

# From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents.

As we enter the month of May, the excitement of summer is certainly in the air, but we are not there just yet! I kindly ask that you reinforce with your child that they continue to complete their homework, arrive to school prepared, speak in a respectful manner, and be dressed in their proper uniform from head to toe each day. Maintaining these expectations will help keep everyone in the right mindset and ensure that we finish the year strong. Thank you for your support!

#### **Confirmation Information for our Current 8th Graders - TONIGHT!**

There will be an information session for 8th grade parents/guardians (students do not need to attend) tonight, 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 <a href="mailto:Confirmation@stjoefullerton.org">Confirmation@stjoefullerton.org</a>.

#### **May Crowning**

This lovely tradition will be occurring this Friday morning. Please send your child in with a towel to sit on. If the weather is not cooperating, then we will be moving indoors.

#### Last Call for BOOST Application

The BOOST application is open through Friday, May 9th. The link for the application can be found **HERE**.

#### **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 <a href="RSVPHERE">RSVPHERE</a> by May 8th. Just a reminder that if you have not logged your Give 8! hours yet, <a href="please be sure to do so here">please be</a> sure to do so here.

#### **Safety Patrol Pizza Party**

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 2024-2025 Safety Patrol Members only.* 

#### Race for Education - May 16th

We are 85% to our goal of raising \$65,000 for RFE!! This is St. Joseph School-Fullerton's largest fundraiser of the year. We welcome parents/guardians, grandparents and siblings to cheer on our students. View the **RACE DAY SCHEDULE HERE**. There are several ways to support RFE and your student racer! Sponsor your student by donating in their name, share the link with friends &

family, and volunteer to help on Race Day! Sponsor a student or make a general donation online <a href="https://example.com/HERE">HERE</a> prior to May 16th. Thank you for your support and generosity! Race Day is a full day of fun activities on our campus. We encourage all students to remain on campus for the entire day, but if you have a previously scheduled appointment and need to pick up your child early, please be sure to send in a note or email <a href="https://example.com/Office@stjoeschool.org">Office@stjoeschool.org</a> ahead of time so that we are prepared.

#### **UPDATED Shadow Day Policy Per the AOB**

There are no excused absences. Students who shadow in 7th grade are considered unexcused. When students shadow in 8th grade, they are unexcused as well, but it is noted that they are absent due to participating in a shadow day. It is too late in the year to update our SJS Student & Parent Handbook, but we will be sure to include this updated policy in next year's handbook.

#### White Marsh Child Care

Please note that due to a change in their licensing, White Marsh Child Care will no longer be accepting Pre-K students for before/aftercare. They are no longer offering transport services for students to and from SJS as well. Should you have any questions please contact Ms. Mary at 410-926-5843.

## **New Announcements**

#### Vote for the 2025-2026 HASA Board

Don't forget to vote for the new members of next year's HASA Board. Voting closes at midnight this Friday. The new HASA Board will be announced at the HASA Meeting on Tuesday, May 13th at 6:00 pm. **VOTE NOW!** 



# Baltimore's Child 2025 Readers' Choice Awards

SJS Fullerton has been nominated in 4 categories in the Baltimore's Child 2025 Reader' Choice Awards. Please take a moment to vote for our school in each of the categories below before the May 15th deadline. VOTE FOR SJS HERE! Vote one time, per email address.

- Best Preschool Program
- Best Private Elementary School
- Best Private School (Overall)
- Best Private School: Co-Ed



#### \* \* HASA's USED UNIFORM SALE \* \* \*

THURSDAY, May 29, 2025 6:30 PM

ST. JOSEPH PARISH CENTER

Only cash & check will be accepted for payment





Selling Uniforms?
All items must be labelled with student name, homeroom, item size, and price.
See selling guidelines.

#### **Used Uniform Sale**

The HASA Used Uniform Sale will be on May 29th. Sellers can drop off their tagged items on May 29th from 8-10 am in the Parish Center. Pleased see the selling guidelines here. All items should be labeled with the student's name, homeroom, clothing size of item, and price. Shopping will take place on May 29th from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Parish Center. Please bring a shopping bag. Only cash and check will be accepted for payment.



