



# FALCON NEWS

PRINCIPAL, CLAYTON COBB

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, KATHERINE SUCKLE

Dear St. Joseph Families,  
As you can see with the notification, we are currently enrolling for the the 2025-26 school year. It is important to begin the process to secure your child's spot for the upcoming school year. This also tells us how many teachers we need in place. Please remember that when you register, this is the time to apply for financial assistance. Families have a variety of needs and the assistance provided will always have a cap. Just as it is explained to register early for the upcoming school year, it is equally important to register to apply. It bears repeating as well that if you are a current K4 family or have a child moving from public school to private school this next year, the application processes for Arete Scholars, as well as the LA GATOR program, are opening up soon and families need to apply for these opportunities.  
If you haven't heard the news already, our playground addition is taking place very soon. The swings and climbing things have been installed. Our next step is to level the area and lay down the mulch and barriers. The students are very excited that this is taking place, but I know that the PTO is just as excited about this. Sure, it has been a long time coming, but the wait will certainly be worth it! We will keep in touch regarding the opening of this new section very soon. Finally, don't forget that Friday is Grandparents Day! The event begins this Friday in the school gym, so invite your child's grandparents or godparents to come out to enjoy the morning. We also have a book fair and will dismiss for the day at 12:00 noon. It's going to be an exciting week! St. Joseph, pray for us.

**ST. JOSEPH  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**ENROLLING NOW**

Academic **EXCELLENCE**  
Surrounded by **FAITH**

K3-8TH GRADE



## UPCOMING EVENTS!

**MON, 2/10** 3:05 NEHS Meeting  
5:30 JV Falcons @ Southfield  
6:30 Varsity Falcons @ Southfield

**TUE, 2/11** 3:05-4:15 LCP  
Tutoring

**WED, 2/12** 8:15 Weekly School  
Mass  
3:05 4H Meeting  
5:30 LA GATOR mtg in cafeteria

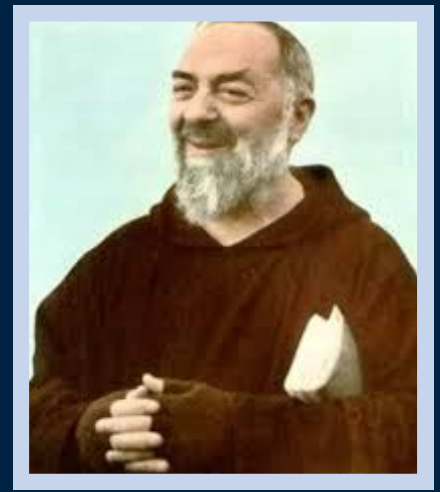
**THU, 2/13** 3:05-4:15 LCP  
Tutoring  
5:30 JV Falcons @ SJB  
6:30 Varsity Falcons @ SJB

**FRI, 2/14 GRANDPARENTS DAY!**  
**8:30-12:00 IN SCHOOL GYM!**  
**THIS IS A 1/2 DAY OF SCHOOL**  
**ALL STUDENTS MUST BE PICKED UP BY 12:30 PM**

**MON, 2/17 PRESIDENTS DAY-  
NO 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!**

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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

