

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful weekend we had on campus! I am so thankful for all of you who joined us for our **School Mass on Sunday** as well as for the **Soccer Championship** games. Thank you to our students who participated in the Mass and congratulations to all who played in the games, with special recognition to our Championship Winners, the 7th/8th Grade Girls and 8th Grade Boys!

Thank you for your generous donations on Monday to support our Veterans through the Honor Flight Network. We are so proud of our 4th graders, Vivi and Aubrey, for spearheading this thoughtful initiative. Thanks to your contributions, we raised over \$1,100 to support this cause!

Reminder - This Friday, Nov. 15th, school will be closed for students due to our Asynchronous Day/Teacher Workday. Your child will have work to complete from home that will occupy a half day of school.

- PreK Grade 2: Packets will be sent home with your child tomorrow, Thursday, 11/14
- Grades 3 8: Assignments posted in Google Classroom by 5 pm tomorrow, Thursday, 11/14
 - Students should be able to complete the assigned work in a half day as this will count as a half day of school
 - Work will be assigned for all subjects that your child has on Fridays
 - Work will be graded for T2

Additional reminders and expectations for students in Grades 3 - 8 can be viewed HERE. For students in Grades 3 - 8, if your child needs a device for their assignments, please notify their Homeroom teacher by TODAY so we send a device home with your child tomorrow, 11/14. Our Acceptable Use Policy extends to devices while at home.

Annual Food Drive - Our National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) will be holding its annual one-day Food Drive to benefit the food pantry at St. Clements. On Wednesday, 11/20, members of NJHS will collect canned food donations during morning arrival. We encourage everyone to contribute to help support as many families as possible.

Report Cards - Report cards will be emailed after school on Monday, 11/25. The format has a new layout, but it will still include all the same essential information.

Red Ribbon Parade winners will have an out-of-uniform day on Monday, 11/25. Follow our out of uniform handbook guidelines.

A Look Ahead:

- Friday, Nov. 15th: Re-registration Deadline, Asynchronous Day (School Closed for Students), End of Trimester 1
- Monday, Nov. 18th: Trimester 2 begins
- Wednesday, Nov. 20th: School Mass, T2 Hot Lunch Orders Due, NJHS Food Drive
- Friday, Nov. 22: Accommodations Due for 8th Graders for HSPT

New Announcements







Members of our National Junior Honor Society will be collecting donations from students at morning drop-off on Wednesday, 11/20.

All donations will benefit the food pantry at St. Clement. Any contribution is greatly appreciated and will go a long way to help someone in need.

Examples of items to donate include:

- canned goods
- boxed pasta
- mac & cheese
- spaghetti sauce
- cereal
- Thanksgiving sides

Ravens Tickets Raffle

Raffle tickets now on sale to win 2 tickets to the last Baltimore Ravens game of the regular season. Raffle tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased **HERE** by November 20th.



Spiritwear Store

We are excited to share that several new items have been added to our Spiritwear Store! To make sure your items arrive in time for Christmas, be sure to place your order by November 25th. Other reminders are below:

- All printed/pressed items have a two-week turnaround time.
- All embroidered items have a three-week turnaround time.

Visit our Spiritwear Store **HERE!**



Nailed It: Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to make the Nailed It Cake Decorating event a success! We need help with set up and during the event on Friday, November 22 at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up **HERE** to help!

Raise Right



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

Next order due date is Sunday, 11/17

✓ Go to RaiseRight.com/enroll. Select "Join a Program"

Enter the St. Joseph School enrollment code: E5689DCE3L119. Create an account.

- Set-up your Online Payment Account (bank account or credit card)
- Shop and Checkout. Purchase e-gift cards or physical gift cards, physical cards available in the school office.



Orders for physical gift cards are due on Sunday, 11/17. Support St. Joseph HASA and save on tuition with gift card purchases! Visit RaiseRight.com/enroll.

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HUNGRY LIKE THE WOLF (PACK)... IT'S TIME TO ORDER HOT LUNCH!







ORDERS DUE BY:





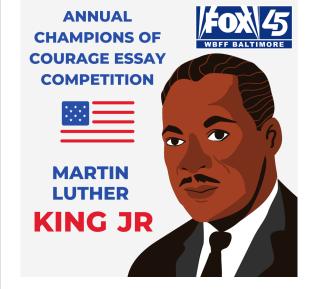
Hot Lunch - Trimester 2

Ordering for Hot Lunch for Trimester 2 is open through Wednesday, November 20th. We will continue to offer Subway on Tuesdays, Dominick's Pizza on Wednesdays, and Chick-fil-A on Thursdays. Please submit one order per child here.

IF YOU ARE ORDERING FOR A 6th GRADE STUDENT YOU MUST USE THIS LINK DUE TO THE NORTH BAY TRIP IN MARCH.

Champions of Courage Essay Competition

Open for Grades 6-8, students are invited to write a brief essay saluting a person who has shared the lessons and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Winners will present their essays on Fox45. The deadline to enter is December 13th. View full details and rules **HERE**.





