



FALCON NEWS

PRINCIPAL, CLAYTON COBB

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, KATHERINE SUCKLE

Dear St. Joseph Families,
First, we need to take a moment and express an enormous amount of gratitude towards our PTO for putting together such an extraordinary event on Saturday. While this is a fun time for our parents and partners in education, the key to the event's success is realizing that it is to the benefit of the students. If I start listing names, we are going to forget someone. Whether you are one of our amazing PTO execs, our Soiree and Silent Auction Team, you provided an extraordinary gift for our community and we are all grateful. Let's do it all again next year!

OPEN ENROLLMENT HAS BEGUN! This means that anyone who is wishing to enroll for the 2025-2026 school year is able to do so at this time. It is imperative that current families being registering their children for the upcoming school year in an effort to guarantee a spot for that grade. In addition to this, we highly encourage family members to apply for financial aid at the time of registration if there is a need for the family. Early applications allows for our church and our diocese to plan for assistance that will be needed.

Finally, on page 3, we are inviting our k3 and k4 families to attend a special information night for the upcoming school year. As much information that has been sent out in regarding LA Gator, many families still do not realize the opportunity that lies before them. I invite you to attend. Additionally, if you feel as though your child that is enrolled in public school may wish to attend St. Joseph, have a child that is not here but will be in k5 next year, I invite you to attend as well. Let's have a great week! St. Joseph, pray for us.

ST. JOSEPH
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
ENROLLING NOW

Academic **EXCELLENCE**
Surrounded by **FAITH**
K3-8TH GRADE



UPCOMING EVENTS!

MON, 2/3 5:30 JV Falcons vs FBCS (H)

6:30 Varsity Falcons vs FBCS

TUE, 2/4 3:05-4:15 LCP Tutoring
5:30 PTO Mtg in Library

WED, 2/5 8:15 Weekly School Mass, Christian Witness Awards after

PROGRESS REPORTS GO HOME

THU, 2/6 3:05-4:15 LCP Tutoring

5:30 JV Falcons vs Ascension

FRI, 2/7 FIRST FRIDAY

ADORATION AVAILABLE ALL DAY IN THE CHURCH! COME AND PRAY WITH US!

ST. JOSEPH NITE @ CENTENARY

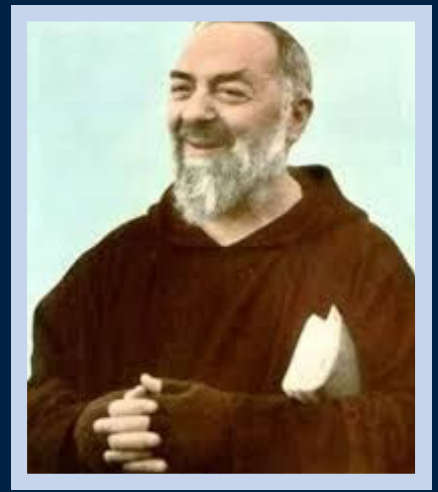
5:30 LADIES GAME

7:30 GENTS GAME

FRI, 2/14 GRANDPARENTS DAY!
8:30-12:30 IN SCHOOL GYM!
THIS IS A 1/2 DAY OF SCHOOL

IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE A FALCON!

VIRTUE OF OBEDIENCE



DEFINITION

Assenting to rightful authority without hesitation or resistance

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, You are God, and yet You were obedient to Mary and Joseph. Help me to do all that my parents and teachers ask of me—promptly, joyfully, and completely. Amen.

LOOKS LIKE

Performing your duties faithfully and thoroughly

SOUNDS LIKE

I finished what I was asked to do.

ST. PADRE PIO

Pio of Pietrelcina was an Italian Capuchin priest known affectionately as “Padre Pio.” God gave him several extraordinary graces and favors. He received the stigmata (the wounds of Christ), could read souls, bi-locate, and work many miracles. Not everyone believed that Padre Pio’s abilities came from God. There were several rumors and false accusations. For a time, his superiors forbade him from doing the two most important tasks of a priest: saying public Mass and hearing confessions. He obeyed without complaint and did all that was asked of him. Soon his superiors recognized the falseness of the accusations and restored his faculties as a priest.



LA GATOR MEETING

WHAT IS THE LA GATOR SCHOLARSHIP?

LA GATOR = Louisiana Giving ALL a True Opportunity to Rise

This new school choice program enacted by the Louisiana legislature in June, 2024 will for the first time ever provide education scholarship accounts (ESA) to Louisiana families. These scholarship accounts can be used toward school tuition and fees, tutoring, educational therapies, textbooks and curriculum, uniforms and transportation.

HOW CAN LA GATOR BENEFIT MY SOON TO BE KINDERGARTEN STUDENT?