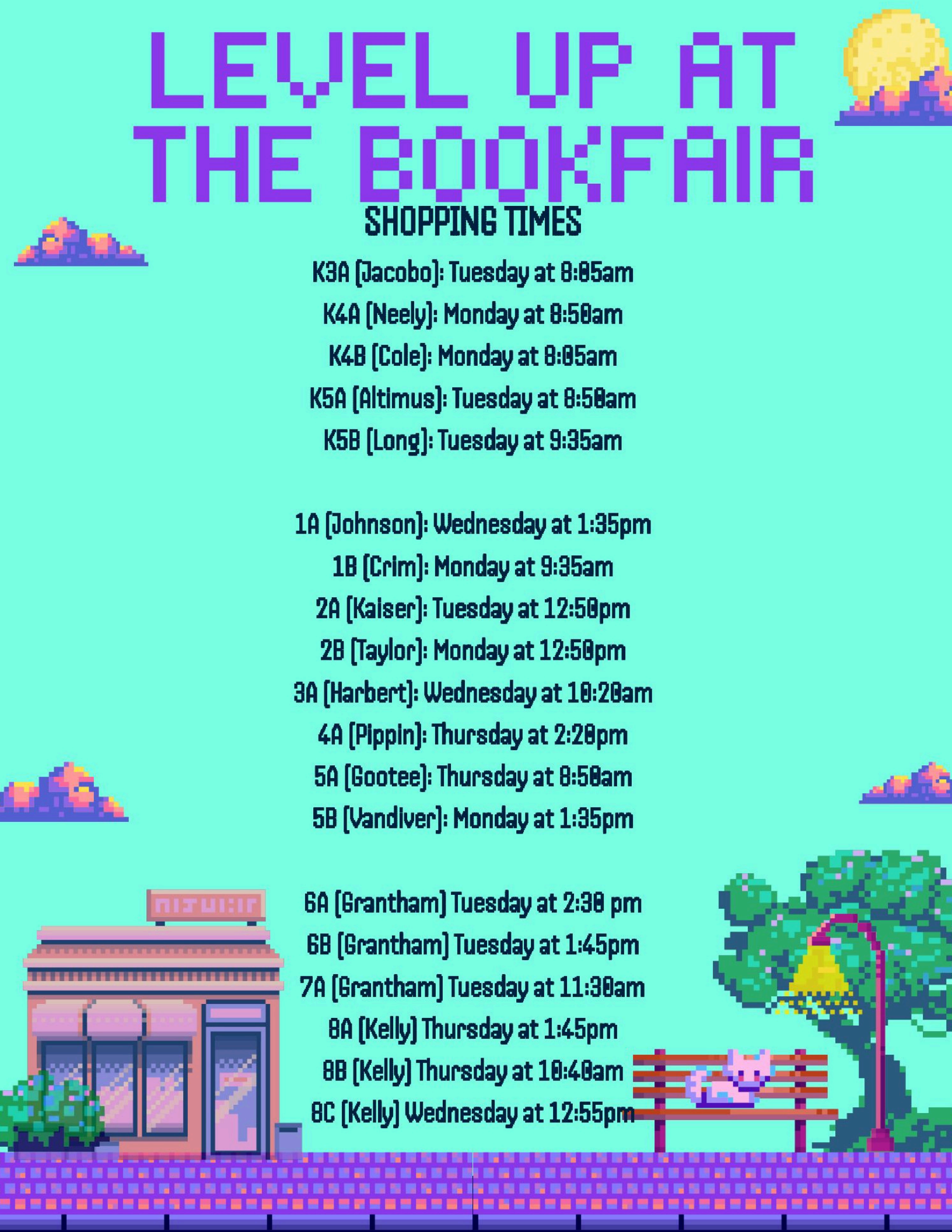
6B (Grantham) Tuesday at 1:45pm

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\***



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL  
STUCO

# Donut Sale

Chocolate, Glazed,  
and  
Pink Icing too!

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

\$2 for Chocolate and Glazed

\$2.50 for Pink Icing



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):

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](http://www.aretescholars.org) or scan the QR code to begin the online application process.

**Questions?** contact Mary Helen at [maryhw@aretescholars.org](mailto:maryhw@aretescholars.org)





TICKET  
SALES END  
FEB. 10TH

*St. Valentine's*

# DATE NIGHT



AT ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

FRIDAY,  
FEBRUARY 14TH

ADORATION 5-6 PM | CHURCH  
DINNER 6 PM | FAMILY LIFE CENTER

ENTERTAINMENT BY:

*The Sheepeat Opera*



TICKET  
SALES END  
FEB. 10TH

SCAN FOR TICKETS OR VISIT  
[STJOSEPHCHURCH.NET](http://STJOSEPHCHURCH.NET)

# Devoted

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2025

**March 14-15, 2025**

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
**Katie McGrady**



MUSIC BY  
**Angela McCann**



GUEST SPEAKER  
**Edward  
Johnson III, M.D.**



EVENT MC  
**Mary Arcement  
Alexander**



GUEST SPEAKER  
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