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## **SJPS Robotics Facility Dream Becomes a Reality**

St. Joseph Public Schools is pleased to announce plans for the construction of a new robotics facility named the Edward J. Todd Innovation Center. The project is made possible by the SJPS Foundation through generous donations from long time community donors who have a passion for K-12 education, especially in the field of Technology. Lead donor, Edward J. Todd, SJHS Class of '54, has been a strong supporter of improvements for St. Joseph Public Schools and its students. The Hanson Family Foundation, will also provide substantial funding, and has a keen interest in the advancement of engineering careers in the area. Construction on the robotics facility is scheduled to start this spring with completion by December 31, 2018.

SJPS Foundation President Bill Marohn stated, "This project is a fine example of what can be accomplished when we all come together with a common vision and goal. It is a significant investment for our students planning careers in automation, design and logistics. We believe in the FIRST Robotics program and the impact it can have in our community. Berrien County is the epicenter of FIRST Robotics activity and we believe this project will have a positive economic impact on our area."



**Architectural Rendering of the Edward J. Todd Innovation Center  
at St. Joseph High School**

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## Foundation Board Approves \$90,403 in Grants

17 Grant Applicants were notified last week that their proposals had been approved by the SJPS Foundation Board. Recipients have 12 months to spend their Special Fund Grants which are awarded in October and February each year. Some of the criteria used to select grants include ratio of the number of students involved vs. cost, curriculum alignment, appropriate goals and sustainability.



### **Congratulations, Special Fund Request Recipients:**

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| Michelle Allen<br>Julia Appel                              | Summer Literacy Camp                                   | \$404.30    |
| Connie Bacolor   | Elementary Book Club Books                             | \$500.00    |
| Kristen Bawks<br>Kelly Gaideski                            | Professional Learning Communities at Work<br>Institute | \$3,345.00  |
| Kelly Gaideski   | Summer Reading Challenge                               | \$2,565.00  |
| Colette Jasiak   | Social Emotional Learning Conference                   | \$1,000.00  |
| Amy Dirlam   | Media Center Maker/STEAM Space                         | \$3,479.91  |
| Kara Nicholson   | GO Time/Response to Intervention                       | \$1,500.00  |
| Ann Cardon   | Bathroom Hotlines                                      | \$1,650.00  |
| Greg Blomgren<br>Chad Mandarin                             | Speaker, Mike Smith, "Pursuing Your Passions"          | \$6,205.00  |
| Colleen Elkins   | SJHS World Languages DiLL Lab Refresh &<br>Training    | \$990.00    |
| Joe Haydon   | High School GO Time                                    | \$1,500.00  |
| Greg Blomgren<br>Lauri Berry<br>Jamie Culver<br>Susan Wade | SJHS All School Read                                   | \$1,500.00  |
| Greg Blomgren  | Wellness Enrichment                                    | \$1,937.00  |
| Amy Dirlam   | ISTE Conference  | \$4,500.00  |
| Kelly Gaideski   | STEAM-Medical Careers Lab Equipment                    | \$23,500.00 |
| Kelly Gaideski   | STEAM-Project Lead the Way, Engineering<br>Pathway     | \$32,827.00 |
| Burke Lokey<br>Aaron Engleman                              | London Trip Instrument Procurement                     | \$3,000.00  |

## **Foundation Scholarship Applications Due Friday!**

***Completed applications are due Friday, February 23rd at  
12:00 pm (Noon) in the SJHS Guidance Office***



**Jeff Hoover, SJHS Class of '84: Why I ENCORE?**



Jeff Hoover '84,  
Morning News  
Producer WGN TV

"I love Dennis Bowen and the other great teachers that inspired and supported my dreams; I love to entertain and make people laugh, and Tony Orlando wasn't available, so I got in!"

[www.sjhscencore.org](http://www.sjhscencore.org)

**Auditions accepted  
through April 1, 2018**

**District Wide Photo Contest**

**Entries are due March 30th!**

<http://www.sjpsfoundation.org/Photo-Contest.html>

**January Memorials**



**In Memory of Madelyn Nabicht**

Rick and Pam Dyer  
Bill and Jane Marohn

**In Memory of Betty Riemland**

Ginny Antonson  
Amy Porritt-Peirce and Mike Peirce  
Bill and Jane Marohn

**Thank You, January Donors!**

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| Ginny Antonson<br>Bruce and Lee Ann Bartz<br>Chris & Marny Bealer<br>Sean & Kris Ebbert | Fairmount Santrol<br>John & Dede Howard<br>Jo Ann Hartzell | Indiana Michigan Power<br>Corine Tichenor<br>Mark and Janet Zielke |
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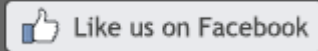
**SJPS Staff Giving**

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| Michelle Allen<br>Julia Appel<br>Kimberly Barron<br>Heather Bartz<br>Kristen Bawks<br>James Berry<br>Lauri Berry<br>Greg Blomgren | Kevin Guzzo<br>Joseph Haydon<br>Jamie Huber<br>Jason Huber<br>Susan Hunnell<br>Joyce Hunter<br>Lisa Knuth<br>Amber Lange |
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Andria Ettinger  
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