For a student to be eligible for an ESA through LA Gator, the student must be a resident of Louisiana and meet one of the following:

- **PARTICIPATED IN THE LOUISIANA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR**
- **ENTERING KINDERGARTEN**
- **ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR**
- **FROM A FAMILY WITH TOTAL INCOME AT OR BELOW 250% OF FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES**

Funding for the LA Gator is subject to annual legislative appropriations and will be allocated based on student priority.

***ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL WILL HOLD A SMALL GROUP INFORMATION SESSION FOR ALL K3 AND K4 PARENTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR SCHOOL AND OUR STATE.**

PRE-K PARENT MEETING

*****FEBRUARY 12 @ SJS CAFETERIA @ 5:30 PM*****

- **CURRENT K3 & K4 PARENTS ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND**
- **K3 & K4 STUDENTS WHOSE PARENTS ATTEND WILL**
- **RECEIVE A FREE DRESS PASS!**

IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE A FALCON!



Your child may be eligible for a K-12 private school scholarship

ARETESCHOLARS provides private K-12 scholarships exclusively to qualifying low-income students. The scholarships empower parents who otherwise have limited options to select a school that best meets their child's unique gifts, talents, and learning needs.

Maximum scholarship amounts: \$4,350 for grades K-8; or \$4,900 for grades 9-12. (subject to change)

Application period: Late February 2025-May 2025 (exact dates TBD)

Note: Applications are first-come, first-served, with priority given to returning students, and students using the Louisiana Scholarship Program Scholarship. An application does not guarantee a scholarship.

To be eligible for a scholarship in Louisiana, a student must meet the following income, residency, and prior school year requirements:

- 1 Louisiana resident, *AND*
 - Enrolled in Louisiana public school for 2024-25, *OR*
- 2 Entering kindergarten in 2025-26, *OR*
 - Received a TDC or Louisiana Scholarship Program award in 2024-25, *AND*
- 3 Family income less than the following maximum amounts (subject to change):

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HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MAX ANNUAL \$
2 People	\$51,100
3 People	\$64,550
4 People	\$78,000
5 People	\$91,450
6 People	\$104,900
7 People	\$118,350



Instructions to apply: visit www.aretescholars.org or scan the QR code to begin the online application process.

Questions? contact Mary Helen at maryhw@aretescholars.org



St. Joseph Night **AT CENTENARY!**

ADMISSION IS FREE!!!

FRIDAY, FEB. 7TH

LADIES @ 5:30

GENTS @ 7:30

AT THE GOLD DOME



- * Basketball Rosters Recognized!**
- * Varsity Cheer Squad n Action!**
- * Lots of fun provided by Dillas!**

PTO

MEETING

Tuesday
February 4th

5:30pm in SJS Library

EVERY PARENT AND TEACHER IS INVITED

Meetings typically last 30 minutes to 1 hour

Come get involved!!

**PTO MEETINGS WILL BE THE FIRST
TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH IN 2025**

St. Joseph Catholic School

Rock & Roll



Silent Auction
& Soiree

THIS EVENT ROCKED!

Purchase tickets at Handbid.com

or download the Handbid App. Event Name: SJS Rock and Roll

Event Chair: Erin Dicharry ejack4@gmail.com/318.230.5067

★ *Rock Star Attire* ★

\$75 PER TICKET

LEVEL UP YOUR READING GAME AT THE



February 10th-14th, shopping times during library classes and Grandparents Day

Date / Time

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The **Literati Book Fair** is coming, and this one's bound to be a *critical hit* among our students! At the Story Arcade, books are packed full of hidden achievements, and readers gain experience with every page turned. **All purchases benefit our school.** Good luck, have fun, and thank you for your support!

All payment types are accepted; please make checks out to our school.



Search for our school at
LITERATI.COM/STORE



SHOP Books & Games

Online, you'll find a bigger selection of popular series and educational games.

All purchases support our school!



PURCHASE Gift Cards

Power-up your reader with a gift card that can be used at the school fair or online.

Gift cards make great gifts for teachers & librarians!



DISCOVER Literati Book Club

Signing up for Literati Book Club makes a big difference for our school book fair!

Get started at
Literati.com/SpringClubs

CHEAT CODE: Every book fair visitor gets a ticket to Literati's BOOK CLUB RAFFLE!

