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THE SJPS FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

Thank You

On National Philanthropy Day and with Thanksgiving approaching, it is a perfect time to let you know how appreciative we are of your support. From the bottom of our hearts, **thank you** for enriching the education of students in the St. Joseph Public School District.



CHANGE THE WORLD

WITH A GIVING HEART

National Philanthropy Day[®]

**October Special Fund Request Grants Awarded
\$88,974**

Special Fund Request Grants

- Learning Lasts! Summer Experience Camp - Michelle Allen
- Coding with Dash Robots - Connie Bacolor
- Increasing Book Accessibility in Upper Elementary Classrooms - Kristen Bawks
- Making a Difference - Kristin Burnette
- Building #BookLove in the SJHS Library through Genrefication - Jamie Culver
- Project Lead Phase 2.5 The Engineering Pathway - Kelly Gaideski
- 2nd Annual Summer Reading Book Bonanza - Kelly Gaideski
- Elementary Field Trip Support - Craig Hubble
- Off Site Community Service - Susan Hunnell
- Senior Citizen Prom - Ashley Ke and The Key Club
- Character Counts - SMART Girls and Passport to Manhood - Lisa Knuth
- Grizzley Tech Team Build and Code UBTECH Robots - Stephanie Lear
- Assisted Credit Recovery/Academic Mentor - Nita Nicholie
- ARDF Club (Amateur Radio Direction Finding) - Cameron Robertson
- SJPS Robotics Program - Vic Vroegop

*"Feedback
from students
and parents
regarding our
[PLTW:](#)*



Mr. Vroegop's engineering students engage in Project Lead the Way activities. Above: Quick Build Bridge Project. Below: Learning Multiviews with Glass Box Method.



Introduction to Engineering course has been extremely positive. We are grateful to the



Foundation for funds that will allow SJHS students the chance to explore a 2nd year engineering course, *PLTW: Principles of Engineering*. The year 2 course will present problems that engage and challenge students while exploring a broad range of topics such as mechanisms, structure and material strength, and automation.

The **SJPS Foundation** is providing our high school students with an opportunity to experience a field that is in high demand in our community, while giving them a head start on post secondary options."

~ Kelly Gaideski, Director of Curriculum

YEAR END GIVING

Message from Bill Marohn

"The economic impact of a strong public school district on its community cannot be underestimated. St. Joseph is recognized as a great place to live, in part because of the A+ rating received by its public schools. Yet overall, Michigan schools rank only 21st in the country in funding. A recent study determined that the amount necessary to educate the average child to proficiency was \$2,000 higher than what the state of Michigan currently provides."

Bill Marohn, President
St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation



Together, it's FULL AHEAD!

The SJPS Foundation is committed to helping the SJPS District reach its goals. Our focus over the next 5 years is on early literacy and strengthening STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math). We realize that at year end you receive many requests for donations, but rest assured that your SJPS Foundation donation choices are reviewed weekly. Each grant is carefully reviewed by our Project Committee. The Project Committee then recommends the grants to the Board for approval. No project is funded without the endorsement of School Staff and Administrators.

"The quality of our schools directly impacts our community, our property values and most importantly, the future of our children."
 - Bill Marohn
 SJPS Foundation Board President



ROBOTICS GRANT
 "We're great students who don't wait to get our engineering skills to the best of the competition."
 - Jody, Grade 11
 - Jan, Grade 11

WELLNESS ENRICHMENT Community Service Grant
 "This was a great way to spend the afternoon following P&G meeting. It was cool to have the "Good One Day" gift would be given to a volunteer and being a "Good One Day!"
 - Alpha, Grade 11

LITERACY CAMP
 "We were under the Party at that Camp. It was fun and we had a lot of friends because we had an invitation to be there!"
 - Matthew, Grade 4

LEARNING LASTS Summer Experience Grant
 "The grant was used to allow for our students. They were able to make it to the experience and they had fun together."
 - Mike, 8th
 Principal, L.P. Clark Elementary

[View the entire message here](#)

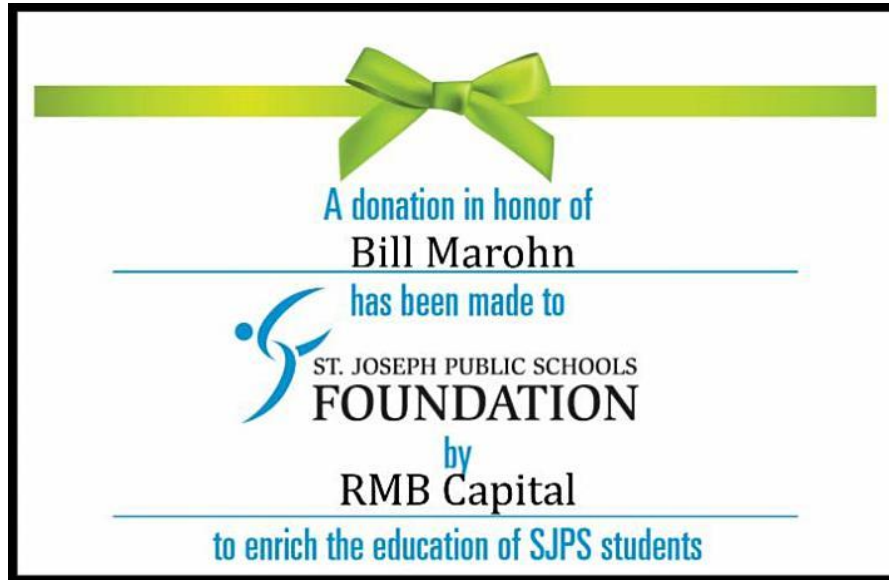


Distinguished Alumni Applications Due December 15, 2018

Award criteria and application are available on our website.

We can offer no greater gift to our children than to dedicate ourselves to educational excellence.

October Honorariums



In Honor of SJPS Foundation President Bill Marohn who is retiring from the Foundation
RMB Capital



L to R: Amy Porritt-Peirce, Sue Riemland, SJPS Foundation, Denise Reeves
In Honor of Board of Education President Amy Porritt-Peirce and Secretary Denise Reeves who are
retiring from the Board of Education
Ginny Antonson

To honor a teacher, coach, student or friend, contact the Foundation office
sjpsfoundation@sjschools.org or 269-926-3252

October Memorials

In Memory of Richard Bell

In Memory of Mildred Fiore

In Memory of Gerald Pechtel

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