



The purpose of the [St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation](#) is to raise, steward and distribute resources to enrich the education of students in the St. Joseph Public Schools District.

February 2020 Special Fund Request Grants Awarded

\$95,125

CONGRATULATIONS

- **Family Partnership Nights** (Literacy & Math) - Julia Appel
- **Expanding Kagan Cooperative Learning through Training and Coaching - year 2** - Kristen Bawks
- **Bringing Positivity Project to SJPS Elementary Schools** - Kristen Bawks
- **Senior Service Project Presentation Day** - Tracy Becker and Joyce Hunter
- **Michigan District Key Club Service Leadership Conference** - Lauri Berry
- **Author Visit Marc Tyler Nobleman: Shedding Light on the Dark Knight** - Jamie Culver, Kristin Burnette, Connie Bacolor
- **Secondary Summer Send Off** -Amy Dirlam, Kristin Burnette, Jamie Culver
- **Grand Valley State University French Day** - Colleen Elkins
- **Professional Learning Communities Refresh** - Kelly Gaideski
- **GrapeSEED** - Kelly Gaideski
- **Restorative Circles Training** - Craig Hubble, Bri VanEkken
- **Flexible Furnishings for Social Work/At Risk Rooms** - Craig Hubble
- **Rocketbook Pilot** - Craig Jeffers
- **Flexible Seating for Art Rooms** - Chad Mandarino

Thank you for providing SJPS students and teachers with creative and valuable learning experiences!

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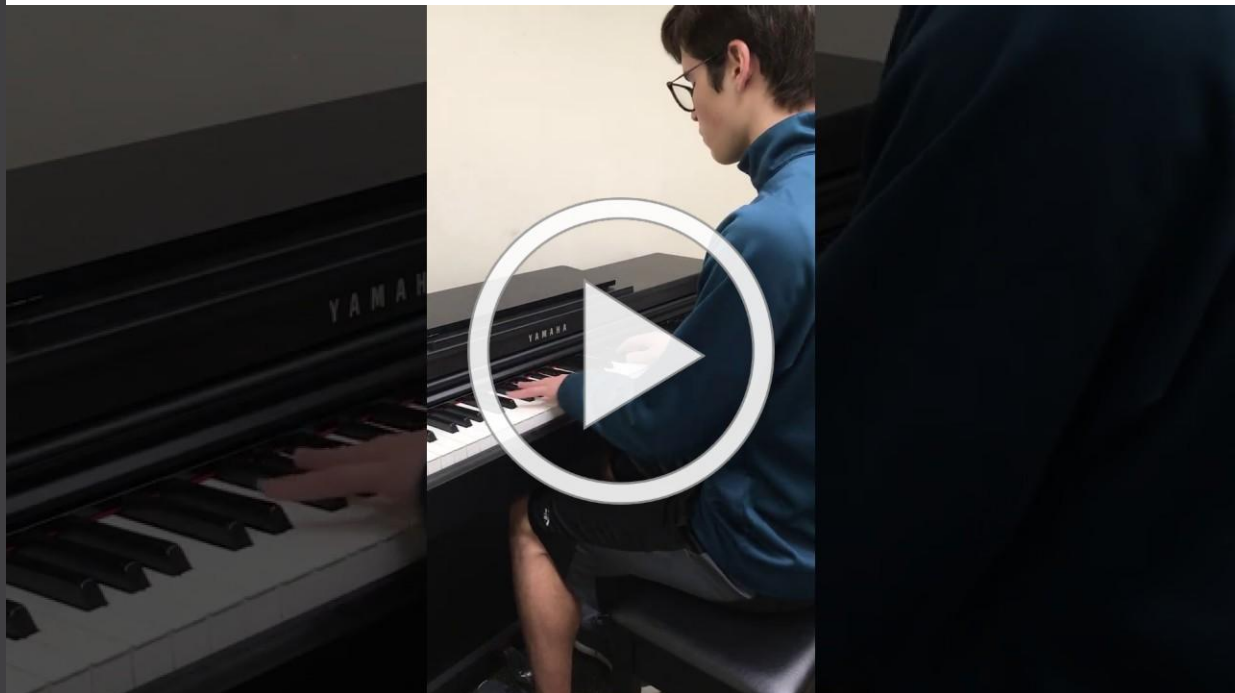


Practice Room Pianos (keyboards)

Jonathan Miesse, grade 12

"These new keyboards are amazing. They not only feel like a real piano, but also their perfect intonation is helpful for any instrument, they have enough volume to accompany an orchestra, and they are just plain fun to play."

