

From the Principal's Desk

Dear SJS Families,

Another week full of faith, academics, and fun here at SJS! With our Race for Ed Pep Rally last week, there was no shortage of school spirit! We are especially excited to begin making upgrades to our school building thanks to the funds we are raising - your support makes a real difference!

Coffee with Chrissie Recap

Thank you to everyone who attended. I truly appreciate your feedback and the honest conversations we shared. For those who couldn't make it, the slides may be viewed here and the video is available online.

Safety is Always a Priority

Both the recent Lockdown Drill and Tornado Safety Drill were well conducted. I'm so proud of our students and faculty for taking these seriously and executing them with care and attention.

Warm Weather Uniform Option - Begins this Monday, 4/14

Although it is chilly outside this week, we look forward to warmer weather beginning next week. Please try on your warm weather uniform over the weekend so that they are ready for Monday. Please refer to our **school handbook** and our **website** for additional guidance. *Please note that the warm weather uniform is an option and is not required.*

Race for Education: T-shirt Sizes Due TODAY

We will provide everyone with a Race Day t-shirt to proudly wear on May 16th for Race Day! Please submit your child(ren)'s size <u>USING THIS FORM</u>. This must be submitted no later than **11:59pm TODAY**, **April 9th** to ensure each student and faculty member receives one.

GIVE 8!

Thank you for donating your time and talent to our school and parish community! Make sure to LOG YOUR HOURS ONLINE HERE.

8th Grade Parents/Guardians

Check your inbox tomorrow, April 10th for the 8th Grade Graduate Statistics Survey. We request you complete this prior to Monday, April 28th.

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.

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 with signing visitors in during the event, please <u>sign up HERE</u>. The Passion Walk is open April 8-10th from 4 pm to 9:30 pm, April 11-13th from 9 am to 9:30 pm, and April 14th 9 am to 6pm.

Key Dates

Key Dates for the '25-'26 school year are **coming soon**... stay tuned!

Looking Ahead:

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

4/10 - Out of Uniform for Students that Sold Joe Corbi's (Passes will be distributed at pick up)

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



RFE Challenge

Get ready for a nightly challenge! Students who receive an online donation for RFE TODAY between 2 pm-11:59 pm will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card and scratch-offs from Jurassic Golf & Arcade. Five lucky winners will be selected at random. Every dollar counts! **DONATE ONLINE NOW**



NEW! Spirit Night at Das Bierhalle

Join us at Das Parkville on Tuesday, May 6th in support of RFE! This is an all day fundraiser so grab lunch or dinner and it will all count towards our school's sales. 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.



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.



Stop in Bill's Seafood on Bel Air Road on Good Friday, April 18th to support the Lenten Seafood Sale. Mention you are with St. Joe's and 10% of your purchase will benefit our church and school.



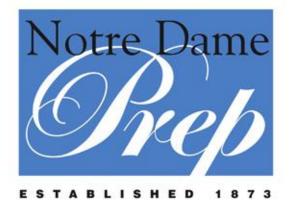
* * Lost & Found * *

Unlabeled items from the Lost & Found bin will be placed outside at dismissal on Tues, 4/15 2:30 PM - 3:15 PM OUTSIDE OF THE PARISH CENTER

Please take any items you are in need of.

Lost & Found

Missing anything? Stop by the Lost & Found table after school on Tuesday, 4/15 between 2:30 pm-3:15 pm outside of the Parish Center. Please take any items you are in need of as they are all unlabeled.



7th Grade Sneak Peek

7th grade girls and their families are invited to Spring Sneak Peek at NDP on Thursday, May 15th from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Interested families can register online HERE.

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Joe Corbi's Pick Up TODAY

If you placed a Joe Corbi's order with us, make sure to pick up your order **TODAY from 2 pm-6 pm** in the Parish Center. Please come to the side entrance due to the Passion Walk. Look for the



SJS Tent. We are unable to store orders overnight. Out of uniform passes for tomorrow, April 10th will be distributed for students that sold at least one item.



Race for Education- Sizes Due!

In preparation of our largest fundraiser of the year on Friday, May 16th we will provide each student and faculty member with a Race Day t-shirt.

Please submit your child(ren)'s size <u>USING THIS</u>
FORM. This must be submitted no later than

11:59pm TODAY, April 9th.

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!



Nominate Us Before April 30th

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 only 75 tickets available, so get yours today HERE!



Last Call for Orioles Tickets

Watch the O's take on the Blue Jays this Friday, April 11th at 7:05pm. \$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 tomorrow, 4/10 at midnight.

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.

Chick-fil-L 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.

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, 4/10

- Chick-fil-A Hot Lunch (pre-orders only)
- MAP Testing Gr 2-5 (continues)
- Out of Uniform for Selling Joe Corbi's

FRIDAY, 4/11

- Spirit Wear Day
- MAP Testing Ends for Gr 2-5
- Chapel is open for Adoration from noon-5pm
- HASA Orioles Game 7:05pm

SATURDAY, 4/12

SUNDAY, 4/13

Palm Sunday

MONDAY, 4/14

- Warm Weather Uniform Begins
- Last Day of Passion Walk
- 'May the Pack Be With You' Spirit Wear Order Deadline

TUESDAY, 4/15

- Subway Hot Lunch (pre-orders only)
- Adoration 9:30 am-12 pm

WEDNESDAY, 4/16

- Dominick's Pizza Hot Lunch (pre-ordes only)
- Interim Reports Emailed
- HASA's A Minecraft Movie Private Showing

THURSDAY, 4/17

- Holy Thursday
- HALF DAY (Pre K @11:35 am, K @11:45 am, Gr 1-8 @12 pm)
- Student Retreat (during the school day)
- Spirit Lunch at Chick-fil-A Perry Hall 12 pm-3 pm

FRIDAY, 4/18

- Good Friday
- School Closed for Easter/Spring Break (through 4/27)
- Bill's Seafood Sale

Looking Ahead:

April 18th-27th - School Closed for Easter/Spring Break

April 28th - First Day Back from Easter/Spring Break

April 29th - Pre-HSPT for 7th Grade

2024-2025 Key Dates

FULL-YEAR CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Reconciliation 9-12pm Grs. 3-5 M.S MAP Testing	2 HASA Build A Bunny/Stuff a Wolfie Event	3 Coffee with Chrissle 8am Make up Chick-Fil-A Day from Feb. 6 Snaw Day	4 School in Session	5
		NO HOT LUNCH-All students bring lunch to school	Make up Pizza Day 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)	Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only)	O Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	Spirit Wear Day	12
		Reconciliation for MS 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	Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only) Interins Sent Home HASA Private Screening of MiseCraft 6:00pm @ Harizon Fallston	17 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	I9
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 Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only) 1st Holy Communion Pictures 6pm Pre HSPT Snow Makeup			





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. **USE THIS LINK** 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.

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.

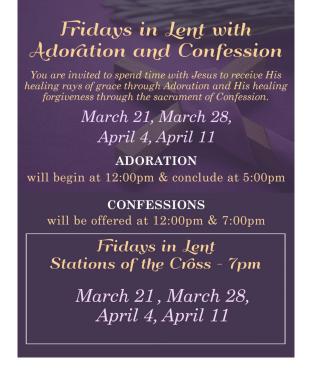
All gifts received for our outreach efforts in Karachi, Pakistan will support the needs of the orphans, elderly, and poor in the Christian slums.

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 **Facebook** and our **website** for the latest updates.











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