

From the Principal's Desk

Dear SJS Families,

I am always so impressed with the sense of community here at St. Joseph School and Parish. Last week when I sent a sad email regarding a former student and current family, I truly felt the sense of community as we rallied together to support the family. Thank you all for exemplifying what it means to be part of a caring, Catholic community.

Coffee with Chrissie is Tomorrow!

Join us tomorrow, Thursday, April 3rd at 8:00 am in the Parish Center for our annual State of the School event. All parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend. Coffee will be provided. I will have a short presentation and will also answer your questions that are submitted in advance. If you have not already done so, please RSVP HERE. Questions may be submitted here as well.

Safety is Always a Priority

Tomorrow we will have another **Lockdown Drill**. We will share with students that this is just a drill. We will provide instructions on what to do in a dangerous situation. We will share that one option is to get out of sight and remain silent, but if getting out of the building is a better option, our teachers may direct them to do that.

Next week we will be participating in a **statewide drill for tornado safety.** We will have students move away from the windows to the interior of the hallways and cover their heads. We will ensure that it is communicated to students that this is only a drill as well.

Lenten Mission

Thank you to all of you who have donated so far! If you have not done so, please be sure to donate. Locally, we are supporting the <u>Center for Pregnancy Concerns</u> and internationally, we are supporting <u>outreach efforts in Karachi, Pakistan</u>. Donations can be made online by clicking on the mission. More information is below.

Race for Education - May 16, 2025

Please save the date for our biggest fundraiser of the year, and it's the MOST FUN!! This year we are aiming to raise \$65,000 for school improvements. We will have our Pep Rally tomorrow during the school day. Students will be coming home with more information. We will provide each student and faculty member with a Race Day t-shirt. Please submit your child(ren)'s size USING THIS FORM. This must be submitted no later than 11:59pm on Wednesday, April 9th.

Passion Walk

Mrs. Sherrie Palmateer does an incredible job each year putting together the Passion Walk, an interactive Lenten experience. Our students will all attend during the school day, and I encourage you to visit as well. If you are able to volunteer to help set up, break down, or assist with signing people in during the event, please <u>sign up HERE</u>.

Looking Ahead:

4/3 - Chick-fil-A Hot Lunch Make Up Day from T2 (pre-orders only)

4/7 - MAP Testing Gr 2-5 and Passion Walk Begins

4/8 - T3 Hot Lunch Begins and Reconciliation for Middle School Students

4/9 - RFE T-Shirt Sizes Due, Joe Corbi Pick Up 2 pm-6 pm in Parish Center and Representation Band Performs at ICS

4/11 - Spirit Wear Day and HASA Orioles Game

4/13 - Palm Sunday

4/14 - Warm Weather Uniform Begins and Last Day of the Passion Walk

4/16 - Interim Reports Emailed and HASA's A Minecraft Movie Showing

4/17 - Holy Thursday, Student Retreat, NOON Dismissal, and Spirit Lunch at CFA 12-3 pm

4/18 - School Closed, Good Friday and Bill's Seafood Sale

4/18-4/27 - School Closed for Easter/Spring Break

New Announcements



Race for Education

Save the date! Our largest fundraiser of the year is taking place on Friday, May 16th! This year we are aiming to raise \$65,000 for school improvements. A race packet with all of the details you'll need to know is being sent home with students tomorrow.

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Volunteers are needed on Race Day. Sign up HERE! Parents/guardians are invited to cheer on their child(ren) during their designated race time(s). A schedule will be shared in advance.

We love partnering with local businesses, other schools and our families! Want to be a RFE sponsor? Learn more here!



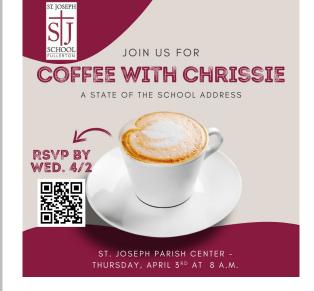
Joe Corbi's Pick Up

Families that previously placed a Joe Corbi's order will need to pick up their order in the Parish Center on Wednesday, April 9th between 2:00 pm-6:00 pm. If you are unable to pick up your order at this time, please coordinate with someone else to do so. We are unable to store orders after 6:00 pm.