Jonathan Miesse, grade 12



Mckenzie Schmidt, grade 11



"Many students use practice rooms for working through music, composition, and lessons. Replacing the current pianos with electric ones will guarantee that these pianos stay in tune and will impact the students' ability to rehearse and grow as musicians."

Beth Gray-Roll
Choral Director
St. Joseph High School



"The keyboards allow students to connect to their computers while still having the sound and feel of a piano. Minimizing the number of acoustic pianos has allowed us to reduce our overall maintenance costs as well. We appreciated the Foundation's dedication and ongoing support of the Arts."

Burke Lokey
Orchestra Director
St. Joseph High School



Medical Careers Lab at SJHS Advanced Equipment

"The Advanced Healthcare and Phlebotomy class at [SJHS](#) is an amazing program and I am so glad to be involved in it. I love the fact that we get to experience hands-on activities such as blood draws, finger pricks, and CPR.

When I started the class, I was iffy on pursuing a career in the medical field. This class has opened my eyes to the fact that I will be helping people on a daily basis if I continue in this field. The experience is incredible, and the class has been successful with help from the St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation."

Paige Bennett, grade 12

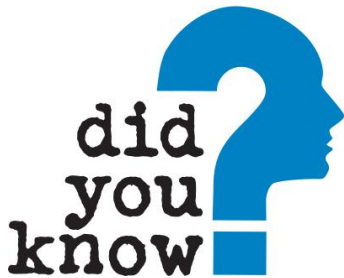




We know there is a demand for healthcare related professionals. Our CTE allied health program provides our students with a variety of hands-on activities related to medical assisting, phlebotomy and general healthcare practices.

We are grateful that the [SJPS Foundation](#) has provided so many pieces of equipment to support our curriculum needs. We actually have students drawing blood and performing finger stick tests under the close supervision of our Healthcare teacher. These experiences were made possible with the support of our Foundation --- Thank You!

Jim Berry
Assistant Principal
CTE Director



95%

of contributions to the SJPS Foundation
benefit SJPS and its students!

BE A STAR!

IN THE SJPS 2020/2021 Calendar!



"Upton Sings the Blues" submitted by Nicolina Holt.

This entry won 1st place for the People's Choice Award, 2018/2019 photo contest and made the cover of the 2019/2020 SJPS Calendar.

GET CREATIVE!

- Take unique photos of your life at school (academics, arts, athletics and extra-curricular activities) using creative lighting, angles and composition between April 2019 and March 2020
- Photos **MUST** be high resolution (at least 10 x 8" horizontal format at 300 dpi, or 2550x3300 at 300ppi). Photos sent from phones must be actual size. **SORRY - PHOTOS THAT DON'T MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS CAN'T BE CONSIDERED.**
- Only one entry per person, so give us your best shot!

HOW TO ENTER:

- Email your entry to sjpsfoundation@sjpschools.org
- All entries due by 10 pm, March 20, 2020

HOW TO WIN:

- PHOTOS WILL BE JUDGED BY PROFESSIONALS and the top 10 will be posted online for public voting from April 9-20, 2020. The photo with the most votes online will receive "The Peoples' Choice Award" and be on the cover of the calendar.

GREAT PRIZES!

- "People's Choice Award" is the cover photo in next year's SJPS Calendar and wins a \$25 gift certificate to Silver Beach Pizza.
- "Most Creative Award" receives a Silver Beach Pizza gift card.
- Top 10 Photos will be in next year's calendar.



WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED MAY 1, 2020!
FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE.

www.sjpsfoundation.org

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TIPS FOR A WINNING PHOTO

- Cell photos are FINE! Make sure you email them in their ORIGINAL SIZE so they meet the size requirements.
- Entries must depict school life

- Take shot in LANDSCAPE not PORTRAIT mode so it can be used in the school calendar
- BE CREATIVE!



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to dedicate ourselves to educational excellence.

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Dennis and Lynn Bowen

In Memory of Dee Sykora
Dennis and Lynn Bowen

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