# Show Your Appreciation for Your St. Joe's Faculty

Don't forget to have your kiddos send their favorite faculty and staff members a special message for Teacher Appreciation Week! Make your own cards or use the cards available outside of the school office. Your special notes can be dropped in the individual teacher bags inside the main school entrance through this Friday morning.



# Lilo & Stitch Movie Day

Grab your friends after our Half Day/Field Day on June 4th and come see a private screening of Lilo & Stitch at Horizon Fallston. Tickets are \$10 per person. PURCHASE TICKETS
HERE. Doors open at 1:15 pm.



Support St. Joseph HASA and Save on Tuition with Gift Cards!

- Go to RaiseRight.com/enroll
- Select "Join a Program"
- Enter the SJSF enrollment code: E5689DCE3L119 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

Orders for physical gift cards are due Sunday, May 18th. The 2024-2025 Raise Right earnings will be credited to your 2025-2026 tuition over the next few weeks.

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# **Become an Ambassador Family**

Share your love of SJS Fullerton with new families by becoming an Ambassador Family!





It's a simple and meaningful way to share your love for our school and make a big difference. Ambassador Families are paired with new families and asked to connect just 3 times over the summer—that's it! We'll provide everything you need including contact info, postcards, stamps, and support from our Admissions Team all summer long. There's no cost for our families

Ready to get started? Fill out our <u>interest</u> form and we'll be in touch!



#### **Order Your Yearbook**

Order your 2024-2025 school yearbook and customize 2 pages at no charge! Each yearbook is \$40.00. Additional pages can be customized for just \$1.99 for each additional 2 pages. Upload photos from your phone, computer, Facebook, Instagram, etc.

Order yours today! Our schools' passcode is 1014879532772250. Accepting orders through June 30th.

# **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 <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, 5/8

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

#### FRIDAY, 5/9

- May Crowning at 9 am
- Step Up to Middle School Lunch for Current 5th Graders (Bring your lunch as usual)
- BOOST Scholarship Closes TODAY

#### SATURDAY, 5/10

#### **SUNDAY. 5/11**

- Happy Mother's Day!
- Second Sunday School Mass 10:30 am

#### **MONDAY, 5/12**

• 8th Gr Finals begin

#### **TUESDAY**, 5/13

- Subway Hot Lunch (pre-orders only)
- Spring Concert 1pm for Students and 6pm for Families to Attend
- HASA Meeting at 6pm

#### WEDNESDAY, 5/14

- Dominick's Pizza Hot Lunch (pre-orders only)
- Volunteer Mass & Brunch at 8:30 am

#### THURSDAY, 5/15

- Chick-fil-A Hot Lunch (pre-orders only)
- Spirit Wear Day
- · Battle of the Books 6pm in the Parish Center

#### **FRIDAY, 5/16**

Race for Education <u>\*View Race Schedule HERE</u>

#### **Looking Ahead:**

May 17th - Band at Hershey Park

May 19th - Finals Begin for Gr 4-7, Safety Patrol Pizza Party, & Make Up Hot Lunch for Gr 1, 3, 4, and 5

May 22nd - Last Hot Lunch Day

May 23rd - Club Photo Day and HALF DAY

May 26th & 27th - School Closed

#### **2024-2025 Key Dates**

#### **FULL-YEAR CALENDAR**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				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 10am 6 12pm Youth Bowl
Ч	5	6 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only) Teacher Appreciation Day	7 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 9cm. "Step up to Middle School" (during lunch å recess for Gr.5)	10
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18	Makeup hot lunch for Grs. 1 & 4 (Pizza) and Grs.3 & 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 8th 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) BI* Grade Luncheon & Drive Around	31

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# 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 Meeting Tonight**

Parents/guardians of current 8th graders should attend the meeting tonight, 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 tomorrow, May 8th at 8 pm in the Parish Center Rooms 2 & 3. To attend via Zoom, <a href="mailto:emailt

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