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# The Spartan Spotlight

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Welcome Back, Spartans!



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**Black & Gold**  
*Gala*  
**2021**

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Get your tickets by October 15!  
[SJSGala2021.givesmart.com](https://www.givesmart.com/SJSGala2021)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6**  
 Cocktail Hour 5:30 pm  
 Buffet, Silent & Live Auction

\$35/TICKET

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ALUMNI!

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## WELCOME BACK, SPARTANS!



Jerry Van Dyke,  
 Principal

We have had a very productive and successful first few weeks of the school year. I am always struck by the excitement that accompanies the beginning of a new school year, as the children are so excited to see their friends and teachers.

One nice change from last year is that we are able to celebrate our weekly Mass with all students and teachers together in church this year.

This time to pray together each week is a great reminder of why our school exists.

As always, I am thankful for the support we receive from parents, members of the Cluster parishes, alumni, and other friends of St. Joseph School. Without your hard work, prayers and financial support, we would not be able to offer the outstanding education we do.

Please join me in praying for our school using our 2021-2022 school prayer, written by Sister Claudine Balio. Copies of this prayer are available in the parish and school office.

### 2021-2022 St. Joseph Catholic School Prayer by Sister Claudine Balio

St. Joseph, you were the beloved husband of Mary and devoted dad of Jesus. Scripture tells us you were a righteous man. Help us to be like you, kind and caring about others. Help us be compassionate and understanding to our neighbor, especially when we have different opinions and ideas. Above all else, help us to open our hearts to God's love and to share His love with those around us.

We ask your help in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

# INTRODUCING 4 HIS GLORY (4HG)

St. Joseph Catholic School has recently adopted For His Glory (4HG) by integrating it into our athletic programs and physical education classroom. 4HG is led by former Minnesota Viking and Super Bowl Champion, Matt Birk. Throughout the school year, student-athletes will have the opportunity to participate in clinics and learn more about a healthy sports culture with their faith at the center.



During our athletic events and before physical education class, each of our PreK-8 classrooms will begin with this prayer.

### 4 His Glory Prayer

*My Jesus, I play for Your glory.  
Win or lose, may I always do my best and remember that my worth is always found in You.  
Holy Spirit, play through me.  
Amen.*

To learn more about 4HG, visit our website at [sjsrcielake.org/4-his-glory](http://sjsrcielake.org/4-his-glory).

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT - A SPARTAN FRIENDSHIP

## Auriana Hyllested (Audette) and Mei Li Brown (Alumni 2010)

*It certainly takes a special friendship to remain so closely connected to an elementary school classmate. This is exactly what Mrs. Auriana Hyllested (SJS Middle School Teacher) and Ms. Mei Li Brown (UW-Madison Marketing Coordinator) have created with one another. Their friendship is a great example of what we at St. Joseph Catholic School try to embody in our students - a sense of family and belonging.*

*Here is their story:*

### What have you been doing since 8th grade? Explain your friendship.

In high school, we participated in show choir together for two years. We also shared a lot of classes including, Spanish, Choir, Mythology, and AP English. We graduated from Rice Lake High School in 2014.

**Auriana:** I attended UW-Superior and pursued a degree in Elementary Education.

**Mei Li:** I attended UW-Madison and pursued a degree in Communication Arts and Digital Studies.



Backstage at the SJS middle school production of Godspell (2009)

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT...CONTINUED

### How has your faith guided you?

Our faith gives us strength knowing that God is always with us. When we are feeling grateful or upset about something, we turn to Him for guidance and support. This gives us comfort and lets us know that we are not alone.

### Favorite Subject/Memory?

One of our favorite memories from St. Joseph School was participating in the spring plays. We had so much fun acting and singing on stage! We enjoyed participating in other after-school activities too like band, handbell choir, choir, serving at Mass, basketball, and volleyball. We also loved going on class field trips, especially the 4th grade Madison trip and the 8th grade Wisconsin Dells trip.



The newly wed Mrs. Hyllested and her maid of honor (2020).

### What is your greatest professional accomplishment?

**Auriana:** As a senior in high school, we were told at the 8th-grade graduation mass that, "St. Joseph School is your home and you will always be welcome here". I remembered this throughout college as I completed my student teaching at St. Joseph School in the 4th grade classroom. My dream of becoming a teacher was closer and closer to coming true. In 2019, I started teaching at St. Joseph School as the middle school science teacher. During my time teaching here, I have been able to build so many relationships with students and, with the help of my amazing colleagues, have helped them to become motivated to succeed spiritually, morally, and academically. This, I believe, is my greatest accomplishment so far.

**Mei Li:** One of my greatest professional achievements was being asked to write articles on nonprofit associations and their website analytics. The research I conducted allowed me to learn more about different organizations and their impactful programs and networking opportunities.



Celebrating Halloween with the dancing classroom skeleton (2005)

### Advice for current students?

**Auriana:** When things get tough, reach out to those around you. God, your family, your teachers, and your friends will be there for you.

**Mei Li:** Be curious and ask questions! The only way we can grow as individuals is by learning from others and growing from our mistakes.