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**“WHAT THE NEW YEAR
BRINGS TO YOU WILL
DEPEND A GREAT DEAL
ON WHAT YOU BRING TO
THE NEW YEAR.”**

~ VERN McLELLAN

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President’s Message

Are you ready to make 2019 a great year? I am excited about the start of the new year and can’t wait to see what the good Lord has in store for Siena Catholic Schools of Racine. A new year brings new beginnings, fresh hopes, fresh plans and renewed commitments. As January unfolds, let us take the time to celebrate all of the good things that 2018 has given to us and embrace the new opportunities we have in the months ahead.

January is full of celebrations. We began with a nod to the New Year, and followed by the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. We also pay tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and we’ll wrap up with Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 27-Feb. 2). January is a time when we recognize the significance of the gifts we have been given and those we have to share. Across our Siena schools, this means we take time to say thanks to the many others who make possible the gift of Catholic education.



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Do you know of someone or something we should feature? If so, please share with us!

Do you want to promote your event? Please tell us about it!

Do you have questions? Just ask us!

It’s easy! Email: communications@sienacatholicschools.org



Student Spotlight on: Connor, JPIIA



1) What is your favorite subject? Why?

My favorite subject is math because I like to solve problems, and I like challenges.

2) What do you do when you want to relax?

When I want to relax, I go to the couch and watch a good tv show or a movie.

3) What job do you want to have when you grow up?

When I grow up, I want to have a job in the trades because I don't want to be in an office all day and want to do something hands on.

4) If you could choose an animal for a class pet what would it be?

If I could choose a class pet, it would be hedgehog because I think they are cool, and it would be fun.



5) If you could only use one emoji what would you choose?

If I could only use one emoji, it would be the laughing emoji because that is my favorite.

6) If you could create one mandatory course, what would it be?

If I could create a mandatory course, I would make an outdoor camping class where you learn about things like outdoor cooking, fishing and hiking. After you learn about all of that, you get to go camping. I would make this course because I really like camping, and I think everyone should experience it.



7) Which subject do you think prepares you most for life and why?

I think math prepares you the most for life because you use it in your daily life, and it is very important.

**Join us at our
Open Houses on
Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019!
Times vary by location.**

John Paul II Academy
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
2023 Northwestern Ave.,
53404
262-637-2012
jp2aracine.org

**Our Lady of Grace
Academy**
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
1435 Grove Ave., 53405
262-636-8040
olga.org

St. Joseph School
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
1525 Erie St., 53402
262-633-2403
st-joes-school.com

**St. Lucy Parish
Catholic School**
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
3035 Drexel Ave., 53403
262-554-1801 ext. 212
stlucysschool.com

St. Rita School
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
4433 Douglas Ave., 53402
262-639-3333
st-ritasschool.org



Congratulations!

14 Years

Julie Sheen - St. Lucy

13 Years

Mary Ellen Krezinski - Our Lady of Grace Academy

Keith Williams - John Paul II Academy

Patricia Petzold-Heim - St. Rita

12 Years

Zac Pawlowski - St. Catherine's/Siena

Kory Borek - St. Catherine's/Siena

Catherine Sabelka - St. Lucy

Maria Allesee-Sweeney - St. Catherine's

Jennifer Adams - St. Rita

11 Years

John Clarke - St. Catherine's

Jennifer Angelini - John Paul II Academy

Cheryl May - St. Lucy

Elise LaCanne - St. Rita

Ivan Miller - St. Catherine's

10 Years

Michelle Weber - St. Lucy

Tracy Krogh - St. Joseph

Thank you for your years of dedication!

President's Message

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Please join us this month as we celebrate Catholic education and the gift of faith that we share every day in our Siena schools. We are proud of the good work that our students and staff accomplish together, and we welcome you to see us in action at one of our open houses. (See page 2 for details!) We are grateful for the support of pastors, parishioners, parents, volunteers, community sponsors, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, the St. Catherine's High School Foundation and the Racine Dominican Sisters. We are honored to carry on the legacy of academic excellence, prayer, study and community service that was forged in our schools by the Racine Dominicans dating back to 1862.

Thank you for your continued support.
May this new year bring you the warmth
of love and a light to guide your path
towards a positive direction.

Sincerely,

Brenda White

“Embrace the fresh
beginning God wants
to give you.”
~Thomas Nelson





“Employee” of the Year!



We would like to acknowledge and thank Ray Johnson for his continued dedication to Siena Catholic Schools! A current member of our Board of Directors, Ray retired from SC Johnson as Director of HR. Siena President Brenda White states, “Ray works harder in retirement than many people work in their day jobs. He has deep values of education, family, faith, service and community.”

Among describing Ray’s volunteer work as “legendary,” Todd Willems, Siena’s Chief Academic Officer, says, “Ray has over and over again demonstrated a

unique combination of wisdom and vision mixed with a comforting wit that helps him create a comfortable atmosphere in the most challenging of circumstances. Ray Johnson is a true leader, one who provides vision and care – building powerful relationships and moving organizations forward in powerful ways.”

