

From the Principal's Desk

Dear SJS Families,

Welcome back and happy spring! I hope you had a joyful Easter and restful break. We are now in the homestretch toward summer! Let's continue working together to ensure a great ending to the school year. There is a lot of important information below, so please be sure to read everything carefully to stay up to date on all that is happening on campus.

Congratulations to our Second Grade Students

Blessings to our 2nd graders who make their First Holy Communion this weekend! Thank you to our second grade teachers, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Bennett, for preparing them for this important day.

Best of Luck

This Saturday our Track & Field Team competes in the Youth Bowl at Archbishop Curley High School. Go Wolfpack!!

Thank You to our Teachers and Nurse Mary

Next week we celebrate all of our amazing teachers and school nurse, Nurse Mary, in celebration of Teacher Appreciation and School Nurse's Day. Thank you for your unwavering dedication, compassion, and commitment to our students! We are so grateful for all you do.

Safety Patrol

The May team starts TOMORROW!!! As a reminder, we will host our end of the year Safety Patrol pizza party on Monday, May 19th. Pizza and dessert will be provided; please send your child in with their water bottle as normal. We look forward to celebrating their hard work this year. *This is for current Safety Patrol Members only.*

Volunteer Mass and Brunch

We are so thankful to our volunteers for their time that has made so many wonderful events at SJS possible. We would like to thank you for your efforts by celebrating together at Mass at 8:30 am and brunch following Mass on Wednesday, May 14th. If you are able to attend, please RSVP HERE by May 8th.

Give 8!

Just a reminder that if you have not logged your Give 8! hours yet, please be sure to do so here!

Race for Education

We are 77% to our goal of raising \$65,000!! This is our largest fundraiser of the year. Thank you to those who have already donated! There are several ways to support RFE and your student racer. Donate, share your <u>race page</u> with friends and family, and <u>volunteer to help</u> on May 16th.

Confirmation Information for our Current 8th Graders

There will be an information session for 8th grade parents/guardians (students do not need to attend) on Wednesday, May 7th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center regarding this year's Confirmation Program. This year's Confirmation Program will start in early September 2025 and

end in early December 2025. The Confirmation Liturgy is tentatively scheduled for early February 2026. While attendance at this Parent/Guardian session is not mandatory, it is highly encouraged. If you have any questions, you may email Rick Urbanski, Confirmation Coordinator, at Confirmation@stjoefullerton.org

New Announcements



ne QR Code or copy the link into your address bar to donate to this special day for the staff!



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Wednesday, May 7th, We're sending Travelin' Tom's to St Joseph Fullerton to treat the staff to a Travelin' Tom's beverage of their choice!



Teacher Appreciation Day

In honor of Teacher Appreciation Day, HASA is placing gift bags for all faculty and staff outside of the school office Monday through Friday. Have your students show our faculty some love by dropping a special note in their bags. You can make your own card or blank paper will be provided.

In addition, the Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck is coming to St. Joe's on Wednesday, May 7th to treat our staff to a beverage of their choice! Show our staff how much you appreciate them by donating a beverage. To donate a drink, please click here!



May the Pack Be With You Day

Celebrate May 4th as a PACK! Students and faculty are invited to wear SJS spirit wear this **Friday, May 2nd.** This includes our latest spirit wear collection, "May the Pack Be With You".

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Last Call! Home & School Assoc. (HASA) Board Nominations '25-26

Calling all St. Joseph Parents! HASA is accepting Board Member nominations for THREE POSITIONS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR. Positions include Treasurer, Hot Lunch Co-Chairperson, and Hospitality Representative. All you need is a desire to share your time and talents with your school family. Please consider joining and volunteering your time to help our students. Submit your nomination HERE by today, April 30th. Email HASA with any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Ambassador Families Needed

Share your love of SJS Fullerton with new families by becoming an Ambassador Family! Please complete this interest form and submit it to Mrs. Angie Corno by Friday, May 2nd.







