

# From the Principal's Desk

Dear Wolfpack Families,

I hope you are all having a wonderful, safe and happy summer break!

#### Back to School To Do's:

- **Summer Work-** Make sure your child is working on their **Summer Work** so that it is complete and ready to turn in on the first day of school.
- Uniforms- Make sure that you have everything your child needs to be ready for the new school year. <u>Click here</u> to review uniform requirements. Just a reminder that the current girls' jumpers are approved through the 2026-2027 school year. After that, the <u>new Drop</u> <u>Waist Jumper</u> will be required.
- School Supplies- Grade-specific supply lists are available <u>HERE</u>. If you ordered supplies
  through 1st Day School Supplies, please note that some items need to be purchased
  separately- look for the asterisk (\*) to indicate this.
- Grooming Guidelines- Summer is a fun time to accessorize, but our school handbook requires all hair to be of your natural color without highlights/lowlights. Nails should be of natural length and color; clear coat is allowed. Spray tans and tanning lotion is prohibited.

#### **SAVE THE DATES:**

#### Pre-K Orientation- Aug. 26th at 7pm

Parents of Pre-K students should plan to attend Pre-K Orientation on Tuesday, August 26th at 7pm in the Multi-Media Center.

#### Eighth Grade Parent Meeting- Sept. 8th at 6pm

We will meet in the Multi-Media Center to go over everything related to the high school application process. We ask that at least 1 adult from each eighth grade family attends. 8th grade students are welcome to join however seating will be limited due to location.

#### **Back to School Nights**

Grades 1-5: *Tuesday, September 9th at 6pm*Grades 6-8: *Wednesday, September 10th at 6pm* 

#### Sneak Peek Information: TOMORROW, August 21st from 3-4pm

- Join us for a quick visit before the first day of school! Get a look at your child's classroom, drop off any large/bulky supplies, and briefly meet their teacher.
- If you ordered a yearbook last year, HASA will have them available for pick up.
- HASA will also have a used uniform sale and snowballs available to purchase. Snowballs will be \$2 each and used uniforms will be \$3 each. CASH ONLY.
- SJS magnets and decal stickers will also be for sale for \$5 each. NEW! Credit card payment also accepted via Stripe. Cash also accepted.
- If you still need to pick up your child's report card or medicine from last year please stop

- into the Main Office to do so.
- We understand that not everyone will be able to attend, but we hope to see many of you there!

# Parking Lot Safety for Arrival and Dismissal-IMPORTANT PLEASE READ!! Morning Arrival

- As many of you know, the church is still under construction, which means that daily Mass
  is occurring in the Parish Center. This means that there will be other people entering
  campus at the same time as our school families. Please know that they may not be aware
  of our parking lot procedures, so please practice patience with everyone.
- In the morning, follow the flow of traffic with our "snake line" by entering from Belair Rd via the long drive by the Church, or by the playground. Both entrances will have 2 lanes that we ask you to respectfully merge into one. In front of the Church, there may be a 3 way merge, again please merge in a kind and respectful manner.
- NO ONE may enter our campus at the traffic light as our traffic is one-way during morning arrival.
- Only PreK families are allowed to park in front of the gym for arrival.
- NO ONE is allowed to park by the playground during arrival for any reason. Should you
  need to walk into the office for any reason, please park behind the church and walk
  around. You must drop your child off in the snake line prior to doing this.
- When pulling into the "snake line", please pull up bumper-to-bumper. This makes a HUGE difference in getting additional cars onto our campus and off of Belair Rd.
- Remember to stagger your arrival time. If everyone arrives prior to the doors opening, or at the same time, we are unable to get the line cleared which will cause a backup.
- Please have patience the first few weeks of school, remembering that our kindergarten students are working on their independence as they learn to come into school via drop off.
- While we work out the kinks of the first few weeks, students will not be marked late UNLESS they arrive after the line has been cleared.

#### Afternoon Dismissal

- Only PreK families can park in front of the gym.
- Parents of students in grades 1-8 should park in the main parking lot.
- Please be on time, park in straight rows, and no spaces should be left. We ask that you do not curve the lines and/or park sideways in the back of the lot.
- The line closest to the school/curb is for families that **ONLY** have a Kindergarten student. Please do not park in that row until after these cars leave.
- NO ONE is able to enter the campus at the traffic light as our traffic is one-way during dismissal.
- NO ONE is allowed to park by the playground at dismissal for any reason.
- If you see a child who does not have an adult here to pick them up, please bring them to the faculty member in the wait zone. Taking them with you causes confusion and undue stress when we are looking for them.
- If your child needs to be picked up early from school, it must be done NO LATER THAN 2:45 pm.

