza, Major DeMaso, Mrs. Gaer, Dr. LaPorta, Mr. Leek, Fr. George, Officer Smoulcey, & Mr. Grob.

- ❖ **Career Day Photographer:** Mrs. Heppes

- ❖ **Mad Science:** Erik the Mad Scientist

- ❖ **Spirit Day:** Ms. Hand & Mrs. Guaman



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- ❖ **Fruit Smoothies (for the entire school):** Mrs. Giglio & Mrs. Falletta
- ❖ **Ice Cream Event:** Parent Guild/Mrs. Fanslau
- ❖ **Alumni Day Burke Faculty:** Mr. Douthit & Mrs. Clark
- ❖ **St. John School Alumni:** Elizabeth Kelly, Zoe Estrada, Kate Dennehy, CJ Gapay, Brian Sander, George Serrano, Nicolette Pierre, Vincent Leo, Brian McHugh and Justin McHugh
- ❖ **Religion B:** Fr. George
- ❖ **Math Night:** Mrs. Richner

\*A very special thank you to the **Eighth grade class**. They were called on every day to help out during Catholic Schools Week. Thank you for your leadership! You are all a wonderful example to our younger children.

\*A very special thank you to the **faculty & staff** (Mrs. Casse, Mrs. Dwyer, Mrs. Power, Mrs. Whelan, Mrs. Nicoletti, Mrs. Sabatano, Mrs. Guarino, Mrs. Michels, Ms. Hand, Mrs. White, Mrs. Guaman, Mrs. Machnicki and Mrs. Lahiff) for supporting this very special week! You made this possible!

\*A very special thank you to **Mr. Tom Leek** for the beautiful piece he wrote about our school on the February 1, 2017 edition of The Goshen Independent!

## Other News:

- **The New Standards-based Report Card** was successfully put in place for the second quarter. This report card offers parents and teachers more information about the progress of each student.
- **Nursing:** As of Monday, February 13, 2017, St. John School has had an increase in nursing hours. Nurse Dorothy is with us from 7:45-8:45am and Nurse Mason from 9:00-2:45pm. I would like to thank Goshen Central School District for helping to keep all our students safe!
- **Epi Pen Training:** On Friday, February 3, 2017, St. John School faculty members participated in Epi Pen Training Session, facilitated by Nurse Mason. Thank you Nurse Mason!
- **Marketing:**
  - St. John School was featured in the February 1, 2017 edition of The Goshen Independent. Our school made both the front page of the edition as well as the entire center fold of the paper.



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There are copies in our lobby area for anyone interested in seeing our school in the press. Thank you to Mr. Tom Leek for attending so many of our events and capturing the essence of St. John School so beautifully in the paper.

- On February 3, 2017, I made a special presentation to the Catholic Daughters at their February meeting. I shared with members of the organization the good news about St. John School, the articles in which we have been published and registration materials to share with perspective families. Many members of the Catholic Daughters have had their children graduate from SJS. They were all so excited to hear about what has been happening at St. John School!
- As you know, the abatement and full chemical cleaning of the faculty room has been completed. Two leaks were found in heating pipes in the faculty room. These leaks have been repaired. Floor tiles have been installed and are receiving several coats of wax as we speak.
- Please know how grateful I am for all your help and support. As we move into the second half of the school year, please know that I am always aware of your dedication and commitment to our school, and so appreciate it!

I wish you a Blessed Lenten Season.

Respectfully,

Lisa Ferraro

Principal