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HERE. Questions may be submitted here as well.







Nominate Us

Please take a moment to nominate our school in the 2025 Baltimore Style Readers' Choice Awards! This year, there are 3 categories to nominate us in:

- Best Preschool
- Best Private School
- · Best Private School: Co-Ed

NOMINATE SJS HERE!

You only need to do this one time, per email address, between now and April 30th.

NEW Spirit Wear Collection

We're excited to announce our latest spirit wear collection - "May the PACK Be With You". Perfect for all Star Wars enthusiasts, these new styles come in variety of colors and sizes for everyone to show off their school pride.

Students are invited to wear items from this new collection on "May the PACK Be With You" Day - Friday, May 2nd in celebration of school spirit and Star Wars Day (officially celebrated on Sunday, May 4th).

Orders must be placed by Monday, April 14th in order to have them shipped to your home by April 28th. Check out the new May the PACK Be With You" Collection HERE.

All SJS spirit wear will be permitted to be worn on this day.

A Minecraft Movie: Private Showing

Get your tickets for a private screening of *A Minecraft Movie* on Wednesday, April 16th at Horizon Cinema Fallston. Doors will open at 5:45 pm, previews start at 6:00 pm, and the movie starts at 6:10 pm. Tickets are \$10 each. There are

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only 75 tickets available, so get yours today HERE!



Horizon Cinema Fallston 2315 Belair Rd Tickets \$10 each

Orioles Game

Watch the O's take on the Blue Jays on Friday, April 11th at 7:05pm at Oriole Park at Camden Yards. \$8 from every ticket purchased from THIS LINK or using the QR code with the promo code "WOLFPACK" will benefit our school. Tickets must be purchased by 4/10.



Benefitting Race for Education



Thursday, April 17th 12pm-3pm

8867 Belair Road *In Perry Hall Square Shopping Center

Dine in, carry out, drive thru & mobile orders. Must mention St. Joseph School. Mobile orders use code SJS417.

Spirit Lunch on April 17th

School dismisses early on Thursday, April 17th with no Hot Lunch served so make a plan to swing by Chick-fil-A in Perry Hall for lunch after dismissal! Make sure to mention that you are with **St. Joseph School** when you dine in, carry out, place a drive thru or mobile order. Orders placed between 12pm-3pm will support of our school with 20% being donated back to SJS. All mobile orders MUST enter the code **SJS417** to count.

Bonus Promo Deal! Order a 12-count nugget meal for an extra \$1.00 bonus donation to our school.



1st Day School Supplies

We are partnering with 1st Day School Supplies again this year to make back-to-school shopping easy! Order now and don't worry about it later. Ordering a kit from 1st Day is optional. A portion of the proceeds support our school. Visit our school's link to purchase HERE. Full school supply lists are available on our website HERE. Please note that items marked with an asterisk need to be purchased separately as they are not included in the 1st Day kits.

Reminders from Nurse Mary

Parents/Guardians of Current 5th Grade Students:

Upon your child entering 6th grade in the 2025-2026 school year, we will be requiring an updated physical exam, completed within one year before school starts in the fall. This is to ensure that I am up to date on any medical concerns or new medications your child may be taking, all for the continued safety of your child. View a copy of the Maryland Schools Record of Physical Examination Form from the Finalsite Parent Portal HERE.

Parents/Guardians of Current 6th Grade Students:

In 2014, new immunization requirements were mandated for students entering 7th grade. These new requirements are in addition to the existing school immunization requirements. All current 6th-grade students are <u>required</u> to submit an updated immunization record reflecting that the following immunizations have been administered *before* entering 7th grade 2025-2026:

- One (1) Tdap vaccination
- One (1) Meningococcal vaccination

Please contact your child's physician to verify if any vaccinations are missing and obtain an updated immunization (reflecting the above have been given) record to provide to the school. It is very likely your child has already been given these vaccines, as physicians have been aware of the changes for some time. Most students have their original immunization records on file from when they first entered St. Joseph's. This early notification of requirements affords you plenty of time to verify, confirm, and provide the school with the updated immunization record to aid in a smooth return to school in the Fall.

