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## SPJ News

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### A Message from Mrs. Montgomery

Awesome Autumnal Equinox!! Did you remember to celebrate the beginning of Fall on September 22? Plants and trees are slowing down, Football season is warming up (with social distancing of course), Birds and Butterflies migrate south, this is my favorite time of year!! During the equinox, the Sun crosses what we call the "celestial equator" an imaginary extension of Earth's equator line into space. The equinox occurs precisely when the Sun's center passes through this line. (any science geeks out there?). Besides feeling an expression of oneness, the September Equinox serves as a reminder to bring some balance into our lives and to take ownership of the direction we are heading." I have never felt more part of a community as I do today. Let SS Philip and James be the place to help you find an equilibrium in the craziness of the week. We are that imaginary extension of your family away from home. A cozy sweater, A warm cup of cider, (ok, I will say it) Apple Pie with Ice Cream!! Thanks for choosing SPJ. Happy Fall Y'All!!



Fall 2018

Parents and Guardians,

A **HUGE** Thank You goes out to You for keeping our school safe. Your support with picking up ill students (within 30 minutes) and reporting symptoms when students are absent deserves a round of applause. Your diligence is keeping the entire SPJ community healthy. Thank you for helping make the jobs of secretary Mrs. Floom and school nurse, Mrs. Kirkland a little easier. Keep up the great work as we move into “Sweater Weather”!



### **Halloween Parties**

This year SPJ will be celebrating Halloween on October 30. Due to Covid-19 Health and Safety Regulations this year's party will be filled with “surprises”. Students in grades K-3 may wear simple pull over costumes to school. Students in grades 4-8 may bring appropriate costumes to change into in the afternoon. The annual Halloween parade will take place downtown starting at 2:00 pm (using social distancing). Although we will not be accepting treats, parents and neighbors can take photos and wave as we walk by. Pizza Parties will follow in the classroom, with teachers as the host. A \$5.00 party fee will be collected to help with this Spook-tacular Event!!

Look for more information from your child's teacher in the weeks to come.



## School Mass Times and Links



Families are encouraged to join in person or virtually.

9:15 am Thur Mass <https://youtu.be/dvM6U2YoZy0>

9:15 am Fri Mass <https://youtu.be/2V26thCMC78>

## Check the Facts, Ma'am

Interims go home today. Parents, guardians, and students grade 4-8, you can look at detailed data when you open grades on FACTS. Here is an easy way to check in.

- Use factsmgt.com
- Go to Parent Login
- Go to FACTS Family Portal
- Use the district code: SPJ-OH
- Usernames should be first initial, last name
- Password is spj123
- Sign in as a student below the password

Reminder the first quarter grading period covers a lot of review. This year due to the “learn from home” mandate in March teachers were asked to slow down, cover procedures, and teach how to be an effective online student the first few weeks of school. Limited grades may be reflected on the interim reports.

## Calling all SPJ Alumni:

If you are playing a sport for your high school or university please send a picture of yourself in uniform to Mrs. Burke to display in our social hall. You can send a photo to school or to her at [jburke@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:jburke@youngstowndiocese.org)