Even further, Dan Horton, Siena Board of Directors Chairman and former coworker and friend of Ray’s continues, “Over the past 12 months, he [Ray] has dedicated more than 2,000 hours working as a full-time volunteer to create the Human Resource function for the school system serving more than 1,600 students and their families at six schools in Racine. His work has spanned a variety of areas including hiring, training, development, compensation, motivation, communication, organizational design, personnel policies and administration. Without his unselfish service, the system would not have been realized.”

Thank you, Ray, for sharing your gifts with us!

Tech Update: Phone Systems

by: Zac Pawlowski

Humans have conquered the telephone. It’s one thing on the short list of skills we can put on our collective resume or our global application for addiction rehab. We’ve had them for longer than anyone has been alive, and we’ve gotten to the point where almost all of us walk around with one on our person. That’s why it was one of our biggest Siena tech challenges to replace the phones at St. Rita and St. Joseph that functioned inconsistently. Not a great feature when a distraught parent is trying to contact you in an emergency. The schools had tried various methods to fix them for years, but as with all intermittent problems with no obvious cause, it is difficult to determine when the fix worked or if it was just lying in wait for the most inopportune time to strike again.

After spending copious time and energy on consultants (just to determine there was not a solution), the government came to the rescue in the form of a safety grant. Instead of repair, we shifted into replacement mode and began the search for local vendors that could provide a working system and the necessary support for when things go horribly wrong. We completed this process over the Christmas break when Lisbon Creek Systems LLC installed a new VOIP phone system at both schools. They also installed or upgraded the phones in every office and classroom for both schools. Since Siena had the personnel to devote to this issue, we were able to find the funds and implement a solution that had remained elusive when each school was on their own.



Employee Spotlight on: Mrs. Jennifer Angelini, JPIIA

Hello everyone,

My name is Mrs. Jennifer Angelini, and I am the lead teacher for John Paul II Academy's 4K program. I have been inspiring children for 21 years. I taught kindergarten for 10 years at St. John Nepomuk Catholic School, and I've been teaching preschool at John Paul II Academy for 11 years. I graduated in 1997 from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater with a bachelor's degree in early education (PreK-6th grade). I have been married for 17 fabulous years and have three beautiful children.

1) What was your favorite book as a child?

I loved all of the Little Golden Books. As a child, I liked the characters and the stories they had to tell, but now when I look back, I can see that those books mean more to me than that. Every night, before bed, my dad would have either me or one of my sisters pick out a bedtime story, which was usually a Little Golden Book. It was that time every night that I spent with my dad that makes Little Golden Books a favorite from childhood.



2) What made you want to work in a school?

My love of teaching came from my mother. She was always very active in our schooling by regularly volunteering in the classroom and in the lunchroom. She instilled in all of us girls, at a very young age, the importance of being present and making a difference. As I got older, my mother started taking care of neighborhood children. I loved coming up with fun activities to do with them. I still do some of those activities with the children in my classroom. Thanks, Mom, for being my first and favorite teacher!

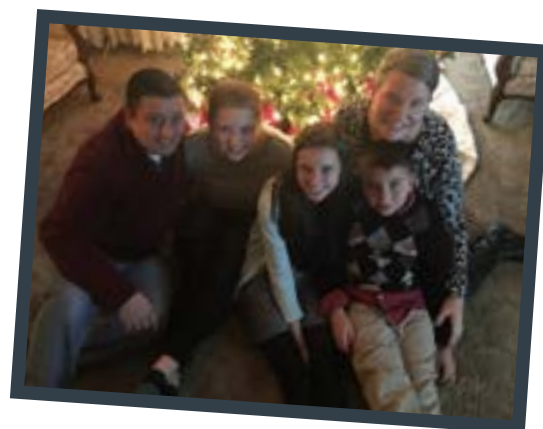


3) What do you do in your free time?

My family is my favorite free time activity. Together, we love attending Brewers games and going on bike rides. The Pike Bike Trail in Kenosha is our favorite.

4) What did you enjoy studying when you were in school?

I really knew that teaching was my passion in college. I loved any class that allowed me to interact with children. My student teaching classes were, by far, my favorite. I appreciated the opportunity to create my very own lesson plans and see the learning that blossomed from them.



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Spotlight on: Gloria Schumacher, JPIIA



Hi! I am Gloria Schumacher, principal of John Paul II Academy. For the past 18 years, with 15 of them as a principal, I have worked for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. I am proud to be the principal of John Paul II Academy for six years. Being a Catholic educator is my passion. I am a product of K-12 Catholic education myself!