Vote for Us Daily

Our Red Ribbon wall, a powerful symbol of our commitment to living drug-free, has been entered in the National Family Partnership's Red Ribbon Week Photo Contest. Help us win funds for our school by voting for SJSF! Vote once a day, everyday from now until 11/16. VOTE HERE!



Grant & Aid Application

The Grant & Aid Application opened November 1st. Click <u>HERE</u> for the application and supporting documentation. All requirements must be met by the February 28th deadline.

'24-'25 School Directory

This directory has been created by the Home & School Association. It is distributed for the exclusive use of families of St. Joe's. Any other use of this directory or the information contained within is strictly forbidden. View the 2024-2025 directory **HERE**.

Re-Registration for '25-'26

Log into Finalsite HERE to secure your child(ren)'s place for the 2025-2026 school year. All requirements must be completed by Friday, 11/15. Also, a reminder for all kindergarten siblings that the mandatory



kindergarten applicant Brigance III Screening will be 11/21 with a schedule emailed to families today. Questions? Contact Admissions@stjoeschool.org.

Community Partners Corner

From time to time, we highlight local businesses that have partnered with SJSF as Community Partners. These businesses support the growth of our students and contribute to our community. Be sure to check out this section for updates and events from the businesses that support our school. To learn more about becoming a Community Partner, please email Marketing@stjoeschool.org.



Jimmy's Famous Seafood

Our friends at Jimmy's Famous Seafood are owned by a school family and have specialized in authentic Maryland crab cakes since 1974! With over 50 years of experience, Jimmy's has built a strong reputation for providing top quality seafood, catering and events. They even ship their crab cakes nationwide. Check them out HERE!

Important Dates

THURSDAY, 11/14

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

FRIDAY, 11/15

- Re-registration Deadline
- Asynchronous Day (School Closed for Students)
- End of Trimester 1

MONDAY, 11/18

Trimester 2 Begins

TUESDAY, 11/19

Subway Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)

• Subway Hot Lun WEDNESDAY, 11/20

- Pizza Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)
- Food Drive
- T2 Hot Lunch Orders Due

THURSDAY, 11/21

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

FRIDAY, 11/22

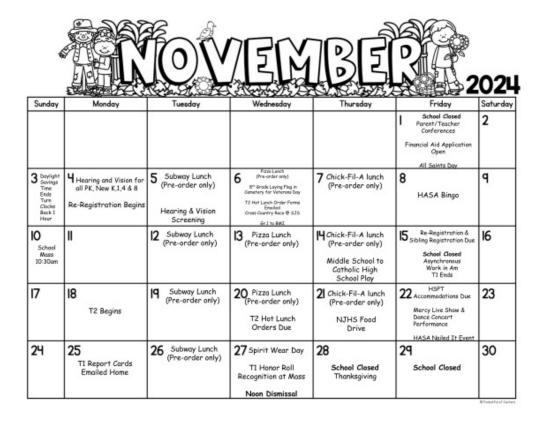
- HSPT Accommodations Due for 8th Graders
- Mercy Live Show & Dance Concert 1pm
- HASA Nailed It 6:30pm (Must have previously purchased tickets)

Looking Ahead:

December 13th- Santa's Secret Workshop (during the school day)
December 14th- Breakfast with Santa 9am-12pm *Tickets coming soon

2024-2025 Key Dates

FULL-YEAR CALENDAR





Caregivers' Support Ministry

Are you a caregiver? Did you know we offer free services to our Parish families to prevent caregiver burnout? If you are a Caregiver you know that caregiving can become a heavy burden, but you don't have to walk the journey alone. Our Caregivers Support Ministry aims to provide caregivers the help that they need in caring for a loved one. Learn more here. To use our services, please contact Judy Springer at 410-529-2540 or JSpringer9210@gmail.com.





Volunteer Breakfast

We want to THANK YOU! If you have volunteered with our Parish, we want you to know we couldn't do it without you. Join us for an Appreciation Breakfast on Saturday, 11/16 beginning with Mass at 8:30am followed by breakfast in the Parish Hall. Please RSVP HERE.



Eucharistic Minister Training

Training is available on Saturday, 11/16 at 10am for those interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister at Mass. **Email Father Felix** if you would like to attend.





'25 Bull Roast

It's back!! Save the date for the 2025 SJAA Annual Bull Roast & Open Bar on Saturday, February 1st at Columbus Gardens. We are looking for a new Chairperson for this year's Bull Roast. We are also looking to fill a new position, Sponsorship Chairperson. Anyone with interest should reach out to Greg Keating.

Save the Date! U6 and U8 Soccer Banquet

Save the date for the U6 and U8 Soccer Banquet on December 15th in the Parish Center. Details to follow.

Basketball Practice Schedules

Basketball coaches will be reaching out to families this week regarding practice schedules. Stay tuned!

SJAA Meetings

All are welcome to attend the SJAA Monthly Meetings. Dates include 11/21, 12/19, 1/23, 2/20, 3/27, and 5/12 at 8pm in the Parish Center Rooms 2&3. To attend via Zoom, email Mike McGuire.

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