#### **General Parking Lot Reminders**

- Please be sure to follow the traffic directions by Mr. Tony or staff.
- These rules and procedures are in place for the safety of your children.
- As parents, if you do not follow these rules, that sends a message to your child that they
  do not have to follow the rules either, rather than sending the message that we are all
  working together.
- If someone else drops off or picks up your child(ren), please be sure to share all of these guidelines/reminders with them.
- View maps on our website <u>HERE.</u>

#### Welcome to our New Faculty- One additional update!

We are so happy to welcome all of these new Teachers & Faculty to our staff this year!!

- Main Office- Mrs. E. Brazier
- 2nd Grade IA- Ms. Haves
- 4th Grade- Ms. K. Williams
- 5th Grade- Mrs. R. Brazier
- 5th Grade IA- Mrs. Gracey has moved to this position
- 6th Grade- Mrs. Yearick
- 8th Grade- Mrs. Cowand
- PE- Mr. Smith
- Math- Mrs. Mitala

#### **Safety Patrol Meeting:**

- Thank you so much to all of those that submitted your interest.
- ALL of you that submitted have been selected to be part of the Safety Patrol. If needed, we will open this up again later in the year.
- Just a reminder that the Safety Patrol Meeting will be held this **Friday**, **August 22nd at 1:30pm** for about an hour.
- Please have students arrive at the Main Entrance.

#### **Morning Announcements: New Roles**

- Students have been notified and asked to attend an Orientation Meeting this Friday, August 22nd at 2:20-3:00pm.
- Should you have questions please email Mrs. Starcher: <a href="mailto:mstarcher@stjoeschool.org">mstarcher@stjoeschool.org</a>.

#### Key Dates for the 2025-2026 School Year

Please <u>click here</u> to see all of our key dates for the 2025-2026 School Year. *These are subject to change at any time.* 

#### **New Announcements**



# **NEW Spirit Wear!!**

Check out our latest gear including Nike t-shirts!
Be ready for our first Spirit Wear Day of the year on September 30th by ordering your Wolfpack gear by September 6th. ORDER NOW! View all spirit wear dates and the recommended order date HERE. Big and tall items coming soon online!
Order now via email.

#### **ICYMI**



## **Orioles Game this Saturday**

It's Wolfpack Night at the Yard! Join your St. Joe's friends before the first day back to watch the Orioles take on the Astros on Saturday, August 23rd at 7:05pm. The first 20,000 fans will receive a Jim Palmer replica jersey. PURCHASE TICKETS HERE! Use the promo code WOLFPACK.

# Sign Up to Give 8! by 9/3

How will you GIVE 8 this year? Please complete the <u>Volunteer Sign-up Form</u> to indicate what you are interested in volunteering for during the first



half of the school year (September-January). You are under no obligation and will be contacted to confirm participation as the opportunity nears. Please complete by September 3rd. A new volunteer form will be sent in November for events held during the second half of the year. All volunteers must be VIRTUS approved.



#### **Back to School Crab Feast**

Back by popular demand! The Back to School Crab Feast at Jimmy's Seafood will be Saturday, September 27th from 7:00 pm-10:00 pm. It will include their Famous Crab Buffet – all you can eat crabs, crab soup, corn on the cob, pit beef/ham/turkey, BBQ Baby Back Ribs, pasta, chicken tenders, and more. Tickets are \$75/adult and \$30/child. Purchase tickets here!

We are looking for donations for our silent auction and baskets. **Email HASA** to donate.





- · Go to RaiseRight.com/enroll
- Select "Join a Program"
- Enter the SJSF enrollment code: 4284BB763L119 to create an account
- Set up your preferred payment method and start shopping! Purchase e-gift cards or physical gift cards (available for pick up in the school office).



# Raise Right Gift Cards

Orders for physical gift cards may be placed by August 31st. Sign up online <u>HERE!</u>

What is RaiseRight? A fundraiser for schools that allow our families to purchase gift cards to their favorite retailers and restaurants. Use the gift cards to buy groceries, dine out, shop online, and more. Both digital and physical gift cards are available. Save on tuition and support our school!



#### It's Time to Vote for SJS

We have been nominated for the "Best of Baltimore" Reader's Choice Awards. Now we need your help! Vote for our school once per day, per email address. Thank you for your support!