According to Maryland School Immunization Regulations (COMAR 10.06.04), students must be immunized according to the Maryland Recommended Childhood Immunization Schedule to be allowed in school. A child will have up to 20 days from the start of school (2025-2026 school year) to show proof of vaccinations, after which exclusion from school can be enforced.

I will send a reminder home in early May to those who have not sent in an updated immunization record. It can be sent in over the summer in preparation for the beginning of school in late August. If you have any questions, please contact me at 410-256-8026.

Thank you,

Mary Konopacki RN, BSN mkonopacki@stjoeschool.org 410-256-8026

Important Dates

THURSDAY, 4/3

- T2 Make Up Chick-fil-A Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)
- MS MAP Testing (continues)

FRIDAY, 4/4

- SCHOOL IS IN SESSION
- Chapel is open for Adoration from noon-5pm
- Last Day of MS MAP Testing

MONDAY, 4/7

- Passion Walk Begins (through April 14th)
- MAP Testing Begins for Gr 2-5

TUESDAY, 4/8

- T3 Hot Lunch Session Begins: Subway Hot Lunch (pre-orders only)
- Reconciliation for Middle School Students

WEDNESDAY, 4/9

- Dominick's Pizza Hot Lunch (pre-ordes only)
- Race for Education T-Shirt Sizes Due by 11:59pm
- Joe Corbi's Pick Up 2:00 pm-6:00 pm in the Parish Center
- Representation Band Performs at ICS

THURSDAY, 4/10

• Chick-fil-A Hot Lunch (pre-orders only)

FRIDAY, 4/11

- Spirit Wear Day
- MAP Testing Ends for Gr 2-5
- Chapel is open for Adoration from noon-5pm
- HASA Orioles Game

Looking Ahead:

April 13th - Palm Sunday

April 14th - Warm Weather Uniform Begins

April 18th - Bill's Seafood Sale

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May 2nd - May the Pack Be With You Spirit Wear Day

2024-2025 Key Dates

FULL-YEAR CALENDAR







Passion Walk

Experience the Passion of Christ in an immersive and unique way at St. Joseph Church's Passion Walk this Lent. Open to everyone. See flyer for dates and times.

Volunteers are needed to set up, break down, and assist during the event with signing visitors in. <u>USE THIS LINK</u> to volunteer, thank you!



Vacation Bible School

Registration is open for VBS! Open to students entering kindergarten through 5th grade. Join us! June 23-26th from 9 am-12 pm. Cost is \$35.00. REGISTER ONLINE HERE! Limited space available.

Ignite Service Camp

Registration is open for Ignite Service Camp!
Open to students entering 6th-12th grade. Join us!
July 14th-18th from 8:30 am-3:30 pm. Cost is
\$150.00 and includes the cost of all activities.
REGISTER ONLINE HERE!







Lenten Outreach

Locally, we will support the Center for Pregnancy Concerns (CPC) and internationally, we will support outreach efforts in Karachi, Pakistan.

All gifts received for the CPC will support the CPC's Baby Bottle Campaign and their operating expenses.

All gifts received for our outreach efforts in Karachi, Pakistan will support the needs of the orphans, elderly, and poor in the Christian slums.

Use the links below to support these 2 causes:

- <u>DONATE ONLINE HERE</u> for the Center for Pregnancy Concerns
- DONATE ONLINE HERE for efforts in Karachi, Pakistan

Fridays in Lent

Join us for Adoration, Confession and Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent.

Wolfpack Athletics





Fall Soccer- Registration is LIVE!

Play soccer with SJAA! Soccer is open to PreK through 8th grade students. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to register for Fall soccer! Registration will close on May 18th at 11:59pm.

Attention past coaches and those interested in coaching, please <u>email our Soccer</u>

<u>Commissioner Brett Vallecillo</u> to let him know your intentions for this upcoming year.

SJAA Meetings

All are welcome to attend the SJAA Monthly Meetings. Our next meeting is 5/12 at 8 pm in the Parish Center Rooms 2 & 3. To attend via Zoom, email Mike McGuire.

Follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and our <u>website</u> for the latest updates.











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