WE ARE INVITING ALL ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO ENTER THEIR DRAWINGS IN OUR YEARBOOK ART CONTEST.

SUBMIT ART ON:

- 8.5 X 11 SHEET OF WHITE PAPER
- VERTICAL ORIENTATION
 - (LIKE THE PICTURE)

ALL ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE:

- THE WORDS, "ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL"
- THE DATE "2024-2025"

PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE FRONT OF YOUR SUBMISSION, ONLY ON THE BACK!

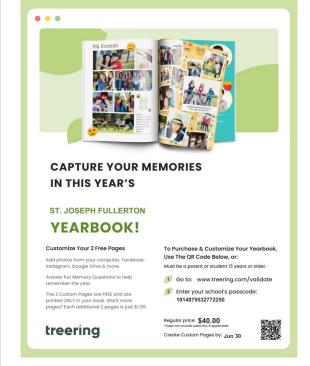


Yearbook Cover Art Contest

Calling all artists! We encourage students to submit their original artwork for the annual Yearbook Art Contest. All submissions are due to Mrs. Ashby by this Friday, May 2nd. See flyer for details.

Yearbook Ordering

Order your '24-'25 yearbook and customize 2 pages at no charge! Additional pages can be customized for a fee. Order yours today! Accepting orders through June 30th.





Last Chance to Nominate SJS

Thank you to everyone who nominated SJS! If you have not already, 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, by today.

Race for Education Corner

Get ready to cheer and make a difference! Our annual Race for Education is right around the corner, and the excitement is building! This fun-filled event helps raise essential funds to support our school, and every lap makes an impact. Track your student racer's donations and our school's progress HERE!



Spirit Night at Das

Join us at Das Bierhalle in Parkville on Tuesday, May 6th in support of RFE. This is an ALL DAY fundraiser so grab lunch and/or dinner! 20% of all REGULAR PRICED items will be donated back to our school. Make sure to say you are with St. Joe's! Dine in or carry out. Order online using the code "PACK". Das is located at 9527 Harford Road, Parkville. View their menu and order online HERE.

Excludes Happy Hour and any other discounted items.

Interested in Volunteering at RFE?



Volunteers are needed for 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.

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 <u>Finalsite</u> 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 <u>before</u> 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, 5/1

- Chick-fil-A Hot Lunch (pre-orders only)
- Brigance Testing for New Kindergarten Students in '25-'26
- May Safety Patrol Begins
- First Holy Communion Rehearsal for 2nd Graders at 6:00 pm

- "May the Pack Be With You" Spirit Wear Day
- Yearbook Art Contest Deadline

SATURDAY, 5/3

- First Holy Communion 10 am & 12 pm
- Youth Bowl

SUNDAY, 5/4

MONDAY, 5/5

TUESDAY, 5/6

- Subway Hot Lunch (pre-orders only)
- Teacher Appreciation Day
- RFE Spirit Night at Das Parkville 11 am-10 pm

WEDNESDAY, 5/7

- Dominick's Pizza Hot Lunch (pre-orders only)
- School Nurse's Day

THURSDAY, 5/8

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

FRIDAY, 5/9

- May Crowning at 9 am
- Step Up to Middle School Lunch for 5th Graders
- BOOST Scholarship Closes TODAY

Looking Ahead:

May 11th - Mother's Day & Second Sunday School Mass at 10:30 am May 29th - Used Uniform Sale at 6:30 pm June 4th - Lilo & Stitch Movie at Horizon Cinemas Fallston at 1:30 pm