#### Here's how to vote:

- 1. Visit <a href="https://bit.ly/VoteSJSFBestofBalto">https://bit.ly/VoteSJSFBestofBalto</a>
- 2. Find the "Kids and Education" category and select St. Joseph School-Fullerton as "Best Preschool", "Best Private School" and "Best Private School: Co-Ed"
- 3. Faculty and staff can also vote for us as a "Best Place to Work" under the "Living" category.
- 3. Submit your vote daily through Sept. 19th



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17	18 Teachers Return HASA Meeting 6:30pm	19	20	2] Sneak Peek 3pm- 4pm	Kindergarten Orientation 8am	HASA O's Game
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# **Important Dates**

#### Thursday, 8/21

• Sneak Peek from 3-4pm

#### Friday, 8/22

- Kindergarten Orientation at 8:00am \*Parents only please
- Safety Patrol Meeting at 1:30pm
- Morning Announcements Club: New Roles Orientation Meeting at 2:20 pm 3:00 pm

#### Saturday, 8/23

HASA Orioles Game at 7:05pm

# Monday, 8/25

- First Day of the '25-'26 School Year (K-Gr 8)
- HALF DAY for Kindergarten-8th Grade (Kindergarten dismisses @11:45am, Gr 1-8 @12pm, no school for PreK)

#### Tuesday, 8/26

• Pre-K Orientation in the Multi-Media Center at 7pm \*Parents only please

#### Wednesday, 8/27

• First day for Pre-K 8am-11:35am

#### Friday, 8/29

HALF DAY (PreK @ 11:35am, K @ 11:45am, Gr 1-8 @ 12pm)

#### Monday, 9/1

• SCHOOL CLOSED (Labor Day)

#### **Looking Ahead:**

September 16th AOB High School Fair at SJS Fullerton 5:30-7:00pm September 26th Beachmont Corn Maze Night October 17th Trunk or Treat

#### **2025-2026 Key Dates**





# Parish Clean Up Day

Join us to help clean up our campus on Saturday, September 13th from 9am-11am. Meet in front of the St. Joseph statue in the quad.

#### **Oktoberfest**

Save the date! Oktoberfest returns on Sunday, October 19th following 10:30am Mass.





#### **Join Daisies**

A new Kindergarten Daisy Troop is forming for the 2025-2026 school year! The Troop will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. If interested in joining or volunteering, <a href="mailto:email\_Jeannette Matkowski">email</a> <a href="mailto:Jeannette Matkowski">Jeannette Matkowski</a>.



Come Meet Our Pack Monday, September 8 from 7pm-8pm St. Joe's Youth Building Below Playground



Adventures with Friends Outdoor Activities Community Service Pinewood Derby Hikes & Camping Builds Confidence Campfires & S'mores Lifelong Values

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#### **Join Cub Scouts**

Calling all BOYS and GIRLS in Kindergarten through 5th Grade! Meetings are held every Monday from 7-8pm. For more information, <a href="mailto:emailto

# **Confirmation Registration**

Confirmation registration is now available for rising 9th-12th graders. Program beings in September. Visit our webpage to register and for more information.

If you have any questions, you may email Rick Urbanski, Confirmation Coordinator,

at Confirmation@stjoefullerton.org

# Confirmation 2026

For rising 9th-12th graders (17 & under)

Confirmation registration is available online.
Program begins in September.

Visit our Confirmation page for more information

Contact: 410-256-1630 or confirmation@stjoefullerton.org

### **Wolfpack Athletics**





## 7th and 8th Grade Girls' Volleyball

Last call for 7th and 8th grade GIRLS! Limited space remaining! The cost is \$135 and includes 12 weeks of clinic skills, Catholic High Middle School Play Day, Battle of the Saints Tournament, and inhouse tournament. Registration will close once spaces are filled. Registration for 5th and 6th grade GIRLS has closed.

View dates and REGISTER HERE!

Questions? Email Coach Kim and Coach April.



# **6th Annual SJAA Golf Tournament**

Join us for a day of fun, friends, and fairways in support of St. Joe's Athletics!

Monday, October 6, 2025 Mt. Branch Golf Course 1827 Mountain Rd., Joppa

- 8 am Check-in, 9 am Start
- Format: Scramble
- Includes: Golf, Cart, Beverages, Lunch, Dinner, Prizes & More!

Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just in it for the laughs, we'd love to see you there. **REGISTER HERE!** 

Sponsorships available as well- for as little as \$100. View options HERE.

Questions? **Email Erik Cartwright.** 

#### **Looking Ahead:**

Friday, September 5th- Knights of Columbus Shoot Out and Team Photo Night with FREE Kona Ice courtesy of SJAA

Sunday October 5th- 10:30am Mass for the SJAA Soccer Program

Follow us on **Facebook** and our **website** for the latest updates.













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