I earned my bachelor's degree and master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee where I was trained as a servant leader in urban settings. This education has helped me to realize the importance of developing relationships and meeting the needs of all students. Two of the highlights of my career at JPIIA are implementing a breakfast program last school year and achieving "Exemplary Recognition in Educating the Whole Child."

John Paul II Academy has been such a blessing to me over the years. I attribute that to being part of such a supportive community and to have a great team to lead. My students mean everything to me. Our school community has embraced my family (husband, Don; son, Finnegan; and dog, Sadie). I enjoy being a part of such an extended family. I enlisted the help of my JPIIA kiddos in writing this article, and they said I must be sure to say "We have the best school!" Believe, Grow, Achieve!



JOHN PAUL II ACADEMY
Believe Grow Achieve



Fun Facts

- ◆ I am very afraid of raccoons.
- ◆ I was the assistant coach for my son's baseball team for three years.
- ◆ I love the Green Bay Packers and Milwaukee Brewers.
- ◆ I only write in blue pen!
- ◆ I love party planning and so I spend all my free time with family and friends.





Employee Spotlight on: Mrs. Jennifer Angelini, JPIIA

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5) What were you like when you were growing up?

Growing up, I was always the child who tried to do the right thing. In grade school, I was very shy. It wasn't until high school when I got involved in cross-country and track that I started breaking out and becoming less shy. I loved being part of a team and met so many friends I grew close to because of sports. I try to instill the importance of getting involved in sports, the arts or clubs with my own children and to try new things.

"You will never know what you can be GREAT at if you don't try."

6) Tell me something about yourself that we don't know.

I have a twin sister, Becky Gemmell, who is also employed with Siena Catholic Schools of Racine. She is the very creative art teacher at St. Lucy's. We've spent our entire schooling together from grade school at St. Lucy to Park High School, to the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and now at Siena Catholic Schools of Racine. I guess it is true... Great minds do think alike!



January 'Harvest of the Month' Recipe from Taher, Inc. Cider Spiced Onions



What you need...

2 lbs white peeled onions
3 Tbs apple jelly
2 Tbs Dijon mustard
1 Tbs grated ginger root
1 Tbs apple cider vinegar
1 Tbs cornstarch
1 cup apple juice

What to do...

1. Place onions in a 2 quart microwave-safe baking dish.
2. Add 1 inch of water; cover dish with lid or film wrap and cook on high power until onions are "fork-tender."
3. While onions are cooking, in a saucepan, combine apple jelly, mustard, ginger root, apple cider vinegar and cornstarch. Stir with a wire whisk until blended.
4. Stir in apple juice and cook. Stir over medium heat until sauce is thickened and comes to a boil.
5. Drain onions and serve with sauce. Enjoy!

Nutrition Snapshot ~1 serving

102 calories, 2g total fat, 5g saturated fat, 0g trans fat,

155ms sodium, 20g carbohydrate, 4g fiber, 2.5mg cholesterol, 3g protein



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
20	21 No School Teacher In-service Day	22	23 National Handwriting Day	24	25 "New York State of Mind" Admissions Event	26 St Joseph's Beer Bash fundraiser*
27 Catholic Schools Week! Open Houses	28 OLOGA fundraiser* St. Rita fundraiser*	29 "Faces of Jesus" performance*	30	31	Feb. 1	2 Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (Holy Day)
3	4	5 National Safer Internet Day	6	7	8 National Boy Scouts Day	9
10	11 National Make a Friend Day	12	13	14 St. Valentines Day	15 No School Teacher In-service Day	16

JAN. 21: NO SCHOOL, TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY
 JAN. 25: SIXTH- AND SEVENTH-GRADERS: "NEW YORK STATE OF MIND,"
 ADMISSIONS EVENT 5 TO 7 P.M. IN THE ST. CATHERINE'S CAFETERIA.
 JAN. 27 - FEB. 2: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
 JAN. 27: OPEN HOUSES AT ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
 *JAN. 29: "FACES OF JESUS" PERFORMANCE, 7 P.M. IN ST. CATHERINE'S
 JOIN US FOR THIS FREE EVENT! IT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
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*OLOGA
 JAN. 28: FUNDRAISER AT CHIPOTLE 4-8 P.M.
 5720 WASHINGTON AVE., MT PLEASANT

*ST. JOSEPH
 JAN. 26: ST. JOSEPH'S BEER BASH AT GEORGE'S TAVERN 7-11 P.M.
 1201 N. MAIN ST., RACINE

*ST. RITA
 JAN. 28: SCHOOL FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO DINE AT DOGS & CREAM DINER,
 2721 DOUGLAS AVE., RACINE
 4 -7 P.M. SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

LOOKING AHEAD...
 MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

MARCH 5: MARDI GRAS
 MARCH 6: ASH WEDNESDAY
 MARCH 7: PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
 MARCH 8: NO SCHOOL
 MARCH 18-29: FORWARD TESTING
 APRIL 19-28: EASTER VACATION