### **Silent Auction and Reverse Raffle Tickets**

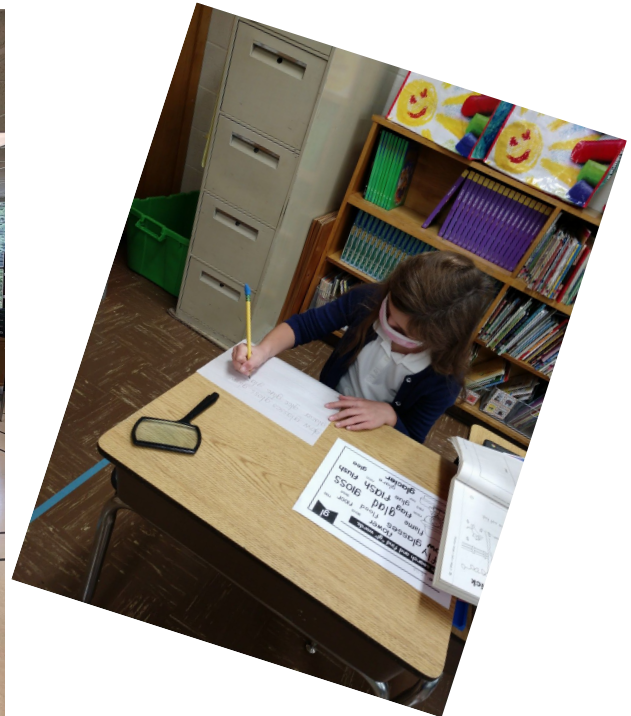
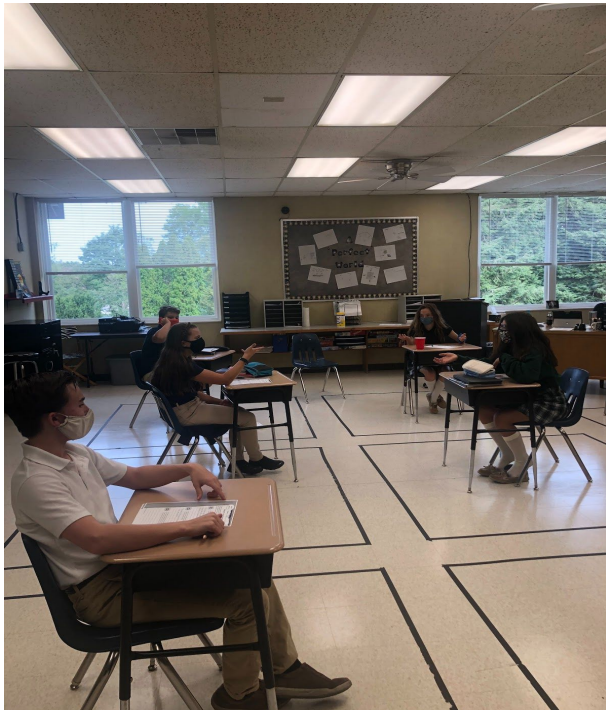
A Virtual Silent Auction will take place from November 6-November 13. (This is an extended time.) Look for more information coming soon!! But for now, Reverse Raffle Tickets are back on sale. Take a chance to win **\$5000.00!!** Ticket cost is \$50. All raffle tickets purchased in 2019 and 2020 will qualify for the drawing. Contact Kelly Morber [kmorber@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:kmorber@youngstowndiocese.org) for tickets and more information. Date of the Virtual Reverse Raffle, SOS Raffle, and Class Basket Raffle "Winners Reveal" will be on November 13!! Good Luck!!



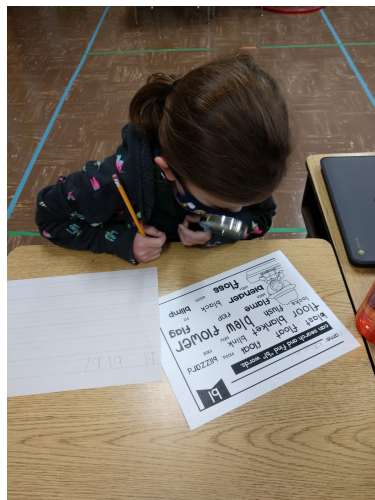
**Yearbooks are still available in the office**  
2019-2020 Yearbooks are now on sale for \$20 in the office. Stop in to pick up your memories! Only a few copies are available.

### **Free Tuition for 2021-2022**

Scrip Orders are once again being offered to save with your shopping needs and also help credit your 2021-2022 Tuition bill. Look over the Shop w/Scrip instructional flyer and Scrip Dates for 2020-2021. If you have questions, please contact Michelle DuPlain, Scrip Coordinator 330-704-8909.



A child who  
reads  
will be an  
adult  
who thinks.  
-Sasha Salmina-





## Walk a Thon

How many laps can you walk around the building outside? Better yet, how many laps do you think your SPJ Titan can walk around the school in 30 minutes? The SPJ Walk-a-Thon is back and better than before. Students are encouraged to raise money from family and friends through electronic pledges. The pledge form can be accessed through the link:

<https://forms.gle/5hWLimfN99TuAjAr9> .

Students will be walking the week of October 19 for 30 minutes in their scheduled gym classes. Students with the highest funds raised in each grade will receive an SPJ Blanket and a Scholastic book of their choice. (All benefits go to the SPJ Home & School Association)



Online giving is also set up for this fundraiser. Pledges and donations will be accepted through the <https://spjcanalfulton.weshareonline.org>  
Let's Move It, Move It!!

## Upcoming Dates

September 24- Interim Sent Home Today

October 5- Band Practice Begins

October 5- Bus Evacuation

October 7- Picture Day

October 12- No School

October 19- Walk-a-Thon (during gym class)

October 23- End of First Quarter

October 30- Halloween Party

November 1- Daylight Saving Time

November 2- Conference Day

November 3- Election Day

November 5- Conference Day

November 6-13- Virtual Silent Auction (Extended Time)

November 11- Veteran's Day

November 13- Virtual Reverse Raffle, SOS Raffle, Class Basket Raffle

November 25,26,27,28,29,30- Thanksgiving Break (Wednesday-Monday) No School