LEVEL UP AT THE BOOKFAIR

SHOPPING TIMES

K3A (Jacobo): Tuesday at 8:05am

K4A (Neely): Monday at 8:50am

K4B (Cole): Monday at 8:05am

K5A (Altimus): Tuesday at 8:50am

K5B (Long): Tuesday at 9:35am

1A (Johnson): Wednesday at 1:35pm

1B (Crim): Monday at 9:35am

2A (Kaiser): Tuesday at 12:50pm

2B (Taylor): Monday at 12:50pm

3A (Harbert): Wednesday at 10:20am

4A (Pippin): Thursday at 2:20pm

5A (Gootee): Thursday at 8:50am

5B (Vandiver): Monday at 1:35pm

6A (Grantham) Tuesday at 2:30 pm

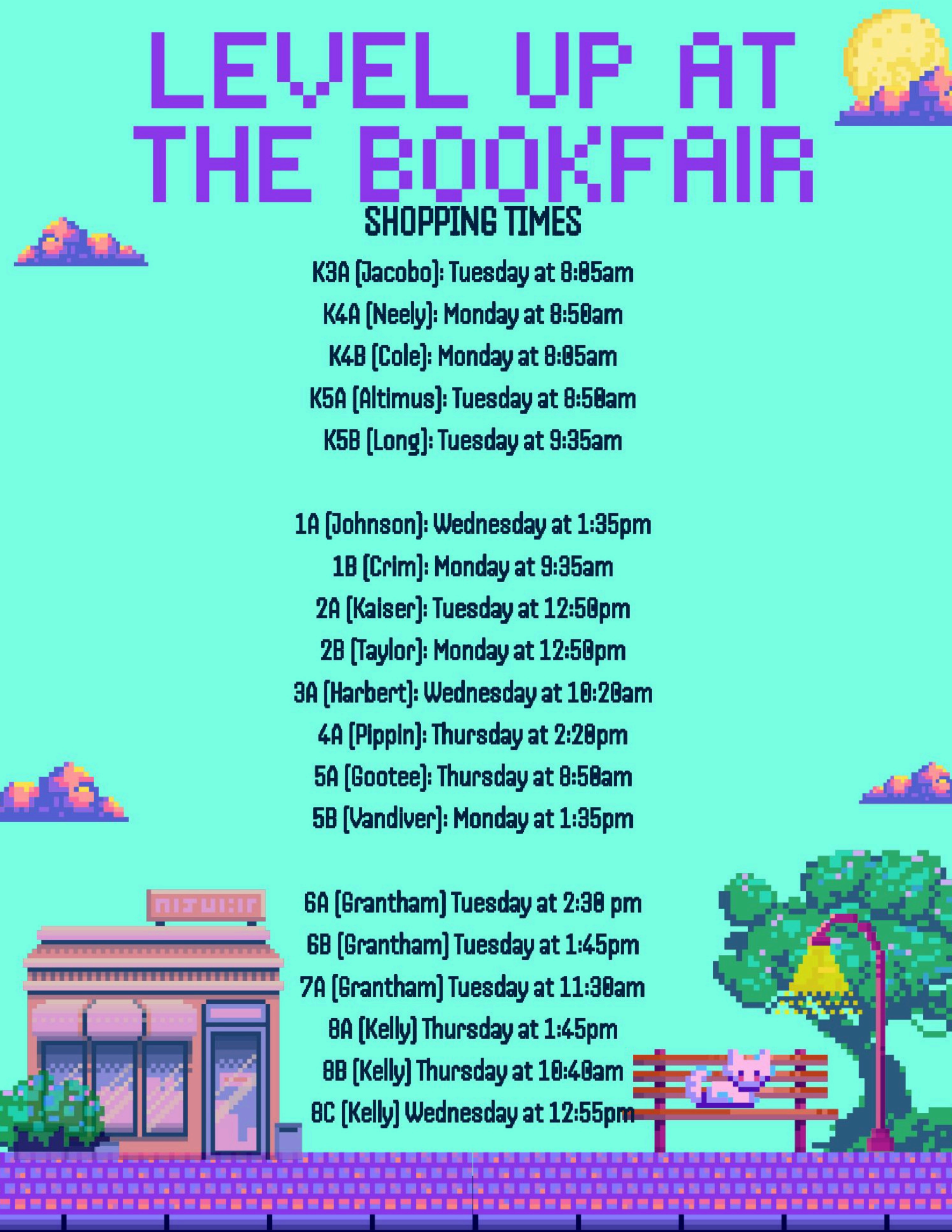
6B (Grantham) Tuesday at 1:45pm

7A (Grantham) Tuesday at 11:30am

8A (Kelly) Thursday at 1:45pm

8B (Kelly) Thursday at 10:40am

8C (Kelly) Wednesday at 12:55pm





Game on with Grandparents!

You help us level up!

Grandparents Day

Friday, February 14th

8:30 am

St. Joseph Catholic School Gym

We invite all grandparents, godparents, and grandparent figures to join us for a morning of songs, shopping, and snacks!

Early dismissal at noon