2024-2025 Key Dates

FULL-YEAR CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Reconciliation 9-12pm Grs. 3-5 M.5 MAP Testing	2 HASA Build A Bunny/Stuff a Wolfie Event Make up Pizza Day	3 Coffee with Chrissie 8am Make up Chick-Fil-A Day from Feb. 6 Snow Day	School in Session	5
		NO HOT LUNCH-All students bring lunch to school	from Feb. 17 Snow Day	Race for Education Pep Rally 2pm		
6	7 Passion Walk Begins MAP Testing Gr. 2-5	8 Last session of hot lunch begins Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	q Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only)	O Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	Spirit Wear Day	12
	MAP TESTING BP, 2-5	Reconciliation for M.5 9-12pm	Joe Corbi Pickup 2-6 pm		HASA Oriole Game Spirit Night 7:05pm	
Palm Sunday	Warm Weather Uniform Begins Grade 7 to Historic Ships in Baltimore	15 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only) Passion Walk Ends	I6 Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only) Interims Sent Home HASA Private Screening of MineCraft 6:00pn 6 Harizen Fallston	Noon Dismissal Hely Thursday Student Retreat Chick-Fil-A Perry Hell Spirit Lanch 12-3 pm	18 Good Friday Bill's Seafood Sale School Closed	Ι٩
20 Easter Sunday	2l School Closed —	22	23 Administrative Professional Day	24	25	26
27	28	29 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only) Pre HSPT for 7th Grade	30 Pizzo Lunch (Pre-order only) 1st Holy Communion Pictures 6pm Pre HSPT Snow Makeup			

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				Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only) Grade 3 to DC 3** Holy Communion Rehearsal 6pm	2 May the Pack be with you Spirit Wear Day (Regular Spirit Wear may also be worn)	3 In Holy Comm- union 30on & 12pm Youth Bowl
4	5	6 (Pre-order only) Teacher Appreciation Day	Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only) Grade 4 to Annapolis Grade 1 to TimberNook School Nurse's Day	8 Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	May Crowning 9am "Step up to Middle School" (during lunch & recess for Gr.5)	10
School Mass 10:30sm Mother's Day	2 School In Session K to Goucher 8th Grade Finals Begin_	Subsect Lunch (Pre-order only) Spring Concert 1pm Concert & HASA Meeting 6pm	H (Pre-order only) Volunteer Mass & Brunch	15 Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only) Spirit Wear Day Battle of the Books 6:00pm PC	Race for Education	Band® Hershey Park
18	Makeup hot lunch for Grs. 1 & 4 (Pizza) and Gr.5 (Chick-Fil-A) Finals Begin for Grades 4-7	20 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	21 Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only)	22 Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only) LAST HOT LUNCH Grade 5 to Philadelphia	23 Club Photo Day No Finals Today Noon Dismissal	24
25	26 School Closed Memorial Day	27 School Closed	28 Last PreK & 8th Grade Mass 8 th Grade Retreat Awards Ceremony 1pm Church	29 8th Grade to Hershey Used Uniform Sale Mix & Match Begins Ascension of Jesus	30 K-Orientation 8:15am PreK Closing Geremony 9am (RC Home) 8 th Grade Luncheon & Drive Around	31



Confirmation 2026

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

Parent meeting for our upcoming Confirmation program will be held Wednesday, May 7th at 7 pm in the parish center.

> Visit our Confirmation page for more information www.stjoefullerton.org

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

Confirmation 2026

Parents/guardians of current 8th graders should attend the meeting on Wednesday, May 7th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center regarding this year's Confirmation Program. While attendance at this Parent/Guardian session is not mandatory, it is highly encouraged. If you have any questions, you may email Rick Urbanski, Confirmation Coordinator, at Confirmation@stjoefullerton.org

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. 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!

Wolfpack Athletics



Fall Soccer- Registration is LIVE!

Play soccer with SJAA! Soccer registration is open for the 2025 Fall season. We welcome students in PreK through 8th grade. CLICK HERE to register! Registration for the U8-U14 age groups will have a hard close of May 18th to accommodate uniform ordering. U6 registration will remain open until the program reaches capacity, and we are already halfway there!

Breakdown:

U6: Pre-K and Kindergarten in Fall 2025 U8: 1st and 2nd grade in Fall 2025 U10: 3rd and 4th grade in Fall 2025 U12: 5th and 6th grade in Fall 2025



U14: 7th and 8th grade in Fall 2025

Past coaches and those interested in coaching should <u>email our Soccer 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, <u>email Mike McGuire</u>.

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